



# David E. Zehner

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**D**avid E. Zehner, 86, of Amissville, Virginia, died Monday, August 19, 2024, in Murray, KY. He was born January 2, 1938, in Shelby, OH to the late Sterling E. and Irene L. (Reynolds) Zehner. He graduated from Shelby High School in 1956 and soon after joined the U.S. Navy as a musician playing euphonium. By special audition in 1961 he was offered a position in The United States Navy Band in Washington, D.C. There he played many head-of-state arrival ceremonies at the White House, other important Naval ceremonies, numerous public performances, and many funerals in Arlington National Cemetery. While in Washington, D.C., he performed for seven Presidents: Hoover, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford. His final performance in the Navy was for the Shah of Iran and President Ford at the White House. While on active duty he earned an Associate of Arts degree from Prince Georges Community College and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree from George Washington University. He retired from the Navy as a Master Chief Petty Officer in 1976 and was immediately employed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Washington, D.C. as a civil engineer.

While employed by FERC he specialized in hydroelectric dam design and safety. He worked on numerous dams across the country licensed by FERC. He occasionally accompanied regional office inspectors on site inspections of existing licensed dams and new dams under construction. David was awarded the Rickey Medal, along with others, by the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1995 for assisting in writing a technical publication entitled "Lessons Learned from the Design, Construction, and Operation of Hydroelectric Facilities". He earned a Master of Science degree in civil engineering and a Professional Degree of ENGINEER from George Washington University while working at FERC. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Virginia. He retired from the FERC in 2000 as a Senior Civil Engineer with 24 years of service.



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David has made numerous church-related mission trips in the eastern United States and Haiti helping victims of hurricanes, tornados, and floods. He has worked for the local chapter of Habitat For Humanity for a number of years, and another group of church men building handicap ramps in the area. He also worked for Manna to feed the hungry in Culpeper.

He has continued to play with a number of community bands and at church after retiring from the Navy, most recently with the City of Fairfax Band and the Fauquier Community Band. In 2017 the City of Fairfax Band was invited to Normandy, France to perform for the D-Day ceremonies. David made the trip.

In 2013 he was voted into the Shelby High School Hall of Distinction for his life's work.

David is an active member of the Oak Shade United Methodist Church in Rixeyville, VA, where he is also a trustee.

David's first wife, Naomi M. (Osborne) Zehner, also from Shelby, passed away in 2016 after 54 years of marriage. He remarried to Patricia Ann Kinsey on September 2, 2018.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Kinsey Zehner; two sons, Darren E. Zehner and wife, Joy, and Kevin D. Zehner; one daughter, Daneen M. Colligan; three brothers, Charles William "Bill" Zehner and his wife, Noreen, Thomas R. Zehner, and Richard S. Zehner and his wife, Linda; five grandchildren, Alesia Colligan, Michael Colligan, Gaaelya Colligan, Cherie Zehner, and Alexis Zehner; and three great grandchildren. Additionally, he has two step daughters, Robin Neff, and Pennie Cookson; three step grandchildren; eight step great grandchildren; and three step great, great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Kari Renee Zehner; one grandson, Nicholas S. Zehner; and one sister-in-law, Judy Zehner.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23, 2024, at 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper.

A funeral service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at Found and Sons Chapel with Rev. Hosub Sung officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.



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Interment will be with his first wife in Section 48 of Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Section 48 is the closest section to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Oak Shade United Methodist Church, % Mary Gibson, 16496 Oak Shade Rd., Rixeyville, VA 22737 and/or Fairfax City Band at [www.fairfaxband.org](http://www.fairfaxband.org).

An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at [www.foundandsons.com](http://www.foundandsons.com)

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.



# Events

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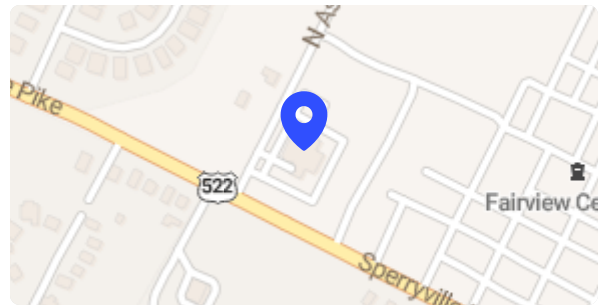
## Visitation

