



## David L. Gross

March 1, 1954 - September 3, 2025

David Leslie Gross, devoted husband, father, Pop Pop and friend to many, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, surrounded by his loving family in the home he built with his own hands. Born on March 1, 1954, in the Detroit area, a son of the late Dolly Marie (Goble) Wesson and Norman Leslie Gross. David cherished his early years in Michigan, where he developed a deep loyalty to his sports teams, including the Tigers, Lions, and Red Wings.

David's family moved to Delmar in his youth, and he graduated from Delmar High School with the class of '72. A talented carpenter and builder, David had a remarkable ability to build anything. His craftsmanship not only provided for his family but also created countless cherished memories within the spaces he designed. David worked many years in the construction industry for various companies, Iron Works, Duke's Lumber and Dashiell's being some of them. His fingerprints are all over many of the condos in Ocean City which he helped with during the early growth years. In his later years he worked in maintenance for the South Coastal Regional Wastewater Facility in Georgetown, where he considered his co-workers his extended family. David was a gifted and talented musician who loved playing harmonica and singing lead vocals for his Southern Rock band for many years. In his free time, he loved being outdoors, surf fishing, the beach and golf, which are passions he shared with his family. Playing softball in the church leagues was always a favorite of his. David has a huge space in his heart for all animals,

and especially his beloved dog, "Birdie," who stayed beside him until the end. David is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis Ann (Cordrey) Gross, who he married February 28, 1971; their three children, Mandy Kitchen and companion Scott of Delmar, Nikki Austin and husband Dwayne of Ocean City and Kyle Gross and wife Beth of Ellendale; step daughter, Cindy Urquhart and husband Kenneth; grandchildren Justin, Natalie and fiancé Xander, Jakob, Tyler and wife, Shelly, Amber and husband Tyler, Isaac and fiancée Avery, Sailor, Krew, Chastity and husband Jason, Kelsey and husband Dylan and Lizzy and husband Parker; great grandchildren, Colt, Cora, Drake, Riley, Emberly, Landon, Stella, Mabel and Mavis; brother, Randy Webb of Kentucky; sister, Kim Forse and husband Greg of Delmar; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Danny Gross.

A celebration of David's life will be held on Friday, September 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, where a visitation for family and friends will be held from 1:00 to 2:00. Pastor Lisa Hines will officiate.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home  
13 E Grove Street  
Delmar, DE 19940  
(302) 846-2525

## Celebration of Life

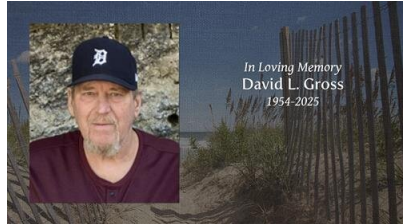
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David L. Gross*



Short Funeral Home - September 12, 2025 at 04:01 PM

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*I have alot of great memories with Dave , between fishing off the bank and with many years at Shawnee Homes . I miss you , my friend .....  
Guy Banks*

guy banks - September 15, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of David L. Gross.*



September 11, 2025 at 06:54 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Gross.*

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Gross.

September 10, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David L. Gross.



September 10, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ Phyllis my heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family💜. I can see him now bent over playing the harmonica and singing! It obviously made him happy! Your marriage was one for the books “true love” as high school sweethearts!

debi.wilkins@gmail.com - September 09, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Gross.

September 09, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David L. Gross.



September 09, 2025 at 09:56 AM

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“ David was a great guy! Condolences going out to Phyllis and all of the rest of his Family and Friends. He spent a lot of time at the Short's home growing up. David was from Michigan as well as my Mom. We all always had a fun time together growing up. David and my Brother Keith graduated together in 1972 from DHS. Rest easy our Friend. See you on the other side Brother. Love and prayers, Keith and Kay Short-Habig ♡



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**Kay Short-Habig and Keith Short** - September 08, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of David L. Gross.



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September 08, 2025 at 11:02 AM

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“ My condolences to Phyllis, her family, and friends for their loss. I learned a lot about David I never knew before. Even though he is gone too soon, he had a full life and I'm sure will be sorely missed by those who loved him. Love to all, Dana

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**Dana Schmidt** - September 07, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David L. Gross.*



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September 07, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ *Debra Benson lit a candle in memory of David Gross*



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**Debra Benson** - September 06, 2025 at 06:42 PM