



## David L. "Dave" Atchley

February 20, 1977 - September 3, 2023

David L. "Dave" Atchley, age 46, of Newark, Delaware, passed away suddenly on Sunday, September 3, 2023.

Born in Wilmington, Delaware on February 20, 1977, he was the son of Steven W. Atchley and the late Mary Ann Pastelenic. David, or as his friends called him, Dave, was a lifelong Delawarean who graduated from Newark High School. He entered the United States Marine Corps and completed basic training but was discharged after a year for medical reasons. David worked at a variety of careers but seemed to have found his niche as a warehouse manager and fork lift driver.

David's real passion was watching and reading about professional football, especially the Pittsburgh Steelers. If you wanted to know anything about the Steelers, past or present, he could tell you. Names, statistics, records, etc. were his forte and he would be quick to correct his Uncle Greg and his father, Steve when they misspoke. One of David's fondest memories was traveling to Pittsburgh with his father Steve, and cousins, CJ Wood and Matt, to attend a game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the New York Giants.

David is survived by his father, Steven (Diana (McKnight)); cousins, Frank Sawicki (Katie), Eddie Sawicki (Sherrie), and Matt Atchley (Susan); and their children, Layla, Tyler, Alana, and Ava. David had remarked on many occasions how much he enjoyed spending time with his cousins and their families.

A celebration of David's life will begin at 1 pm on Thursday, September 21,

2023, at Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 200 Marrows Road, Newark, DE.  
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in David's memory to Delaware Intergroup, 21B Trolley Square, Wilmington, DE 19806, or online by clicking [here](#).

# Tribute Wall

A.

“ *Just found out about David's death. Condolences to all the families and friends.*

A.T.C - November 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of David. May you find comfort in the cherished moments you shared together, and may his memory bring you peace.*

Dave Rossiter - September 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I will miss you brother. Sorry to see you go. Love your step-brother Joe*

Joseph McCoy - September 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *With heavy heart I mourn the loss of my step-son David. Circumstances kept us from being in touch these last few years. I feel for his father on losing his only son. God bless all the family and friends.*

Janice M. Marler - September 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *Great guy with a great attitude inspite of his medical circumstances.I'm going to miss him .*

Arville Taylor - September 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My condolences to Dave’s family. We will miss him!*

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**Jim Siock** - September 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *Dear Steve, I am so sorry for the loss of your son David. My prayers are with you and Diana. Love you. Bonnie*

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**Bonnie Opperman** - September 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *My heart breaks and my prayers are with the family. I loved my cousin very much like a brother. We watched Rocky movies and drank raw eggs. We are crazy bunch of cousins but we stood together. Love and miss you Dave!*

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**Frankie Sawicki** - September 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM