



David Lee Dougherty

February 8, 1946 - February 13, 2026

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home/Valley Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Mr. David Lee Dougherty.

David Lee Dougherty, 80, a resident of Edinburg for 11 years, passed away Friday, February 13, 2026 at his home. A Celebration of life will be held at a later date in the spring at the VFW.

Mr. Dougherty was born February 8, 1946 in Youngstown, Ohio, son of the late Richard and Mildred Ockerman Dougherty. He joined the Navy at the age of 17 in 1963 and served in Army Reserves and National Guard Reserves. He was stationed on the USS Whetstone and the USS Weiss during the Vietnam War. After, he joined the Merchant Marines as a member. He worked for 17 years for VDOT as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. He was head of VFW Riders Group and member of VVA where he put flags on Memorial and Veteran's Day and wreaths at Christmas on Veterans graves in Cedarwood Cemetery in Edinburg. The Hathaway's so graciously helped to place the flags and wreaths.

David is survived by his wife of 59 years, Dianna Dougherty; two daughters, Patricia Marie Yohman and husband, Mark of Columbus, OH., and Kimberly Kaye Kelly of Columbia, MD; sister, Dixie Lou Pellin of Ohio; brother, Richard Dougherty of Florida; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He

was preceded in death by a sister, Margie Faye Waller.

Dave was a friend to all. He never met a stranger. Making connections with people was such a gift of his.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork St, #405 Winchester, Virginia 22601 or any SPCA.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg, VA.

Tribute Wall

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“ I cannot say anything more than the family has already said. Dave was a great person and a friend to all who knew him! Prayers of comfort and peace from God to Dianna, family and many friends.

VFW Rider Chaplain Kevin & Anita Foltz - February 18 at 03:02 PM

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“ David was the best brother in law I could have had. Known him since I was 14. He took wonderful care of my sister and their girls. Will miss him forever. Ginny.

Ginny Sekol - February 16 at 05:28 PM

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“ David Dougherty was my father, I am definitely a daddy's girl. I miss him already! As well as my husband Mark. Our 5 children, Sara, Markie, David, Casey and Cassandra Tyler Parsons And all of their children! Max, Madi, Mal's and Adley, Ryder and Arie.



Patricia (Dougherty) Yohman - February 16 at 04:10 PM



“ *Such a loss of a wonderful neighbor and friend. Praying for Dianna and family. Thank you for your service, Sir!* ”

Vivian Wetzel - February 16 at 03:56 PM



“ Unfortunately, this obituary doesn’t capture who David was as a person. My grandpa would want the world to know there was more to him than his military career. This was a man who **ADORED** his kinds and grandkids with his whole heart. Helped raise us all, would be at your side at a moments notice. He also loved others fiercely as well. Literally every single person we ran into out in public, he wouldn’t just say hello, he would stop to hear their life story. To tell him theirs. He felt that it was important to build those connections with others, even if you may never see them again. You may have been the only person to care about them all day, the only one to ask them their name and genuinely want to know how they’re doing today. Not only did he love his family and turning strangers into friends, he loved animals. He’s always been a dog man, he used to begrudgingly let our cat, Felix, sleep in his suitcase when he would come to stay with us. I think he secretly liked it. He loved to ride his motorcycle, it was rare he was ever in his car if he was going somewhere locally. He loved to ride through the mountains, always taking the scenic route, added time onto the trip wasn’t an inconvenience for him. Grandpa was very much a small town man, he loved to know his neighbors, the couple who ran the mom and pop shop down the street, you name it. I truly could go on and on about my grandpa and how great of a person he was. He will forever live in our hearts, our memories, and the traits he instilled in us. Kindness, compassion, resilience. I love you grandpa. -Gracie



Grace Kelly - February 16 at 03:54 PM

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PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY 🙏❤️. HE WAS SUCH A GREAT PERSON TO EVERYONE AND I WILL MISS HIM.

Kenneth showman - February 16 at 07:52 PM

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FAMILIES 🙏❤️

Kenneth showman - February 16 at 07:53 PM

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Prayers for the family of Mr. Dave Dougherty! He was such a pleasant man always. He had such an awesome personality. Smiling as he came thru the doors of our bank. We (the ladies of the Edinburg F & M Bank) will remember him with good thoughts and will miss him dearly!

Terri Shiflett - February 17 at 11:41 AM