



## David "Dave" Brackman

April 13, 1952 - October 11, 2022

This is the story of David Brackman. Dave was a wonderful man that was loved by many. He will be missed, and will always be cherished and remembered. He was an amazing husband, father, brother, and BPaw.

His story began on April 13, 1952. He was born in Peru, IL to Korral and Willa Brackman, with two older sisters, Judy and Jill. This is where he spent his childhood, where he made lifelong friends, and graduated from LaSalle-Peru Township High School in 1970.

When he was 20 years old, he moved to Athens, Georgia. This is where he met the love of his life, Diane Brock, and graduated from Athens Technical College with a diploma in Graphic Arts.

On June 12, 1976, Dave and Diane were married. They both worked hard on Dave's first business, Athens Quick Print. In 1980, Dave and Diane had identical twin daughters, Amy and Dena.

Dave had an entrepreneurial spirit and continued to own his own printing businesses. He owned Brackman Printing and later Gwinnett Press. In Dave's retirement, he started a self-defense business called Self Defense ATL where he sold non-lethal products.

Dave's hobbies included working out, hiking, and traveling. His main joys included spending time with his family. He spent most summers at Lake Hartwell with family and friends. He loved riding on the boat, water skiing, and giving everyone a memorable ride on the tube. His favorite vacation was snow skiing out west. He loved skiing in deep powder and in the trees. His favorite resort was Steamboat Springs, CO. He loved his family dearly and was highly involved. He always coached Amy and Dena's softball and basketball teams.

Dave's five grandchildren (Cameron, Mason, Harper, Dillon, and Zoey) were his heart and joy. There's no denying that his grands were some of his favorite people. Spending time at PBaw's house was very special for the kids. He loved taking them to fun places and creating special memories. He took them to Six Flags, Dollywood, the beach, Great Wolf Lodge, Lake Lanier Water Park, snow skiing, the lake, and countless trampoline and bounce house parks. He spent his days attending their softball, baseball, lacrosse, and football games.

Although Dave lived in Georgia, he still had family in other states. The distance never kept him from staying in touch with his extended family, including, Chris Brackman, Kevin Kurth, and John Flahaut. They were a big part of Dave's life.

Dave passed away in Cumming, Georgia at the age of 70. Dave went to be with the Lord surrounded by his loved ones after a battle with HLH.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Korral and Willa Brackman; sister, Judy Flahaut; brother-in-law, Howard Flahaut. He is survived by his wife, Diane Carol Brackman, Cumming, GA; daughters, Amy Burdette, Cumming, GA, Dena and Adam Clements, Jefferson, GA; former son-in-law, Cory Burdette, Cumming, GA; sister and brother-in-law, Jill and Tim Taylor, Hoschton, GA; grandchildren, Cameron Burdette, Mason Burdette, Dillon

Burdette, Harper Clements, Zoey Clements; also many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at First Baptist Church of Cumming, 1597 Sawnee Dr., Cumming, GA 30040, with Pastor Rick Kuter officiating. All family and friends are welcomed for light refreshments to be served afterwards.

The family welcomes flowers or donations to the Immune Deficiency Foundation ([primaryimmune.org](http://primaryimmune.org)) in honor of the rare disease of HLH, an immune deficiency, and Dave's granddaughters who are affected by common variable immune deficiency

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Cumming  
1597 Sawnee Dr.  
Cumming, GA 30040

## Family will Receive Guests

OCT 15. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David "Dave" Brackman*

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November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM

JF

“ John would want to read this but he knows he wouldn't be able to get through it at the Celebration of life today. I'm posting it here instead about a life lived fully and the many impacts he's made along the way. Gone from our sights but he'll never be forgotten by all that knew him 🤝💕💕🙏  
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Uncle Dave defined the term “magnetic personality” it is a gift very few people have. He can literally start a conversation with anyone and both would know everything about each other within minutes. Just last year we invited him and aunt Diane to Universal Studios. There was a ride that he was not looking to get on. Erica, Diane and myself waited in line, and went on the ride. We came back out and found him in a deep conversation with a stranger, laughing it up. My earliest memories were when uncle Dave would be back in Peru visiting. Always playing a pickup game of basketball or football with me and the neighboring kids. When my friends knew he was going to be visiting they made sure to come over. There were many times when my parents would put me on a plane so I could visit him in Georgia. Uncle Dave and Aunt Diane would pick me up at the airport and I would spend the week having some of the best times of my childhood. “Not sure if you can drop your kid at the airport alone anymore.” While visiting I remembered laying in bed going to sleep and hearing the vacuum going at all times of the late night. I will never forget the ski trip to Park City for my high school graduation. I started on the bunny hills and was skiing black diamonds on day 6. We would soak in the hot tub each night with a Coors Light. “Wait...I was 18, it must have been soda.” I was contemplating enlisting in the Army just out of High school. He convinced me to do it and that kick started my adult life to put me in the successful position I am in now. I have plenty of memories skiing and tubing at the lake especially when I was stationed in Georgia. He was a mentor, friend, and 2nd father to me. Having him in my life has made me a better person. I am glad to have been able to build a beautiful family just as he has done, “which by the way also fell in love with him instantly.” Thank you Uncle Dave, I will see you again some day.

