



David Ray Chavis

March 11, 1953 - October 19, 2023

David Ray Chavis, 70, of Vander, NC passed away on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

He was born March 11, 1953 in Cumberland County to the late Charlie and Ola Chavis.

David was the former Vander Fire District Deputy Chief where he started in June 1973. He was more than just a Chief to many people in the community. A friend, mentor, "little buddy," breakfast runner, leader, jokester and encourager are just a few of the names/qualities that he was known by.

Whether it was being command on the fire ground or in the kitchen making the salad for the Christmas dinner, he always made you feel like family and part of something bigger than just a job. He was an integral part of the growth and success of the department. Countless memories will remain forever. His legacy will live on as he will always be honored for his dedication and sacrifice to his community and fellow man. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Once retiring from the Fire Department after 48 years, he enjoyed working at NAPA Autoparts-Walker Auto and Truck. He loved spending time at Ocean Isle Beach with his wife and their many friends in the Shangrila Community. David is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Vickie Chavis of the home; son, David Chavis II and his wife, Dustin of Vander.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Tony Sabrina Bass lit a candle in memory of David Chavis*



Tony & Sabrina Bass - October 25, 2023 at 10:09 PM

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Tony & Sabrina Bass - October 25, 2023 at 10:07 PM

SH

“ *So sad to learn of this....he was a remarkable friend and shall be missed by so very many. Condolences to all his friends and family...Dick and Sharon Hood*



Sharon Hood - October 25, 2023 at 05:06 PM

JW

“ Mr. David was always a very sweet person to me. His Beautiful wife was so sweet and Little David well he took after his Mom and Dad! I've known this family for about 25 years and they have always been so kind to others and I've never heard one bad thing about them. Mrs. C and David my heart broke when I heard about Mr.C! Please if you need anything Please let us know. May all of your Special Memories help ease the pain your hearts are feeling today and days to come. We Love you All! 💜

Jr and Kim Wise - October 24, 2023 at 06:51 PM

NC

“ David has always been a blessing to the many fireman, neighbors & friends in the Vander Community. Prayers to Vicky, David and his wife and many friends. Stan & Naomi Carter



Naomi Carter - October 23, 2023 at 12:47 PM

CS

“ David and I are first cousins . I remember when Aunt Ola would come come to visit us at Holden Beach uncle Charlie would always take his sons fishing they loved it. Mama would cook us all a big dinner and then us kids would go outside and play outside the rest of the day . I loved David and family .
Rest in Peace Cuz . Randy Carolyn and family

carolyn Chavis Stout - October 23, 2023 at 09:36 AM

DG

“ David will be missed by many! When I joined Vander many years ago David was the man! He could drive the wheels off any Engine in the bay and pump and command a fire like no other! His morning talks over breakfast were the best that offered a lot of wisdom to all the firefighters young and old. David was a leader and made sure things were done and done right When he told ya to do something you always knew it was in the best interest of the community and fire department. David was also a family man that loved his wife and son! He was proud of them both. If you ever went in to his office you could tell by the pictures he had hanging up and sitting around his desk. Thank you David for giving a 19 year old punk kid a chance that's got me where I am today. I may have not ever said it but I'm grateful for you and the chances and responsibilities you gave and put on me! Rest in Peace 201!

Donnie Griffin - October 22, 2023 at 08:17 PM

SP

“ sherry pfefferle lit a candle in memory of David Chavis



sherry pfefferle - October 22, 2023 at 08:13 PM