



David Wayne Shaffer

January 12, 1968 - February 7, 2022

David Wayne Shaffer, age 54, of Newark, DE, passed away on Monday, February 7, 2022.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, on January 12, 1968, he was a son of Linda Gayle (Hoffman) Shaffer and the late Maurice Klair Shaffer. David was a 1986 graduate of William Penn High School and attended Penn State University and Delaware College of Art and Design. He made his career as a BIM-tech designer for EDiS Company, for the past 7 years. David was also employed by CADtech, Allstate, MBNA, Honda East, Track and Trail, Cycle Shed and Cycle City.

An automobile and motorcycle racing enthusiast, he was a member of the American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association and WERA Motorcycle Road Racing Association. David achieved 3rd place at NJMP-AHRMA race in 2021, 1st place at Mason Dixon Rally-Auto Canonball Run in 2008, 1st place Sport Bike-Valley Forge-Cycle World Reader's Collection in 1994, 1st place Super Stock at Brandywine Motorsport Club in 2002 and 1st place A-Stock at Brandywine Motorsport Club in 2003.

An avid bowler, he earned 1st place Tuesday Men's Handicap for Brunswick Blue Hen Bowling League. David also enjoyed billiards, scuba diving, and swimming. In 1982, he set the 500 yard freestyle pool record at McKean High School. An avid video gamer, David competed on Game Battles under the username xbladerunner.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his sister, baby girl

Shaffer and father-in-law, Carl Hechmer. David is survived by his wife of 35 years, Denise M. (Hechmer) Shaffer; daughters, Melanie and Laura; mother, Linda Shaffer; brother, Donald Shaffer; step brothers, Mill McKay and Ben McKay (Ginger); step mother, Susan Shaffer; brothers-in-law, Carl Hechmer (Karen) and Sean Hechmer (Kerry); mother-in-law, Patricia Hechmer; nephew, Griffin; and nieces, Tiffany, Rhys, Kayde, Ashlynn and Amelia.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 5 pm until 8 pm on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 West Park Place, Newark, DE. A funeral service will be held at 11 am on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, 2431 Frazer Rd, Newark, DE. The family requests that face masks be worn by all in attendance, regardless of vaccination status. Interment will follow in All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in David's memory to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 or Lymphoma Research Foundation, Wall Street Plaza, 88 Pine Street, Suite 2400, New York, NY 10005.

Tribute Wall



“ Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of David Wayne Shaffer



Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes - August 25, 2025 at 05:10 PM

JR

“ Our heartfelt prayers are with you all. Praying God’s healing grace gives you comfort. John, Sue, Michael and Grace.

John and Sue Robusto - February 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I worked with David at MBNA Advertising years ago. I remember him as such a genial and generous man. My sincere condolences and best wishes to his family.

Barbara Roach - February 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ I met David only last year racing and immediately felt like I known him all my life! I’m sure many felt this way about him as he had a wonderful personality.
I will miss the opportunity of spending more time with him on and off the racetrack- we had some great close racing battles! It was a great honor to have known you David. My condolences go out to all his close friends and family.

Ervin Kollek - February 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I remember meeting Dave and you, Denise. Instant friends. We had a lot of great times. I miss those times. I pray for your strength during this time and thinking of your girls too.*

Kris Boyd - February 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Very sad to hear about Dave's passing. I worked a short while with him at Allstate. My deepest condolences to Denise, his children and family. Prayers for all.*

Marjorie - February 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *My sincere condolences to Denise and his family. I was deeply saddened to hear of Dave's untimely passing. I had the pleasure of working with Dave at Track and Trail... Dave was always a wealth of knowledge with anything motorsports, a great rider, and a fellow knee dragger. Dave was always professional and an all-around good guy.*

Bill Bugaj - February 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *My condolences, and all the best.*

Chakshum Chan - February 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I am finding out about David’s death by accident, I am at a lost for words right now , I was very fund of Dave and worked aside him at MBNA , and remember him well and have great Dave story , he purchased a brand new Corvette and followed it down the line and when it was complete he actually went to the assembly plant and drove it home himself with his beautiful wife Denise , for whom he adored , he will be missed my thoughts and prayers are with you over this most difficult time , 🙏

Tim Conroy - February 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Dave, will be sorely missed. Whenever he stopped by Powersports East, his warmth toward the staff was infectious. He was a great employee, rider, and eventual friend.

lynn Nathan - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ My thoughts and prayers will be with you, Denise and family. I was shocked to hear of Dave’s passing. We shared many good times at BofA. Diane Kobar

Diane Kobar - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Denise, our sincere condolences to you and the girls. David always had a smile for everyone. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Matthew, Stephanie and Tiphonie Simpson - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My sincerest condolences may you ride in paradise. May your family find strength faith to get through this tuff loss. It was a pleasure to meet you at the track you will be missed and always loved by those you left behind. Till we meet again at the race track in the sky. Strength and Faith to the family AMEN 🙏*

Jose German - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *RIP David. Sorry for your loss. Was always nice pitting and chatting two wheels with David. I'll miss his smile and love for two wheels.*

Paul Harris - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *My deepest condolences! My love and prayers to Denise and his daughters.*

Greimel Kevin - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ *So sorry to hear about David. Although I only knew him for a short time, I enjoyed stopping by his pit to say Hi. There was something truly genuine in His smile. My thoughts and prayers are with his family tonight.*

Gary Orr - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Had fun sharing the track with you my friend. Will miss those fun battles on every turn. Such an honor to race with you and call you a friend*

Jeff Nelson - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM