



## David E. Pate

July 7, 1954 - May 1, 2026

David Eckard Pate, age 71, went to be with Jesus on May 1, 2026, following a battle with cancer.

Born July 7, 1954, in Durham, NC, to Raiford and Rebecca Pate, David grew up in a loving home with his brother, Frank. Although his family faithfully attended church, David never heard a clear presentation of the gospel until his freshman year at NC State where he received Jesus as his Savior through the ministry of the Navigators.

After graduation, he moved to Columbia, SC, where he fell in love with and married Carol Herrington in 1981. He is fondly remembered by his seven children, Brian (Christa), Jennifer, Melissa (Dwight), John (Abbie), Rachel (Daniel), Stephen (Sarah), and Josh (Katie) and twenty grandchildren.

David's family and friends will remember him as a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, sacrificial servant, man of the Word, and passionate evangelist.

The funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 11, 2026, at Faith Baptist Church, 500 W Lee Rd, Taylors, SC 29687. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held 9:45-10:45 a.m., Monday, May 11, 2026, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, a gift to Hidden Treasure Christian School will honor his love for others. You can donate in David's memory at [www.hiddentreasure.org/giving](http://www.hiddentreasure.org/giving).

Online condolences may be made to [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road  
Duncan, SC 29334

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Faith Baptist Church  
500 West Lee Road  
Taylors, SC 29687

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

EL

“ *What treasured memories of Dave! I had the privilege of living with him (and a houseful of other guys) for years before he met Carol; and Dave helped me get (and keep!) a computer job at the University of SC by coaching me in programming techniques after I left IBM. We had rich moments of Bible study together, and (as a household) we hosted more international students for dinner than I can count. I got to introduce him to his wonderful wife when she (and the family she was living with) stayed briefly with us in Dave's home.*

*Dave was a faithful, humble, fun and caring man. He precedes us to Jesus... but we look forward to the reunion!*

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**Ernest Lottman** - May 11 at 10:02 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of David E. Pate.*



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May 07 at 10:43 AM

DH

“ Prayers for Carol and Jenny and the family .My daughter had cancer as well as Dave .We prayed for each other. Both are now cancer free and with God . Both shared a smile even during their pain . When you wonder what you can for Carol . For the next weeks , share a meal and go sit with her Take Jenny a chick fil a sandwich .It is her favorite . She won't tell you what she needs because there is a big hold on her heart and it is her to breath. Love her text her , and show her Gods love . It is hard and it hurts .God is our strength but it is almost unbearable to live it



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**Delaine Hollingsworth** - May 07 at 12:47 AM

KM

“ Karen, Diane & Bud, Sis & Mike purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of David E. Pate.



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**Karen, Diane & Bud, Sis & Mike** - May 06 at 07:37 PM

WB

“ We'll always remember Dave as a caring and generous friend and brother in Christ who helped us make it through some tough times. His enthusiasm, servant heart and sense of humor brought joy and cheer everywhere he went. We thank God for his testimony and legacy which he forged together with his wonderful wife Carol and family. He will be missed very much but we look forward to seeing him again at a forever family reunion in heaven.

*Ward and Marla Boole and family*

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**Ward and Marla Boole** - May 06 at 02:53 PM

OA

“ Ox Avation purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of David E. Pate.



Ox Avation - May 06 at 10:21 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of David E. Pate.



May 06 at 09:52 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of David E. Pate.



May 06 at 09:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David E. Pate.

May 05 at 03:10 PM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of David E. Pate.



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May 05 at 03:10 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of David E. Pate.



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May 04 at 08:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David E. Pate.

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May 04 at 08:39 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences to Davids wife and children, his grandchildren and all who loved him.

*I only knew David for a few years, I saw him maybe a dozen times, but somehow I feel like I really knew him. I think he probably made many people feel that way. When talking to David, I always felt like he actually listened and cared about what I thought. That is not a very common thing. I will very much miss our conversations. He was truly a good man, and he will be missed.*

*Goodbye for now David, hopefully we will meet again.*

*Jon Weaver*

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**Jonathan E Weaver** - May 04 at 05:27 PM

EL

“ I met Dave and his lovely wife Carol and his daughter Jenny at West Columbia Baptist Church. Dave was just an all around nice guy. He was devoted to his wife and his family, and he was a man after God's own heart. He was always eager to share the gospel and he encouraged others in their walk with Christ. Dave was the epitome of 1 Timothy 3:8-13 (NIV). He was an honorable and just Christian man, and he will be greatly missed.

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**Elizabeth Laibe** - May 04 at 05:20 PM