



## David Wayne Schuster

August 22, 1953 - July 19, 2022

David Wayne Schuster, age 68, passed away on Tuesday evening, due to a brief illness, at Sentara Hospital in Woodbrige, VA.

Born on August 22, 1953, in Connecticut, David was the only son of Willys K. Schuster and Theresa M. (Duff) Schuster (both deceased). He is survived by his older sister, Barbara Ann Thompson (spouse Stanley) of New Market, VA; one niece, Stephanie Ann Thompson of Philadelphia, PA; and numerous cousins and extended family.

Growing up in Alexandria, VA, David attended Saint Louis Parochial School and Bishop Ireton High School, where he played football and collected several life-long friends before graduating in 1971. He went on to Virginia Tech University (again adding to his life-long friends collection) and graduated in 1975, having majored in math, statistics and computer science. After college, he became a Statistician for the Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC (continuing to add to his life-long friends collection), from which he retired in 2011.

David lived most of his entire life in the Northern Virginia area, the last 28 of those years at his home in Lake Ridge, Virginia.

Being a big-time sports enthusiast, David was never shy about his favorite

basketball and football teams - Washington Wizards, Washington (Redskins), and Virginia Tech. He was always in his "glory" during the games when texting his brother-in-law, Stanley (igniting his fighting spirit), since Stanley is a Dallas and UVA fan! Also, some cousins are "going to miss all the good times we talked during the college football games."

David was fascinated with technology and tried to stay current on the latest developments. Therefore his sister, Barbara, nicknamed him "The Brain," since he was able to be the reliable "Help Desk" she could call on, day or night. Always very patient, he sometimes spent hours or days, if necessary, researching a problem.

David loved to travel and was also a fun traveling companion for his sister, vacationing with cousins in Maine and other trips visiting extended family. He recently drove across country with a close friend so that his friend wouldn't have to do it alone.

A close childhood friend described David as "...loved by all who met him. He was one of those guys that the first time you met him, he felt like a friend. He had an endearing smile and willingness to help anybody he met. He was very generous with his time and his willingness to listen. He was the salt of the earth, and he was humble.

Like his parents before him, David spent his life as a "people collector," because that's what the best people among us do. As we are all painfully experiencing the void left by his passing, David's life is one that we all agree should be celebrated.

Rest peacefully, my beloved brother.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com  
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

## Prayer Service

JUL **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

JUL **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mount Comfort Cemetery  
6600 S Kings Hwy  
Alexandria, VA 22306  
(703) 765-3800

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of David Wayne Schuster*



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**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - July 24, 2022 at 09:15 AM

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“ *This morning I saw in my latest Va. Tech Magazine that David Schuster passed away almost a year ago. I was a friend of David at Va Tech our freshman year, 1971. Our paths diverged after that however, I still remember his involvement in some of our adventures that year. The most memorable was the time four of us went spelunking in New River Cave equipped only with flashlights. Far into the cave, our batteries started dying out and we decided to find a safe spot, turn our lights out to save what power we had, and wait for help. Twenty-four hours later, a Va.Tech Cave Club rescue team found us and brought all of us out exhausted. Memories live on. My sympathies to his family.*

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**Sam Hunley** - May 21, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *David Wayne Schuster*

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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

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“ I knew David thru my Brother, Stanley Thompson and his wife, Barbara who is David's sister. I enjoyed many funny, political, and "please help me fix my computer" conversations over the years. He was always an interesting conversationist. I considered him my friend, and he will be missed.

*Janet Thompson Davis*

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**Janet L Davis** - July 24, 2022 at 07:46 PM

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*It is with deep sorrow as I write this tribute about my dear friend and former coworker Dave Schuster. I will forever cherish the fond memories of Dave and the times we were able to spend together, while working at the United States Department of Agriculture building in Washington, DC, while riding together in the carpool, to and from work and in our many telephone conversations, after his and my retirement. Dave exuded an infectious and uplifting demeanor and attitude. In our conversations, we shared many of our life's experiences, past and present, which I will greatly miss. My heartfelt sympathy is extended to Barbara and all family members and relatives.*

*Charles Philpott*

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**charles Philpott, friend & coworker** - July 24, 2022 at 10:42 PM