



David Donald Gaitenby

May 7, 1942 - December 11, 2023

David Donald Gaitenby, 81, of Haydenville, died peacefully with his family by his side on Monday December 11, 2023, at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. He was born in Northampton on May 7, 1942, to the late Donald and Margaret (Ruether) (Gaitenby) Edwards.

Dave grew up in Easthampton and was a graduate of Easthampton High School. He had worked at ProBrush in Florence as a machine adjuster for many years until his retirement and their closing. Dave was a lover of classic cars, frequenting Thursday Cruise Night at the Elks in Florence. He could tell you the make and model of most classic cars just by looking at the headlight style or a fin design. He had an endless supply of history knowledge and loved the history channel, especially all things historical to the local area. Dave enjoyed his daily crossword puzzles which had to be done in pencil so he could double check his facts before anything was done in pen. He enjoyed trout fishing, wooden boats, the Red Sox, Patriots, and playing cards with family and friends.

He will be lovingly missed by his family and friends including his wife of 42 years June (Pelkey) Gaitenby, his daughter, Angela and her partner, Christopher Bazluke all of Haydenville, his sisters, Jean Hall of Milford, OH, and Elizabeth Riechel of Beverly Hills, FL, and their families.

A Celebration of Life and his burial will be in the springtime. DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME of Northampton has been entrusted with his care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dave's memory to, Franklin

County Regional Dog Shelter, 10 Sandy Lane, Turners Falls, MA 01376 or
online at fcrdogkennel.org.

For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please
visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com.

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“ *I am very sorry for your loss, he was a good friend throughout junior high school and high school, my condolences to the family.*
Neil R Martell, Class of '60

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