



## David Charles Dunckle

August 13, 1943 - April 24, 2025

David Charles Dunckle, known to friends and family as “Dave” or “Uncle Dunck,” was born on August 13, 1943, in Louisville, Kentucky, to Marguerite Boundy Dunckle (later Pearce) and Charles Gorman Dunckle. He passed away on April 24, 2025, in Federal Way, Washington, at St. Francis Hospital due to complications from cancer treatment.

David grew up in Amsterdam and Tribes Hill, New York, where he attended Amsterdam High School. He played trumpet and accordion and was a member of the track team. Following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving from October 23, 1961, to August 4, 1964, and achieving the rank of E4. He trained as a field medic and served both overseas and stateside. While stationed in Chicago, he attended the University of Chicago, studying drafting and engineering.

After his discharge, he used his VA benefits to become a certified Volkswagen master mechanic, working at various VW and other automotive dealerships from 1964 to 1979. From 1979 until his retirement in 2004, he worked in real estate as a salesperson and certified commercial broker, while also doing small engine repair and musical instrument repair.

He later became a certified commercial pilot with a floatplane rating.

David is survived by his spouse of 46 years, Sharon Dunckle; their child, Michael Dunckle; granddaughter Lucia Dunckle; daughter-in-law Coreen Schnepf; and step-grandchildren Roxanne, Elizabeth, William, and Cole Schnepf. He is also survived by his children from his first marriage to Patricia

Tennity (1963–1977), Laura Dunckle (Nevada) and Lisa Dunckle Cruz; his sister Karen Boundy; sister-in-law Patty Pearce; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and brothers Gary, Jamie, and Jon Pearce.

David had a deep love for Alaska, aviation, and hands-on craftsmanship. His passions included ham radio (KL1KW, Extra class—now a silent key), flying, VW racing, dog mushing, sailing, and reading. In later years, he also took up photography and drawing. He enjoyed sharing stories from his time in the Army, flying, Alaska, and sailing in Prince William Sound. He was a lifelong learner, continually studying subjects such as history and religion, always searching for deeper understanding.

A graveside service will be held at Fairview Cemetery, Steadwell Ave. Amsterdam on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. A private family Celebration of Life will take place on April 25, 2026.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

Upper Steadwell Avenue  
Amsterdam, NY 12010

# Previous Events

## Military Graveside Service

APR 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Amsterdam, NY 12010

# Tribute Wall



“ *Laura and Lisa purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of David Charles Dunckle.*



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**Laura and Lisa** - April 24 at 07:18 PM