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September 26, 1943 - January 5, 2025

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David Garner Rollow, beloved husband, father, and devoted grandfather, passed away peacefully on January 5, 2025 in Braselton, GA, at the age of 81, surrounded by family and his best friend, John Fine. He was born on September 29, 1943, in Lawton, OK, to Archie Garner Rollow, Jr and Peggy Eason Rollow.

Dave lived a life filled with passion, dedication, and love. He was interested in electronics at an early age, and built his own radios. He received his Ham Radio License at the age of 16, and was part of a group of operators who connected families with their loved ones during natural disasters. He graduated from Northwest Classen High School in 1962 in Oklahoma City, OK and attended the University of Oklahoma. He moved to Savannah, GA in 1970 to work for a radio station. He later pursued his passion for cars as a mechanic. Dave moved to the Atlanta area in 1982 and married the love of his life, Sharon, in 1983. He retired as an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Master Certified Mercedes-Benz mechanic, a profession he excelled in and took great pride in throughout his career.

A lifelong enthusiast of car racing, Dave was heavily involved in the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). He found great joy in the camaraderie,

competition, and challenges of the sport. Whether he was behind the wheel as a competitor, or supporting his fellow racers and volunteers, his commitment to the racing community was unwavering. and inspired all who knew him. He was a champion Autocrosser, Divisional Rallyist, and raced a Renault R5 in SS and competed in a Formula Vee. Over the years, he served as an Assistant Regional Executive, Treasurer, Flag Chief, Safety Administrator for the Southeast Division, National Chief Steward, and Series Chief Steward. Dave's contributions were recognized with several awards from the SCCA, reflecting the high regard in which he was held by his peers.

Dave deeply enjoyed his family and friends. He was a talented grill master, famous for his legendary "Dave" burgers, which were a highlight of every gathering. His grandchildren brought him great joy, and he enjoyed attending their activities, walking in the park, and traveling with them. He and Sharon shared a passion for exploring the country, fulfilling their dream of visiting all 50 states together. Their adventures were a testament to their love of learning, new experiences, and shared memories. Dave's wit, wisdom, and enthusiasm for life will be deeply missed.

Dave is survived by his devoted wife of many years, Sharon Rollow; his daughters, Melissa Norris and Shelley Keith; his cherished grandchildren, Liam Norris, Cassandra Norris, and Amelia-Rose Norris; his sister, Becky Grigsby and his brother, Alan Rollow.

Please join us celebrating his life Saturday February 1, including visitation (12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.) and service (2 p.m. – 3 p.m.) at Flanigan Funeral Home 4400 South Lee Street, Buford, GA 30518. A dinner will follow at the family home. The family welcomes flowers or donations to the SCCA Foundation (<https://sccafoundation.org/>) or any charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 S. Lee St.
Buford, GA 30518
(770) 932-1133
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

Celebration of Life

FEB 1. 2:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

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“ One of my favorite memories was Halloween 2019 at Road Atlanta with Dave and Robert Mayes.

Bruce Dover - January 30, 2025 at 03:25 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bruce Dover - January 30, 2025 at 03:21 PM

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“ So very sorry about Dave's passing, he was such a great man. I'm sure he will be missed by everyone sending you hugs , Frank & Dixie

Dixie Eckert - January 24, 2025 at 01:39 PM

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“ I joined SCCA in 1976 and Dave was one of the first people I met. This past year at the SCCA's annual Runoffs, I had a chance to chat him & Sharon up several times at the socials; always so much to talk with.
One memory of mine: I was a marshal at Road Atlanta's Turn 7 when his Le Car (Renault R5) rolled on exit, pirouetting on the top of the guardrail before coming to rest. That earned him the nickname "Rollover Rollow". Rest in peace Dave and when I think of you, I'll take a quiet breath and smile.

Tim O'Donoghue - January 17, 2025 at 07:33 AM

DB

“ I’m sorry to hear of the passing of Dave. He and I ran our first SCCA Showroom Stock race together at Charlotte Motor Speedway and were both involved in our first ever racing altercation.....and it was with EACH OTHER!!!...we were racing for position into turn 3A of the CMS roadcourse in 1977. We came together & seconds later both cars were both on their roofs with us climbing out of our Renault LeCars. There were Large Photos & a huge write-up in next morning’s Charlotte Observer as well as frame by frame shots in the Fall Program for The NASCAR National 500 in October of both of our cars rolling over like two dead turtles!!!....ahhhh, good times, good memories. Through my next 47 years of racing in SCCA, there were not many races that I didn’t see Dave. He was the epitome of dedication to a club of racers we hold dear to our hearts! Rest in peace my fellow competitor & friend.

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Dean Bumgardner - January 16, 2025 at 10:07 PM

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“ Dave will be missed by so many. It was a privilege to work SCCA events with him He was so willing to share interesting things about racing.

Connie Hudson - January 16, 2025 at 03:31 PM