



David Ray Berryhill

November 18, 1946 - January 17, 2024

Our family regrets to announce the passing of David Ray Berryhill of Ardmore, Tennessee on January 18, 2024. David was 77 years old.

David was born to Lonnie and Jeanette Berryhill, on November 18, 1946, in Fayetteville, TN. As a youth, he lived in Sarasota, Florida; Key West, Florida; and Akron, OH, before returning to southern Tennessee. It was in Ardmore that he met his wife, Patricia. After serving in the Navy in Meridian, MS, he got a job as an airline mechanic for Delta Airlines in Atlanta, GA. David was very handy. He loved to work on cars and houses. He loved to stay busy by remodeling rooms in his house and rebuilding engines and transmissions, often helping friends by repairing their cars and houses, as well. He was active in the community, serving as the president of the Lion's Club in Douglasville, GA.

He retired from Delta Airlines after 35 years and moved back to the northern Alabama/southern Tennessee area to be closer to family. He worked at DGS and PPG in Huntsville for several more years before finally retiring for good. After retirement, he loved to spend time with his family and his dogs Bella and Coco, as well as taking his boat out fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lonnie Berryhill and Jeanette (Solomon)Berryhill-Gilbert. His stepfather, Richard Gilbert, and his sister,

Donna Tomes.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Patricia (Newton)Berryhill, his children, Stephen (Lisa)Berryhill of Franklin, TN, and Cheryl Lowe of Ardmore, TN. His 5 grandchildren, Brooke (Preston)Hargrove, Dustin (Stephanie)Reece, Anthony (Andrea)Baumann, Baylee and Emma Berryhill. His 11 great grandchildren, Dylan, Colton, Wyatt, Kayleigh, Sydney, Jacob, Jenson, Marcy, Haden, Abigail, and Alexis.

David was deeply loved by his family and friends. He was respected and looked up to as a role model, grandfather, father and friend. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request donations, in his memory, to the Alzheimer's Association.

There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama.

Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home is assisting the family with services.

Tribute Wall

MN

“ I met David in 1989 when I started at Delta Air Lines Dept. 272, he was happy to show me the way to the carpenter shop for a cup of coffee or the “Rabbit Hole” for a break! I second that David was a huge practical joker, from putting fake padlocks on toolboxes, cars, welding toolbox frames to tables, filling toolbox drawers with metal shavings. David and Pat often had me over for “Chef’s Surprise”, aka hot dogs. We rode to work often, he would drive 55, took forever to get home it seemed, and stopping along the way for a “refreshment”, great memories of mine to this day yet. Dave will be missed. Prayers Pat and to his family.

Mark S. Nirschl

Mark Nirschl - February 12, 2024 at 07:16 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Ray Berryhill.



February 11, 2024 at 08:42 PM

SS

“ I’m sure David told everyone about our fishing trip to base lake Meridian ms where we caught more bass than anyone would believe just guessing somewhere between 450-500 fish bout three lbs each although no one believes it I swear it’s true we always asked each other when we visited if we told anyone about our day fishing

skip stano - January 31, 2024 at 08:48 PM

JG

“ I met David in 1988 when I started at Delta Airlines , he was happy to show me around the building ,it was very large and you could get lost ! We had a common love of car repair , and talked quite a bit about cars. He was a huge practical joker ,from putting fake padlocks on toolboxes, cars, welding toolbox frames to tablesHis levity made the boring part of the work pass quickly ,we got a lot of work done also ! We were at different times of life,his kids were grown ,I was having kids ,Dave was there for support through anything , he will be missed .Prayers to his family

John Grumbling - January 29, 2024 at 06:16 PM

SS

“ While in navy David had a studebaker that was in bad shape he couldn't sell it so he decided to take it to a junkyard in Meridian we got it cranked and drove it to junkyard man looked it over and said son I just don't think I can use that car now that's a bad car

skip stano - January 26, 2024 at 06:48 PM

JS

I remember that story lol. He had many Navy stories!

Jeff Sherwood - January 27, 2024 at 08:06 PM

FL

“ All the years that we had known David, he always was such a genuine down to earth person. He was a great friend who would do just about anything to help you out. I know, because on many occasions I would call him if he could help me on car mechanical problems and he would not hesitate to come over and help. We have a lot of good memories such as when we lived in Georgia, we would get together and play rook late into the night. Even our first time trip to Sarasota together. He loved his family and friends dearly. Rest in peace old friend.

Fred-Birdie Lentz - January 23, 2024 at 01:36 PM

CL

Thank you for sharing

Cheryl Berryhill Lowe - January 23, 2024 at 06:05 PM

WM

“ He took me under his wing at the airport when he gave me a job there with only a phone call telling him i needed a job. He was a great man! Im sorry for your loss !!

wendy mitchell - January 22, 2024 at 08:00 PM

CL

Thank you Wendy

Cheryl Berryhill Lowe - January 23, 2024 at 06:06 PM