



## David W. Lair

September 22, 1958 - February 16, 2022

David W. Lair, 63, of Orlando, passed away of natural causes peacefully at home on February 16, 2022. He was born on September 22, 1958, in Watervleit, New York, to the late Colonel Donald E. Lair and Shirley Buchanan Lair. David graduated from Winter Park High School and served honorably in the United States Army. After returning home to Orlando, he founded the Goldsmith Jewelry Shoppe and proudly provided world-class customer service for more than 40 years.

David is survived by his devoted wife, Rita Hamoui Lair, three children, David B. Lair (Martha and their sons, Aiden, Kai, Niko), Jennifer Lair Cappabianca (Peter and their sons, JoJo, Josh, Jayden, Jaxson), and Jonathan Lair; two stepsons, Johnny and Danny Awad; sister Debra White (Craig and their children, Parker and Caity); nephew Don Lair (Mindy and their sons, Wesley and Ben), and countless friends. A man of strong faith with a hearty laugh and a bigger than life personality, David was loved and admired by all who had the good fortune to know him.

He was happiest when he was with his beloved Rita and surrounded by family. David loved the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman who delighted being out in a boat or standing in a stream fishing with his family and friends. He enjoyed hunting and passionately pursued many other hobbies, including video gaming, scuba diving, and real estate investing.

A Visitation for David will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, with the Funeral Mass following at 11:00 a.m. officiated by Father Charlie Mitchell at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish, 861 Maitland Avenue, Altamonte Springs, Florida. A brief graveside service will follow at Queen of Angels Cemetery, 1901 Queen of Angels Drive in Winter Park.

The family of David W. Lair invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

# Previous Events

## Burial to follow Mass

FEB **22** (ET)

Queen of Angels Catholic Cemetery  
1901 Queen of Angels Drive  
Winter Park, FL 32792

# Tribute Wall

FR

“ David... I'll always remember your big smile and your willingness to help. We had some terrific short conversations in your Shoppe - lots of laughs. We discussed marriage quite often - how engagements never worked out for me (some good stories) and how a few marriages didn't work out for you... until Rita. In the end, you won.

You are now where we all want to be someday... in heaven with the Lord. Please say hello to my Dad and my Little Brother, Paul. You will all get along well together!

God bless you, David.

-Your friend,  
Frank R.

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**Frank Ruff** - March 25, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of David W. Lair.



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February 22, 2022 at 09:07 AM

TZ

“ My mother used to frequent David's store to get items repaired and just to visit with David. My condolences to the family and hope that you find comfort in all the good memories and time you spent together. With Sympathy, Tom Zummo

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**tom zummo** - February 21, 2022 at 11:08 PM

TP

“ We’ve known David for over 38 years. I will always remember his big smile when you walked into the Jewelry shop. When it was time for our son to buy an engagement ring for his girlfriend I told him the only place to go was to see our friend David. He will truly be missed. Prayers to his family. Steve, Terri, Chad and Sarah Parnell

Terri Parnell - February 21, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David W. Lair.



February 21, 2022 at 04:34 PM

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“ The Perfect Set Family (T.P.S) purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of David W. Lair.



The Perfect Set Family (T.P.S) - February 21, 2022 at 01:35 PM

SJ

“ I’ve known David for over 20 years and he has always been a professional, kind and friend to so many. No matter what he was doing he always came out from his busy day and greeted me with his big smile as I walked into Goldsmiths. David you were one in a million and we be truly missed, RIP with your fellow Angels my friend.

Steve Jones - February 21, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of David W. Lair.



February 21, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of David W. Lair.



February 21, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of David W. Lair.



February 21, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ *Love, His Stanley Steemer Family* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of David W. Lair.



**Love, His Stanley Steemer Family** - February 21, 2022 at 11:32 AM

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“ Northampton Men's & Mixed Tennis Teams purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of David W. Lair.



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**Northampton Men's & Mixed Tennis Teams** - February 20, 2022 at 10:20 PM

GB

“ Grandma Cele Zwicker and godmother Barb purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of David W. Lair.



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**Grandma Cele Zwicker and godmother Barb** - February 20, 2022 at 09:02 PM

EC

“ For decades I have worn a beautiful gold chain that David helped me pick out to wear with the cross of Jonathan's maternal great-grandmother (my and Julie's grandma). He blessed the Zwicker family with many golden memories through his kind care of Jon's grandma and grandpa Zwicker. And who can forget those bacon-wrapped jumbo shrimp he loved to grill! David was a generous host and loving papa. Cleansed of all worldliness and bathed in Christ's mercy, may he be welcomed home to eternal rest, at peace for eternity. God bless him and console his family.  
Ellen Zwicker Curtin and Dan Curtin

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**Ellen Curtin** - February 19, 2022 at 08:36 PM

DM

“ *David always was so pleasant and accommodating for even the smallest request.*

*He was knowledgeable and talented. Easy to gain immediate trust and respect. Proud to have known him.*

*In Sympathy,  
Doris Moss*



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**Doris Moss** - February 19, 2022 at 07:34 PM

RB

“ *Randy and Shawna Britt purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of David W. Lair.*



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**Randy and Shawna Britt** - February 19, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David W. Lair.*



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February 19, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of David W. Lair.*



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February 18, 2022 at 07:51 PM