



David Delos Bathrick

May 10, 1941 - November 4, 2025

David Delos Bathrick passed away on 11/4/2025 after battling cancer. He is survived by his sons, Derek and Ryan; daughters-in-law, Karla and María Fernanda; grandchildren, Karina and Ben; sister, Sue; extended family in Peru; and many dear friends around the world. He is now reunited with his beloved wife, Elena, who passed away in 2019.

Born on 5/10/1941 in Seattle, WA to Daniel and Mariana Bathrick, David grew up in Bellingham and graduated from Washington State University before earning master's degrees in Political Science from Arizona State University and International Agricultural Development from Cornell University. He served for over 23 years with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Vietnam, Peru, Bolivia, Thailand, and Nicaragua, retiring in 1991 as Director of the Office of Agriculture and a Minister-Counselor in the U.S. Senior Foreign Service. He continued his development work for nearly two more decades across 15 other Asian, African, and Latin American countries. Even in "retirement" he constantly advocated to help lift the world's poor out of poverty.

David was a one-of-a-kind family man and friend, who cherished his relationships and nurtured lifelong connections with warmth and constancy. He will be greatly missed for his optimism, his great sense of humor, and for his thoughtful and caring nature.

A viewing will be held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Alexandria, VA, on Sunday, 11/9, from 2–4 p.m. and 6–8 p.m., and at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mt. Vernon Highway, Alexandria, VA, on Monday, 11/10, from 9:30 a.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Visitation

NOV 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

NOV 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
8710 Mount Vernon Highway
Alexandria, VA 22309
<https://www.gs-cc.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

TG

“*Dave’s bright and optimistic spirit was a gift to everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. His stories—sprinkled with humor and a touch of Spanish spice—brought laughter and warmth, especially when he spoke of Peru, knowing how much that meant to me. His love for Elena was evident in every word he spoke about her, and it brings comfort to imagine them being reunited, side by side once again. Though he may be gone, the joy he shared and the memories he created will live on in our hearts. He started as our client, but more importantly, he became a cherished friend. Rest peacefully, Dave. You will be deeply missed and forever remembered. Tatiana Glennie*

Tatiana Glennie - November 13, 2025 at 09:24 AM

RN

“*Stick-to-it-ive-ness to the cause of raising incomes of the world's rural poor characterized David during my interactions with him the past decade. While this and so much else focused on permanent solutions is is now out of favor, David's efforts to document what should be done will remain a legacy of which he receives our collective thanks. Woody Navin*

Robert Navin - November 11, 2025 at 09:44 PM

PS

“*We remember David as an energetic colleague, genuinely committed to his causes -- and passionate with conviction. He saw real opportunities for improving the lot of the poor. He was a great guy, helpful and friendly to all. Phil Steffen*

Phil Steffen - November 10, 2025 at 11:14 AM

BA

“ *Dave Bathrick was an excellent person and friend. It was a pleasure and an honor to know him.*

We never worked together in USAID where I also spent my career, but shared mutual friends with whom we enjoyed good times over the last several years.

Dave was unceasingly friendly and cheerful. His love and care for Elena during the years she had cancer – with numerous trips back and forth the Sloan Kettering Center in New York City – was admirable.

Dave was an exemplary USAID Senior Foreign Service Officer whose work made life better for numerous citizens of other countries, contributing mightily to better relations and cooperation with those countries. As noted by other friends, Dave kept up with the progress and promise of international agricultural development throughout his career with USAID, and afterwards, offering his advice and expertise to practitioners following him.

I join with others who will miss him, and wish his family the best.

Bob Asselin

Bob Asselin - November 09, 2025 at 04:58 PM

DA

“ David kept hope alive for many years for those of us concerned that foreign aid was straying too far from the kinds of programs that could improve the lives of poor people around the world. I knew him a bit early in my USAID career, when he was the first Foreign Service Officer to head USAID’s Office of Agriculture. But it was especially after he retired from USAID that I saw his persistence and hope in making the case, over three decades, for USAID programs that provided income and employment to the rural poor, having an impact and helping to shape renewed commitment to these issues. Even earlier this year, with the demise of USAID, he didn’t stop writing about the importance of agriculture and rural development and his concerns about poor people and economic development around the world. Thank you, David, and may you be greeted with “Well done, good and faithful servant.” -- David Atwood

David Atwood - November 08, 2025 at 07:44 PM

PK

“ David and his wife Elena were dear and close friends to my husband, Peter and I for many years. We shared a special time during one of the first overseas posts for all of us in the late 1960’s in Bolivia. I have many lovely memories of sweet time spent with David and Elena - and I am also grateful for the occasions I had to be with Derek and Ryan, who I care for very much. With much love, Pilar.

