



## David "Dave" Bernier

October 2, 1953 - February 6, 2026

David Bernier, 72, of Hudson, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, February 6, 2026, following a long term illness.

He was born on October 2, 1953, in Lowell, Massachusetts, the son of the late Leo and Doris (Lanier) Bernier. David was also predeceased by his sister in law, Eileen Gauthier as well as by his sister-in-law, Joan Bernier.

David, known lovingly as Dave, was the beloved husband of Colleen (Gilligan) Bernier, with whom he shared 50 years of marriage. Together they built a life centered on love, laughter, and family.

He was a devoted father to his daughter, Kelley Phillips, and her husband, Mark Phillips, of Hudson, NH. Dave was a proud and loving grandfather to his grandsons, Mark Phillips and Jake Phillips, also of Hudson, who brought him endless joy.

He is also survived by his siblings: Wayne Bernier of Dracut, MA; Richard Bernier and his wife Kathy of Nashua, NH; Robin Lagasse and her husband Donald of Westford, MA. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Kathy and Larry Richard of Ashby, MA, and Maureen and Michael Rogers of Lowell, MA, along with many cherished nieces and nephews.

Dave had a passion for motorcycles, fishing, and music, but above all, he loved spending time with his family and his “little meatball,” who held a very special place in his heart.

A time of visitation will be held on Thursday, February 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, followed by a Service of Remembrance at 12:00 noon, at the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry Street, Hudson, NH. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations be made in Dave’s loving memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

# Previous Events

## VISITING HOURS

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home Hudson, NH  
50 Ferry Street  
Hudson, NH 03051  
(603) 882-9431  
[info@dumontsullivan.com](mailto:info@dumontsullivan.com)

## SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

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# Tribute Wall



“ Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of David "Dave" Bernier



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - February 10 at 06:15 PM

KR

*Well done, beautiful*

Kevin Ryan - February 11 at 11:25 PM

LI

*Beautiful precious moments in time* 💙

Linda - February 12 at 12:44 PM

RB

“ Continued..

*He also had a Bernier Stubbon streak. Colleen was telling us about his scooter mishaps. A while back he had fallen off a couple of times. One day she had to leave for a few hrs & sternly told him not to use the scooter when no one was home. Guess what,he went on it anyway. When she got home he was acting funny. .She asked him what was wrong. He told her he did go on the scooter, fell off but got right back on it.- His love for music was in his soul.Last Dec he wrote a song. here is excerpt to share; " Great to have family, nice to have friends. Why do we keep on having to keep on loosing them. Fight the beast, the beast within.Could capture you and probably win.But yet we sigh and then we cry. To see them find the place in the sky. - over the last couple of months in the hospital with a lot of pain, Dave always managed to hold on to his sense of humor. A few weeks ago, he decided that Colleen will forever be his Lil Meatball..I know Dave is with Leo, Doris, his two Matantes, his Sisters in law Joanie ans Eileenand Eddie Gilligan playing a lot of 45's but most of all, he will be looking down and protecting us always.*

*REST IN ETERNAL PEACE BRO.*

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**Rick Bernier** - February 14 at 03:04 PM

“ My brother had many names. David, Dave, Davey, Dad, Bro, Pepere, Pep, Uncle Dave, The Frenchman & even Cutie Petutie. - His most treasured part of his life were family & Friends. Don't know anyone else having as many friends from childhood through out life. - A few wks ago while visiting him at the hospital we reminisced of childhood memories. A story we laughed about was when he was 8/9 yrs. old. He was going to the bathroom, my Grandmother flung open the door in such a rush, she didn't see him sitting there and almost sat on him He let out the biggest scream scaring the heck out of our Grandmother. - There were 6 yrs between us, i was his little shadow following him around, wanted to be just like him when I grew up. When he was 15/16, He worked at Alexanders. He always left for work with his blue apron and ink stamping gun. When he wasn't around, I would take the ink gun, stamp all the can goods and everything else in the house, boy did I get in trouble. - Dave was obsessed with the Beatles, loved playing their songs on his guitar with Larry Richards in the attic on Farmount St. As many of you know he looked just like John Lennon always wore the same round glasses. When my Sister Robin was little and time for bed, jhe would rub her back till she fell asleep singing Hey Jude. - My Brother Wayne was his cohort. They always played tricks on me. I remember, after dave got his license, he sometimes had to drive us to St. Margarets to attend Sunday mass. One time Dave & Wayne decided we were going to skip mass that day & go to Maryloo donut. I knew nothing about it. It didn't work out because as Dave was leaving from in front of the church, he hit a parked car. Don't know if we ever went to Maryloo's. - Dave met the love of his life, Colleen in Jr. High & were together for 56 years. - Dave's 2nd love of his life was his daughter Kelley who he sometimes refered to as "the little girl in curls". The Father/Daughter bond was so strong. Kelley told me a story of how he would do anything for her. When she worked at Boston Medical on 2nd shift, she had to park down the street walking to the hospital. Dave wasn't going to let her walk in Boston at 11/12 am. Hw would actually drive her in & pick her up every night for about 3 months until she got a job closer to home. Imagine driving 2-3 hours every night to get her back and forth.