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**John Flahaut** - October 15, 2022 at 12:31 PM

JM

“ *Our sincere condolences are with you Diane and your family as we share our prayers for David, who will forever live on in our hearts. Hugs from the Mitchell family: Jeff, Sharon, Sarah & Stephen.*



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**Jeff & Sharon Mitchell** - October 15, 2022 at 11:27 AM

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“ *As the other grandfather to our sweet boys, I proudly identify myself as Pops, just like Dave identified as “Bepaw”. Dave was further blessed by 2 beautiful, sweet granddaughters who, like the boys, will also deeply miss his great mile, outgoing personality and his never ending devotion to his family. Dave knew he was also blessed to have Diane, Dena and Amy, who were everything to him. Dave was happiest when he was with his family and was always there when they needed him. Dave was a great guy an a good friend who will be deeply missed by everyone who was in his life. We know Dave is now pain free and in the loving hands of God and like the lyrics of his favorite song, we will always see his reflection in the snow covered hills he loved so much.*

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**Tom Burdette aka “Pops”** - October 15, 2022 at 08:31 AM

SJ

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Dave’s passing and have kept up with his progress through a good friend, and cousin of Diane. My son and I are praying for Diane and the rest of your family and hope that your wonderful memories of him and your faith comfort you through this difficult time. God bless all of you.*

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**Susan Weegar and son, Jacob** - October 15, 2022 at 06:27 AM

CM

“ Whenever I think of Dave (going back to the early 70's in Athens), his huge warm smile and laughter always comes to mind! He was the kind of person who would always leave you more upbeat and positive after every engagement. I will always remember these qualities of Dave's, along with his strong entrepreneurial spirit and other outstanding character traits always on display as a husband, father, BPaw/grandfather and, personally, friend.

*During his last days, I sensed the Lord smiling on Dave, saying, "Well done good and faithful servant!" Dave truly lived a life to be celebrated, and his memory will long endure through the legacy he left for his friends, but most of all his family which everyone could clearly sense he loved so much!*

*With sincere love and appreciation for the privilege to have had a friendship with Dave Brackman -- Chris and Stephanie Moder*

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**Chris Moder** - October 14, 2022 at 02:08 PM

JT

“ We remember Dave from our time at Brookhaven at Johns Creek. He was quite the character and provided us with plenty of laughs. We especially remember when his truck slid down the icy driveway and ended up in the street late one night, and the pool party where he "hid the rubber duckies" and we won't say where !!! Lots of good memories, and we send our sympathies to Diane and the family.  
*Judy and Ernie Thompson*

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**Judy Thompson** - October 13, 2022 at 12:51 PM

CB

“ Ever since I was a kid I always looked up to Dave as a big brother. To say that he had an outsized influence on my life would be an understatement. He showed me from early on how to be a good son, husband, father, and entrepreneur. A lot of kids in my generation wanted to “be like Mike”. Not me. I wanted to “be like Dave”! I’d come back from my trips to Georgia and tell my friends how awesome my cousin was and what we’d all do together. After a while, they all wished they had a cousin Dave too. He was always willing to listen, give advice, and had a good perspective on life. He would always have your best interest at heart. You could talk to him about anything (and I did) and not be embarrassed. He was one of the few people in my life who I could really be myself around and know I wouldn’t get judged. His sense of humor and laughter was infectious. Wherever Dave was, that was the place to be! I will miss him more than mere words can say, but am happy for him that he is home safely in the arms of Jesus. I’ll love you forever Dave and as we had talked about so many times this isn’t good bye, but only until we meet again. Your grateful cousin and “little brother”  
Chris Brackman

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Chris Brackman - October 13, 2022 at 12:42 PM

KK

“ Dave and I go back to when we were kids. He came out to our farm and spent time with me.... We got in trouble more than a couple of times... imagine that! I always looked up to him and learned a lot about life from him. You could talk to him about anything and I do mean anything!! We had a lot of good times on numerous skiing trips and down to see him. He was always as hospitable to guests as he could be and always showed you a great time, plus he didn't get down very often and I thought of him as my brother. His passing leaves a huge hole in my heart and I will Never forget him. He suffered at the end more than anyone should have to. He is now free of this earthly pain and suffering. I'm happy for him but sad for we who remain here. God speed brother, you will forever be in my heart!! Love you forever cousin Kevin

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**kevin Kurth** - October 12, 2022 at 07:56 PM

LE

“ I always enjoyed spending time with Mr. Dave whether at the lake or at Amy or Dena's house. He always made us laugh and I loved to hear him talk politics. He loved his girls so much. He will be greatly missed.

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**leigh** - October 12, 2022 at 06:00 PM

SB

*My husband and I first met Dave in the early 70's. Dave's personality was almost larger than life. His big grin that spread across his face just made you smile. He was always easy to talk to and made you laugh. When I think of Dave, I think of him laughing.*

*Our families shared many memories at the lake together over the years. Fantastic fireworks displays on July 4th, cookouts, campfires, trips to DQ, movie time, arm wrestling, picnics, boating, chilling at the cove...so many good times. Oh, and every day you could hear him running the vacuum at least once! He liked a clean place!*

*It was obvious that Dave loved his family dearly. He was so very proud of the twins.*

*It breaks my heart that Dave had to suffer so much from HLH in his last months. He fought hard. He is at peace now, no suffering, with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He and my late husband Gerald, who passed away a year ago are probably up in Heaven hanging out together and laughing.*

*I pray for Dave's precious family, Diane, Amy, Dena, and his amazing grandchildren. He loved you so much.*

*He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*

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**Sherry Bowie** - October 20, 2022 at 08:45 PM