**Friday**, August 23, 2024

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**

850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



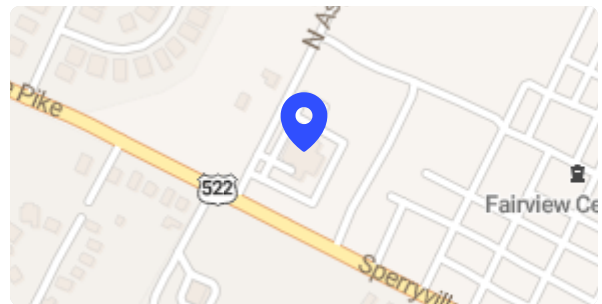
## Visitation

**Saturday**, August 24, 2024

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM ET

**Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**

850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



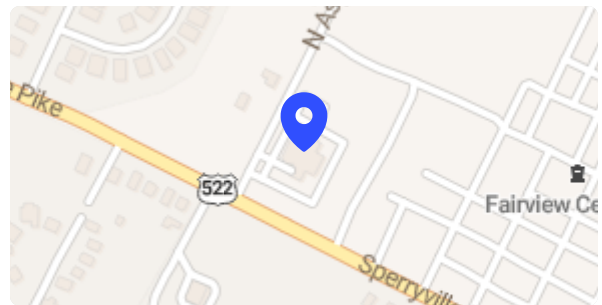
## Funeral Service

**Saturday**, August 24, 2024

3:30 PM ET

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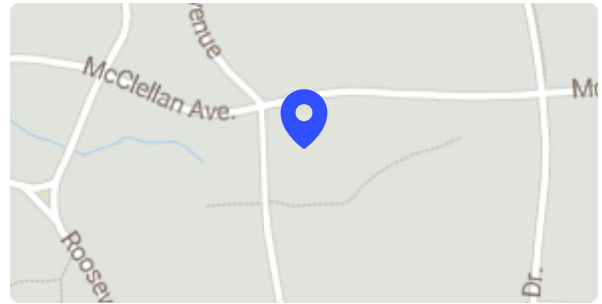
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## Cemetery Details



**Arlington National Cemetery**

Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington VA 22211





## Tribute Wall

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DL

**Dave Lambert** posted:

I met Dave when we worked together on several Habitat for Humanity homes in Culpeper. He was a great guy, talented and very kind. I remember him always referring to himself as "that dam engineer".

August 26 at 10:24 AM

DS

**Dereck Scott** posted:

I only got to meet Dave once, but was immediately impressed by his musicianship and kindness. I know he will be missed immensely in the City Band, and I wish his family nothing but peace and comfort.

August 25 at 10:16 AM

WS

**Wendy Shugol** posted:

So very sorry for your loss. Dave was in the Fairfax band with me for many years. He introduced me to the Fauquier Band just recently. I always enjoyed his sense of humor and positive outlook on life. I'll miss him very much but am comforted in knowing that he's in God's loving hands now.

August 24 at 6:16 PM

JE

**James R Eakins** August 25 at 10:54 AM

Bill and Tom and family, we send our deep sympathy on the passing of your brother and family member. Although we never had the privilege of meeting him, he sounds like someone who we certainly would have enjoyed knowing. There is no doubt that his passing will be a great loss to all who knew him. Sincerely, Jim and Barbara Eakins

WR

**Wendy R.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.



August 24 at 6:08 PM



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RW

**Richard Wade** posted:

My wife and I have known David for many years especially when David lived in Montclair and played solos at the Dumfries United Methodist Church where my wife was music director. We also enjoyed trips together at the Windjammers Circus Band conventions in Florida and other places. My wife passed away in 2022 but I still stayed in touch with David in the Fairfax City Band. David was a wonderful person and will be missed dearly. Richard Wade

August 24 at 9:18 AM

AG

**Alexia Groszer** lit a candle in honor of David.

David Zehner has been a good neighbor for the past 20 years in Quail Ridge. His immaculately kept lawn, beautiful pond and fountain have been a cornerstone of the neighborhood. He was someone you could count on. We will miss seeing him on our walks and chatting with him. Wishing peace and comfort to the whole Zehner family. With deepest sympathy, Alexia Groszer



August 23 at 1:08 PM

RB

**Roy & Joan Burgess** posted:

Deep condolences to Dave's family. Dave and I were never at a loss for comparing the rivalry of Michigan and Ohio State, and many times I'd wear Michigan gear just to get the conversation started. Dave was always a positive, friendly person and a very talented musician and leader with a wonderful tone. Rest your oars, Sailor and dear friend. We now have the watch.

August 23 at 9:24 AM

RC

**Ron Corso** May 9 at 9:40 AM

Dave and I worked together at the FERC. We had a lot in common since I was a musician too. Very sorry to hear of his passing. May he rest in piece.

CM

**Cathy Carson, Cfb Member** posted:

David is one of the good guys, feed the hungry, help those in need, the list continues. His family is in my prayers. He will be greatly missed. Cathy

August 23 at 4:43 AM



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**Jean Eustice** lit a candle in honor of David.

August 23 at 4:19 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Zehner family.

August 22 at 3:00 PM



**Mike Gerzina** posted:

Our deepest condolences to Dave's family and friends. His work at Habitat was greatly appreciated by his fellow volunteers and the families who benefited. Dave, I am sure Lunch is ready. Rest in Peace

August 22 at 2:58 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Zehner family.

August 22 at 2:01 PM



**Dave Cobb** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.

August 22 at 8:53 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Zehner family.

August 22 at 8:53 AM





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**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Zehner family.



August 22 at 8:52 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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