



David James Goode

October 31, 1947 - June 13, 2022

It is with profound sadness we announce the passing of David Goode on June 13, 2022, our loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend to all whose lives he touched.

David was born in Mobile Alabama to Marjorie and Chief James Goode, and moved to Orlando at the young age of one. After High School, he enlisted in the United States Navy and became a Submariner serving on the USS Trutta 421 from 1967-1971. In 1972, he joined the Orlando Police Department devoting most of his career to the Detective Division retiring in 1995. He continued his love of investigative work as a Fraud Investigator for a major Insurance Company until he retired in 2016.

David was so much more than the careers he chose to support his family. He was an avid tinkerer, reader, man of God, photographer, cook, and the ultimate history buff. It was that love of knowledge that made David a master story teller and teacher to all. As a man of a few words, he found joy in reciting little known interesting facts which earned them the title as "Goodeisms" by one of his OPD family members. He had an ongoing love affair with his garage where he was always building cars, boats or whatever came his way. His joy was taking something old and worn out making it new again. He loved fishing, diving and all outside activities.

David was a fabulous mentor and leader. He became an advisor for the High Adventure Explorers when our girls were teenagers, and loved being a part of teaching them they could accomplish anything. In his own humble way, David influenced and improved the lives of so many people in need. Throughout his life, he welcomed those that made wrong turns in their life and assisted them thru the transition of a life gone bad to a productive member of society. Many times, their efforts would fail, but he would continue to support them, forever making a difference in their lives. He believed there was good in everyone, especially those that society had turned its back on.

He met the love of his life, Gloria, in 1973 and knew on the first date he was going to marry her. They married the end of that year and throughout the challenges of life, they remained married for 48 ½ years until his passing. The greatest accomplishments in Dave's life were his daughters, Melissa and Kristy, whom he instilled his strong values, beliefs and enduring love that will always serve them well in life. His pride in our girls was unmeasurable, and he was rewarded with three granddaughters, Joelle, Ocean, and Luna whom he loved unconditionally and provided him additional sets of ears to tell his stories. He was very loyal to his many lifelong friends, sadly many of whom he has joined in Heaven. He will be dearly missed and forever in the hearts of his family and all he touched.

Cemetery Details

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US-1
Mims, FL 32754

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 15. 9:00 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ David and I worked together in the old vice squad. Never saw a better BS man than David. He once started by picking up a hitchhiker with 1 joint and at the end of the night we had 22lbs of pot. I learned a lot from David through his words and just by watching him. I never saw him take advantage of who his dad was. I'm sorry we lost touch over the years. I know I have lost a mentor and a friend

Jack Barrett - September 04, 2022 at 07:56 PM

CR

“ David Goode and I were both brothers in that we both served in the US Navy Submarine Service, and we both served in law enforcement. We became fast friends after we both retired from the Orlando Police Department, we were both into photography, submarines, and telling police stories. We enjoyed many a night sitting on his back porch smoking our cigars telling sea stories and me listening to his many stories of him working undercover for many years. He was a great story teller of both his times in the submarines and as an undercover officer. I will certainly miss my buddy and my good friend. Sailor, rest your oar!

Charles Rahn
QM2(SS) USN

Charles Rahn - June 23, 2022 at 11:28 PM

VH

“ Words can hardly express my gratitude to have been friends with Dave and his family for the past 30 years. Best fishing adventures of all times were on the Regal 21 FF and later the Regal 25LF. My birthday one May afternoon -22 miles out off Port Canaveral "One Particular Harbor" was playing on the stereo and we fought and landed the biggest Dolphin of my life - a perfect day to be remembered always - thank you Dave. Dave made me a fan of some of the most fascinating books about Navy Submarine stories and clandestine adventures. We traded books like kids. With mutual careers in Law Enforcement we found common ground for hours of tales of our work (he didn't even mind I was OCSO and he was OPD). I know I am a better person for knowing Dave and his family and I am very grateful for our friendship.

Vince Hierholzer - June 20, 2022 at 05:00 PM

LL

“ I met David right after high school having good times in Winter Park and Orlando and of course always on good behavior with his Daddy a police chief.

After about a year with the thought of being drafted we decided to join the US Navy in their "Enlist with a Buddy Program" and try to get on a submarine. After testing and months of training we got our orders for a sub. We had both requested Key West with great fishing and diving. David won the coin toss stationed on the USS Trutta great duty at sea Monday through Friday weekends docked in Key West, I went to Connecticut's chilly waters on the USS Gato at sea under water 9 months my first year on board.

David liking the Keys going back many times on his own boat.

After military service I went into the printing business and David like his father joined on with OPD. One day at my printing business in Orlando my secretary told me someone looking like a rock star with hair down to his waist is here named David for lunch.

David sure looked his part in being an undercover cop!

We stayed in touch over the years having another lunch a few years back and I was so blessed I got to talk to David a couple of weeks ago before he passed.

My heart goes out to the family and all who knew him at this difficult time. I will always think of him and never forget his smiling face.

Larry Laffler

Larry Laffler - June 19, 2022 at 06:01 PM

Jason
Miller

“ I first met Dave in 1994. The first time I met him, he made fun of me because I did not know what a "Parrot Head" was. I quickly became one because of Dave. My first Key West trip was with him and his wonderful family. He and I bonded fairly quickly. One of the reasons is because I was in the Navy, as he was. He will be sorely missed by every one that knew him. Rest in Peace, Dave

Jason Miller - June 17, 2022 at 01:34 PM

MG

“ Dave was so much a part of our friendships and of our family for so many years it seems like he should live forever. He was always so kind to us and our family will always love his family. Dave could make anything seem like such fun just by telling stories about what he and his family had done. He inspired, he helped people anyway he could and always with kindness. He will always be missed!
Mary Gray



Mary Gray - June 16, 2022 at 10:36 PM

HO

“ *And Now We Say Goodbye*

*Great sadness fills our hearts today
As pipes and drums, in slow march play.
A comrade's fallen by the way,
And now we say goodbye.*

*This hero to the very end
Was more than just a casual friend,
Who would a stranger's life defend,
And now we say goodbye*

*But we shall cherish, all our days,
The character this life portrayed
With sacrifice so freely made,
And now we say goodbye.*

*The hand salute, o'er Stars and Stripes,
And distant skirl of highland pipes,
Bid last farewell with hero's rights,
And now we say goodbye.*

*While here on Earth, you gave your best.
Now in the Master's arms you rest.
T'is by your memory we are blessed.
And now we say goodbye.*

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OPD, retired

Howard Yates, Retired OPD - June 16, 2022 at 08:25 PM

JB

*David was one of the best. A great investigator and interrogator
Worked with David at the airport and in CID for five years
He has a great supportive family and he will be missed*

John Brown - June 16, 2022 at 09:14 PM

BG

“*David will be so missed. He took me on my first Float ride. He taught my little boy so much about the water. He was a great man and I am blessed that I was able to meet him and his wonderful family. Have fun in Heaven David!*”

Brenda Golden - June 16, 2022 at 07:16 PM

RG

“*Very saddened to learn of the passing of this fine man. I was Dave's Sergeant in the east property unit. His skills as an investigator was unparalleled and others would profit through emulation of his work ethic and devotion to duty. I want Gloria, his children and extended family to know that Dave earned the respect and admiration of his peers, supervisors and all that came in contact with him. God bless you my good friend. Abandon all doubt, Dave will be received in heaven when the book of life is finally opened.*”

*Captain Robert Gregory (retired 2004)
Orlando Police Department*

Robert Gregory - June 16, 2022 at 05:06 PM