



## David D. O'Kane

March 14, 1943 - October 4, 2018

David Dean O'Kane, 75, passed away at his home in Alexandria, VA. He died surrounded by the beauty of his gardens and his architectural talents at his home and reclining in his favorite chair.

Born in Parkersburg, WV Dave grew up on a farm in Millboro Springs where he learned about nature and building a beautiful environment. After graduating from Marshall University in Huntington, WV majoring in history, he entered the Army and served tours around the world and in Vietnam. He received many awards and decorations for his valor and service. He was esteemed as a respected commander in the many units in which he served and a consummate gentleman. He retired from military service as a full Colonel and then from civilian service after a successful career as an Inspector General investigator.

He was previously married to Susan Maffett and had one daughter Kathy.

He married his current wife Barbara Lynn O'Kane in 1988 and for 30 years they have had a beautiful warm relationship with lots of humor. Their son, Nathan Sean O'Kane and his cherished wife Crissi live in Salem, Virginia where Nate is an engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation and she is a teacher, travel agent and entrepreneur. Dave is survived by his sister Nora (Tommy) Howell and her family and other family members.

Dave, a certified Master Gardener, whose great love was always flowers and trees spent hours each day tending to the splendor of his yard of water gardens, fountains, and beautiful landscapes. Many people said that it was the most beautiful gardens they had ever seen. He took great pride in his grass and was meticulous in every detail outside and inside his home.

Dave will be greatly missed by those who knew him, including his neighbors, and especially those at his wonderful church, Mt. Calvary Community Church, and by his wife who will always love him with all her heart.

Public viewing will be at the Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315 on Tuesday Oct 9 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. There will be a service for friends at 11 am with viewing starting at 10 am on Wed Oct 10 at Mt. Calvary Community Church, 6731 Beulah St. Alexandria VA 22310. Please no children under the age of five.

The service will be followed by a military ceremony open to the public in the Beulah Cemetery next to the church where he will be laid to rest.

# Comments

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“ Barbara Lynn - - I am so sorry to learn of David's passing. You can take solace and comfort in knowing that David LIVED!

I had met David just that one time in Saudi Arabia in 1991. If your David was married to you, then I know he is a Good Man. And, we thank him for his service to our country. Best, Ken Kimberly, Lt Col, US Army (Retired).

**Ken Kimberly** - September 19, 2019 at 04:40 PM

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**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - January 28, 2019 at 09:48 AM

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**Written in the Stars** - October 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**Beautiful in Blue** - October 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dave was a very special friend to me. He had a positive attitude and always brought humor into the conversation. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by so many of us. I pray that God will give Barbara the strength she will need going forward.

October 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**Medium Dish Garden** - October 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dave, you were always such a gentleman and I will miss you. Thank you for being so friendly and welcoming and for all the chats we had every time I passed you by in your beloved yard. God bless and prayers to Barbara and her family at this very difficult time.

Katarina Berger

October 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**Sweet Tenderness** - October 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet** - October 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**Blue Caribbean** - October 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ The neighborhood will not be the same without Dave's ready smile and conversation. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time.  
Christine Ward and Gwyn Gholson

October 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**Sacred Duty Spray** - October 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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Dear Barbara. I am so sorry for your loss. Sending you love and prayers. God Bless you and Nate.

Alice Ogawa

**Candle of Peace** - October 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**Secret Garden Basket** - October 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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I'm sorry for your loss.

October 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**With Distinction** - October 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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I was so saddened to hear of Dave's passing. I enjoyed getting to know him the last few years in garden club, visiting gardens, talking about gardens, sharing garden magazines, etc. It won't be the same without him. My deepest condolences to Barbara and the rest of Dave's family.

October 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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We offer you our thoughts, prayers and well-wishes during this time. We will miss Dave's wonderful smile and cheerful greeting every day. Our love to you all.

Cynthia, Max & Isabella

October 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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**America the Beautiful** - October 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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We will miss Dave's energetic smile and thoughtful conversation and can't imagine not seeing him out in his garden. Barbara, we will hold you and your family in our hearts, and will be here to support you. Much love, the Loss Family

October 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**Magnificent Life Spray** - October 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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My walks will not be the same without stopping at your house. I walked by yours and Barbara's house several times a week, me and the dogs. Cannot believe we won't see you again, and miss you already. Well, I'll see you in heaven some day. You'll probably be in charge of some of the gardens, for sure, and rightly so. It was so nice knowing you and your including me in your garden club activities, which also included gatherings at your home. We had a lot of fun. My love to Barbara and Nathan. Kay Newton

October 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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Dear, dear Barbara,  
My heart and prayers go out to you! I send my sincere love and condolences. I am so glad that, although this will be one of the hardest times you'll have to go through, that you are also blessed to have a strong faith and loving Lord who will walk by you side forever.  
I never met your husband but have seen pictures of you together and know of your love for each other.  
I love you and pray for you and your family.  
In Him, Fran

**Candle of Love** - October 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**Full Of Love Bouquet** - October 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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Barbara and Nate so sorry for your loss. Prayers from our family to yours. Dave was a great neighbor and I'll miss seeing him on my daily walks.

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