*Kelley, he will always be looking over you . -There was also a strong Father/Son in law bond with Mark. He would be there to help Dave with anything. - Dave adored his two Grandkids, Markie & Jake. They were very close & so proud of them both Over the last several yrs. specifically, they would always check in on him and help him with his physical limitations. Dave was their Hero & at the same time, they were his heroes. - Dave was selfless with his family. He took Moe in when she was little & together he & Colleen raised her as their own. Also cherished his nieces and nephews. On 1/13 the day after he went back in the hospital with the flu, had & exhausting day, we got a phon call at 11:57 pm. We were horrified what it could be but it was Dave on the other line wanting to talk to Kristen. He wanted to call her before midnight because it was her Birthday, & he hadn't wished he a Happy Birthday yet .Kristen described him as "the biggest teddy bear, with the best hugs, most caring & kind personality & had a heart of Gold. To be continued....*

**Rick Bernier** - February 14 at 02:52 PM

RB

“ Rick Bernier lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" Bernier



**Rick Bernier** - February 13 at 04:32 PM



“ Kelley Bernier Phillips lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" Bernier



**Kelley Bernier Phillips** - February 13 at 03:04 PM

RL

“ I just learned of Dave's passing today. Although I hadn't seen Dave for several years I have lots of good memories of our glory days hanging around Highland Park in Lowell, etc. He was truly one of the coolest guys I've ever met. My condolences go out to Dave's wife Colleen and his family. RIP Dave :-)

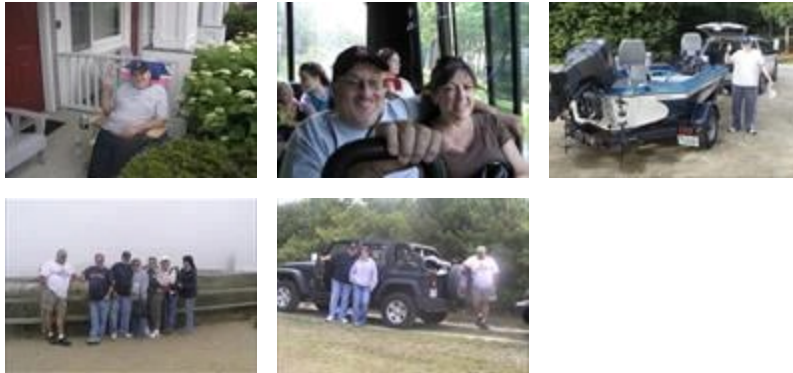
*Rich Lawrence*

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**Rich Lawrence** - February 12 at 06:44 PM

RS

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



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**Randy Sporleder** - February 12 at 09:24 AM

RS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Randy Sporleder** - February 12 at 08:58 AM

LI

*This just made me cry 😭  
Fly high my buddy, Dave*

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**Linda** - February 12 at 12:49 PM

CO

*Touched my heart.*

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**Colleen** - May 14 at 03:40 PM

KR

“ *Remember Dave well, great guy who always made people laugh. Rest in peace my friend. To his family, wife Colleen and children my condolences.*

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**Kevin Ryan** - February 11 at 06:11 PM

PS

“ *Dave was such a good friend to all of us through the years. Always taking care of anyone who needed anything. Remembering all the great times our group had at the beach on your boat, renting out the TNT compound at Newfound Lake and you taking us water skiing, Martha's Vineyard for four years. Will never forget when you volunteered to go up in the two seater plane with Bobby and then didn't want to go and Randy took your place. You were so relieved. Renting the motor bikes and you screaming COL COL and she's screaming Dave Dave all over the island!! Going up to Bar Harbor and we ate about \$500 worth of food and beer in one sitting!! You drinking your beers out of that tiny glass. So many memories with our friend. Dave we will love you forever and will never forget you, Until we meet again my friend*

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**Patti Sporleder** - February 11 at 03:51 PM

LI

*Dave had the biggest caring heart! I will always remember Dave as a loving, sweetest husband to his soul mate Colleen and such an over cautious, loving daddy to his Kelly! Dave always made you feel happy around him and we always had lots of laughs! I too will never forget our travels to Martha Vinyards and when Dave really wanted to share and ride with Bob in the two setter plane but was so nervous until his buddy Randy took his place! That day was a true testament of a loyal friendship and caring guy that Dave to his friends💙👍 We will always love you and never forget you🙏*

Linda - February 12 at 01:07 PM

IL

“ 10 files added to the album Fun



Ida Lewis - February 11 at 03:44 PM

HO

“ *Dave holding your family in a warm embrace, wishing them peace in the coming days. So many great times and wonderful memories. Shine on my friend, like the moon, and the stars and the sun.*

Holly - February 10 at 09:51 PM

KR

“ *Kathy Richard lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" Bernier*

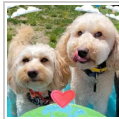


Kathy Richard - February 10 at 03:16 PM

KR

“ *Dave was a great guy, I am happy to have known him as I have, he's been in our family for over 50 years, I've known dave since we were teenagers he started going with colleen since then, he used to give us a ride to high school now and then, him and Larry were best friends always together playing their guitars, going camping or just hanging out. He loved colleen and his family so much always looking out for them. He was a good cook and we all loved his turkey soup that he made after the Thanksgiving dinners him and colleen would cook for everyone. I will miss him immensely. Love you Dave*

Kathy Richard - February 10 at 03:11 PM



*I love hearing all the stories when you guys were young! He used to always tell a good story. So dramatic and funny! He loves you guys.*

Kelley Bernier Phillips - February 10 at 05:59 PM

MB

“ *May Dave rest in peace , and my condolences to his family. Dave was a good man who will be missed. God Bless ... Sincerely , Mitch Breen*



Mitch Breen - February 10 at 11:29 AM

MV

*So sad to read this. Rest in Peace Dave, and may your family feel your loving presence when they need it most.*

**Mary Vergados** - February 10 at 11:56 AM

KD

“ *Kathy Doucette lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" Bernier*



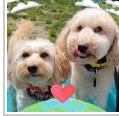
**Kathy doucette** - February 10 at 11:18 AM

MR

“ *Dave was so much more than a Brother inlaw, friend and "Uncle Dave". He would do anything in his power to help/support his friends and family. He was so special to my Girls and myself and I will miss him terribly. So many stories I can tell to show how special and caring he was. Lots of stories I can tell that I am sure would get alot of laughs and make Dave's many friends remember how special Dave is. Great cook, didn't clean up too well after though. When ever I spoke with him, he was the first to ask How I was. He fondly called me "kid". He glowingly talked about his best friend COL, special Daughter Kelley son inlaw Mark and his grandsons Mark and Jake, They were all his pride and joy and if your were ever in a down mood, listening to Dave talk about his family in such a loving way, your mood would instantly change. Dave, I'll miss you, I love you and we can both root for the Celts this year. You have a special place in my heart*

*Mike "Kid" Rogers*

**Mike Rogers** - February 10 at 08:55 AM



*He loved ya like a son Mike! He was a special man! I can't wait to root for the Celtics in honor of him! Love you!*

**Kelley Bernier Phillips** - February 10 at 05:58 PM

TG

“ *Terry Green lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" Bernier*



**Terry Green** - February 10 at 08:34 AM

IL

“ *Ida Lewis lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" Bernier*



**Ida Lewis** - February 09 at 11:26 PM

IL

*RIP Our Friend .*

**Ida Lewis** - February 11 at 02:44 PM