Pilar Kolar - November 08, 2025 at 07:42 PM

Jl

“ Jeson I. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Delos Bathrick.

Jeson I. - November 08, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JC

“ *Jamal and Cara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Delos Bathrick.*

Jamal and Cara - November 07, 2025 at 08:15 PM

JC

“ *Jamal and Cara purchased the Magnificent Life S pray for the family of David Delos Bathrick.*



Jamal and Cara - November 07, 2025 at 08:15 PM

AB

“ *David was my very special friend - He and Scaff were very close and Elena and I naturally became friends - David and Elena were the ones who helped me navigate the hardest steps when Scaff was gone - and at the end, David continued to call me just to check in and chat - the last call he placed a very few weeks ago was to invite me to have a cappuccino from his new coffee machine, he was so proud of it! You will be missed David!*

Ana Brown - November 07, 2025 at 03:53 PM

AB

“ *Ana B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Delos Bathrick.*

Ana B. - November 07, 2025 at 03:19 PM

BS

“ To the Family and his good friends:

*A life well lived. He knew what was important!
He has gone beyond death to his NEW LIFE with his maker and
those he loves. Well done!*

Brother Sean McLaughlin, sds - November 07, 2025 at 02:31 PM

SH

“ The team at Senior Helpers had the pleasure of caring for David. In our history of service, David will be remembered as one of our dearest clients. He will be missed. Our prayers are with his family.

Senior Helpers - November 07, 2025 at 01:01 PM

CU

“ Dave was a gentleman in the finest sense of the word, and wholly committed to doing all he could to improve the world around him. His contributions to international agricultural development were significant. I consider it a privileged to have known and worked with him.

Charles Uphaus - November 07, 2025 at 12:54 PM

TH

“ The Team from Senior Helpers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Delos Bathrick.

The Team from Senior Helpers - November 07, 2025 at 12:25 PM

IV

“ I had the pleasure to care for Mr.Bathrick for some few months until his passing. He is very passionate thoughtful and CARING. He is very professional and respects authority. He believes in the system before and very unique. His taste for everything that has name is very different from the normal. He wants everything done his way and right! He was very kind and gave me a tip as a caregiver and insisted i take it. I had no choice. He loves his friends his plants his children. His wife and his friend ms.Kathleen and life itself. His plants garden has many unique plants when watering we have to measure the water well for each plant no more no less water. He remembers all of them and what the plants needs Wow! I learnt a lot from him. I respected him alot. I was fortunate to know him served and cared for him. Papa may you rest in peace. We missed you.

Ivy - November 07, 2025 at 09:22 AM

GA

“ I met David in the late 1990s and spent much time with him over the years discussing strategies for the agricultural development work to which he was so committed. He never gave up and continued his campaign to raise awareness of and combat rural poverty. He will be much missed.

GARY E ALEX - November 06, 2025 at 06:07 PM

MB

Marilu Bacigalupo... I met David around 40 years ago in USAID/ Peru. He was an excellent professional, an excellent boss and a best friend. I was in touch with him and Elena from time to time. I'm praying for both of them that are together again.

Marilu Bacigalupo - November 06, 2025 at 11:23 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of David Delos Bathrick.*



November 06, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *Kathleen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Delos Bathrick.*



Kathleen - November 06, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Delos Bathrick.*



November 06, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ *The Theodore Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Delos Bathrick.*

The Theodore Family - November 06, 2025 at 11:29 AM

MQ

“ *Don David was my boss for almost 5 years, and my beloved friend, he was the most vital, warm, exceptional innate leader and human being I have ever met.
I will deeply miss him.
My prayers are with you.*

Mercedes Quiroz - November 06, 2025 at 11:27 AM