



## David W. Downward

March 21, 1958 - October 21, 2022

David W. Downward, age 64, of New Castle, DE, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Friday, October 21, 2022.

Born in Wilmington, DE on March 21, 1958, he was the son of Barbara (Simpson) Downward and the late Stanford B. Downward, Sr. David worked in HVAC for Colonial School District for 30 years until his retirement.

David was a hard worker and was held in high esteem by his colleagues. He enjoyed home improvement activities around the house and DIY woodworking. He could usually be found at the campground on weekends surrounded by his beloved dogs Rosie, Gracie, and Lucy. After his retirement, he enjoyed cooking and baking, often trying new recipes. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family, attending various events for his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his father, David was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Downward; and his sister-in-law, Colleen Downward. He is survived by his wife, Sheila Schulte Downward; mother, Barbara Downward of Middletown; brother, Stanford Downward Jr., also of Middletown; children, Jessica Crumbacker (Thomas), Stephen Downward (Brooke), Scott Kustos, Kate Lott, and Maura Schultz; grandchildren, Benjamin, Delaney, Addison, Brennan, Maxwell, and Everly; and other family members, John Downward, Raymond Downward, Roberta Nickel, and Cheryl Sebright.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 10 am until 12 pm on Friday, October 28, 2022, at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 1000 North

DuPont Parkway, New Castle, DE, where a funeral service will be held at 12 pm. Interment will follow in All Saints Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in David's memory to the Brandywine Valley SPCA, 290 Churchmans Road, New Castle, DE 19720 or online by clicking [here](#).

# Tribute Wall



“ Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of David W. Downward



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**Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes** - August 25, 2025 at 05:07 PM

CC

“ Dear Sheila, I am truly sorry for you and your loved ones. I'm sorry, too, that I just found out (11/10/22 pm). I definitely would have attended the service. Even though we have not kept in touch, I remember you and our friendship with much fondness and a big smile! Going to Wm Penn HS football games dressed in our crazy personal touch to the school colors 😭😁. I'm hugging you now.

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**Connie Ring Ceban** - November 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Deepest sympathy Sheila and family. My prayers are with you.

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**Kathy Davidson Schirm** - October 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Maura, my sincere condolences to you and your entire family. So saddened to hear of your dad's passing.

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**Gretchen Baxter-Walker** - October 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Barb and Stan: My deepest sympathy on your loss. I remember David from the early years when I visited your home. He was a good kid that later became a remarkable man with a beautiful family. You;ve had your share of grief these past few years but I know how strong your family is and someday will overcome your sadness and will keep the good memories.

Dale Hall - October 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ There are no words to ease your pain, my heart goes out to my family for losing our dad/grandfather/friend.

Brennan - October 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ kate  
so sorry for loss praying for you and with you praying for your family's comfort strength and peace during this difficult time

Dorothea Williams - October 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Stan & Family.  
We send our prayers and comforted blessings to you and your family on the passing of your brother David. May he rest in peace.

Glenn Davis - October 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Sheila, Stan and family – I am deeply saddened to learn of your loss. May the Lord give you strength during this difficult time. So very sorry.

Bill Baird - October 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Our condolences to Dave’s family. We love being Dave and Sheila’s neighbors, they have been so kind and thoughtful to us.  
We will miss you Dave!  
Sheila, we will always be here for you and your family. ❤️  
Prayers 🙏 and hugs ☐

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**Shaina and Cole** - October 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Stan and family:  
My condolences for your recent loss. May your fondest memories give you strength and peace.

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**Richard Goodman** - October 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Stan, so sorry to hear of your younger brothers passing. Thoughts and prayers for David, you and family. May he Rest In Peace. 🙏

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**Bruce Taylor** - October 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Stan,  
So sorry to hear about Dave’s passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the Downward family.  
If there’s anything I can do, please let me know.

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**Scott Phillips** - October 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Sheila and Kids: I was so sad to read this, Dave was a great person and I know he will rest wrapped in the arms of the Lord ❤️

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**Mary M Ballance** - October 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ So sorry to hear this  
Prayers

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**Carol Downward** - October 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Sorry for your lost. I remember him as a happy smiling child.

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**Cora Diane Bowers Busch** - October 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ So very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers 🙏 for you and your family

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**Patty Kent** - October 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Sheila and your loved ones

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**Faye Bailey Sturges** - October 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ So very sorry for your loss. Will be praying for the family during this difficult time

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**Frank and Peggy Heverin** - October 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Stan and family:  
Thoughts and prayers to you and the family on the passing of your brother. May he rest in peace in Our Lord's house.

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**John Lodge** - October 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *I offer my condolences to Dave’s family. My prayers are with you and your family.* ”

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**Ed Kisner** - October 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM