



David Arthur Deater

March 15, 1944 - February 22, 2026

David Arthur Deater, age 81, of Crawfordville, Florida, passed away on February 22, 2026. David was born on March 15, 1944, in Baltimore, Maryland. David later moved with his family to Opa-Locka, Florida, where he grew up and graduated from Hialeah High School. A lifelong educator, coach, and devoted sports enthusiast, he spent more than three decades serving the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. From 1967 until his retirement in 2000, he worked as a teacher, guidance counselor, and coach, touching countless lives with his encouragement, support and steady presence. After retiring, David moved to Crawfordville to be closer to his children and grandchildren. He loved playing golf, traveling, spending time outdoors, and enjoying the family cabin in North Carolina. Most of all, he cherished supporting his grandchildren in every endeavor and being present for the moments that mattered. Known for his quick wit and ability to make others laugh, David never took life for granted. His greatest accomplishment was his family. He is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Jane Deater; his daughters Alison (Scott) Bussey and Kimberly (Travis) Pelham; his grandchildren Chayton (Riley) Bussey, Caylie (Dylan) Atkins, Rhyan Pelham, Jaxon Pelham, and Cayden Bussey; and his great-grandchildren Baker Bussey and Briar Atkins. He is also survived by his sister Barbara (Charles) Hopper; his sisters-in-law Arlene Cucco and Marian (Scott) Edwards; and his nieces and nephews Diane (Lance) Williams, Jacqueline Albanese, Linda (Brian) Ageeb, Thomas Albanese and Randi (Jeremy) Massey, along with numerous great-nieces and great-nephews and caregiver Gessica. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry "Hank" Deater and Beth "June" Deater; his brother, Reynold "Butch" Deater; and his niece, Sheri Hopper.

There will not be a memorial service at this time. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his name to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund at: <https://curealz.org/giving/donate>

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Worked w/ David as a beginning teacher at North Miami Middle School from 92 to 98. He was kind, always had a smile on his face and was a gentleman. The kids loved him. He loved talking about College Football! RIP. Joe Buscemi

JOSEPH R BUSCEMI - March 04 at 01:43 PM

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“ JD & Sarabeth Jones lit a candle in memory of David Arthur Deater



JD & Sarabeth Jones - February 24 at 07:22 PM

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“ In my 52 years of working various jobs, David was the most supportive, informative, and caring co-worker I ever had. I will always treasure the moments I spent in his counselor's office joking around about life.

Clifton Hamilton - February 24 at 06:34 PM