



## David William Stockton

November 19, 1946 - May 4, 2026

David William Stockton, lovingly known as Dave, was born on November 19, 1946, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, to Lois (Johnson) and William James Stockton.

From the very beginning, Dave's life was rooted in family, purpose, and a quiet strength that would shape all the years to come.

He was educated in the Lebanon School District, where his natural gifts shone both on the basketball court and the football field. Dave carried that same dedication into his studies at Lincoln University, where he earned a master's degree in human services.

He later, in 2005, earned a certification from the prestigious Harvard University in strategic perspectives in nonprofit management, an achievement that reflected not only his intellect, but his lifelong commitment to uplifting others.

That commitment deepened in 1966, when Dave was drafted during the Vietnam War. He served honorably in the United States Army, stationed in Germany. Though he did not often dwell on his time in service, it remained a meaningful part of the quiet resilience and perspective he carried throughout his life.

In 1972, Dave met Christine, the woman who would become the center of his world. They married in 1975, beginning a partnership defined by enduring love, laughter, and deep, loyal companionship. Dave would often say it was love at first sight. When asked how he knew she was “the one,” he would smile warmly and say, “When she let me drive her car.”

Together, they built a home filled with love and intention, raising three daughters: Charisse Marcia, Angelique Renee, and Dionne Monique. Dave’s devotion to his family was undeniable. He loved deeply and expressed it freely, whether through his words, his steady presence, or the affectionate nicknames he gave to those he held dear. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought him immense joy, and he took great pride in being a constant, loving presence in their lives.

Professionally, Dave dedicated himself to helping others find their way forward. His work in drug and alcohol rehabilitation was more than a career; it was a calling. He served as the Dauphin County Director of Drug and Alcohol and later as Central Regional Director of Gaudenzia, where he worked from February 1988 until his retirement on November 19, 2012. Over those 24 years, Dave touched countless lives with compassion, understanding, and unwavering commitment.

Beyond his professional life, Dave was a man of wide-ranging interests and quiet passions. He was one of the few Black numismatists in the area to own and operate his own coin and collectibles shop, DIANCH, named lovingly from the first two letters of each of his daughters’ names. Through this, he built not just a business, but a community, sharing his knowledge and love of coins with anyone who showed interest.

In his leisure time, Dave found peace on the golf course and joy along the water’s edge as an avid fisherman. Summers often meant trips to Pinchot

Park with his grandchildren, where memories were made in the simplest, most meaningful ways. He loved to travel, exploring the world hand in hand with Christine and their family. Music was another of his joys, and he seemed to know every song and every artist, with a special fondness for “My Girl” by The Temptations. At home, the familiar sounds of classic TV shows like Perry Mason often filled the air, a comforting backdrop to his nighttime routine.

Those who knew Dave will also remember his unmistakable, effortless style. Most often, a Champion sweatshirt or T-shirt, Levi jeans, and his signature white Tommy Hilfiger sneakers. It was a simple, consistent look that reflected his grounded nature and quiet confidence.

Dave also believed that love lived in the small yet meaningful traditions. He passed down cherished childhood joys, like trips for Schuey’s pretzels, Wertz’s caramel corn, and other sweet treats, ensuring that even the simplest moments became lasting memories for generations to come.

On Monday, May 4, 2026, David peacefully departed this life. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lois and William Stockton, his brother, Reginald Stockton, and his granddaughter, Taylor Johnson.

Dave leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion to his beloved wife of 50 years, Christine; his daughters, Charisse, Angelique, and Dionne (Bryant); eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his cherished cousin Diddle; and a wide circle of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. All who knew him will carry forward the warmth, wisdom, and steady love that defined his life.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS, OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Flower delivery, 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 12, at Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road  
Anville, PA 17003

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church  
2447 Green Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Christine and Family, Sending Condolences during the loss of your Husband and Father.*  
*Brenda Toomey*



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**Brenda Banks Toomey** - May 12 at 10:25 AM

LM

“ *I am so sad to hear that Dave has left us. He was a wonderful man, one of a kind, and worked hard to take care of his Gaudenzia family along with his friends and family in all areas of his life. Christine and family, I am sending big hugs of love to comfort you in this time of loss. May your higher power hold you in love and peace until you are reunited again.*

*Linda Mussoline*

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**Linda Mussoline** - May 10 at 01:32 PM

KH

“ *Kim & Mike Harle purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of David William Stockton.*



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**Kim & Mike Harle** - May 09 at 05:24 PM

JH

“ *What a classy, well dressed, handsome, distinguished gentleman he was. And oh how he loved his queen, Christine. They were undeniably made for each other and they complimented each other so well. They traveled the world together and someday they will be together again. God speed Dave. We will all take care of Christine until you are reunited again. Jan Hoffman*

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**Jan Hoffman** - May 08 at 10:17 AM

BG

“ *Christine & family,  
Sharon & I extend our deepest sympathy to all of you.  
Bruce & Sharon Geary*

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**Bruce Geary** - May 08 at 08:39 AM

KH

“ *Dear Christine and Family,  
  
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Please  
accept my deepest condolences.*

*Keith C. Harden*



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**keith harden** - May 08 at 05:47 AM

DM

“ *Mrs. Christine and Family,  
I am very sorry for your loss.  
I will always hold near the precious memories  
of being under the watchful eye of Mrs.  
Christine in the nursery 😊*

*Mrs. Christine,  
May the sweet memories of your beloved husband bring peace to  
you and your family in the days ahead.  
May God bless and keep you.  
Love,  
Daniel D. Moses*



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**Daniel Moses** - May 07 at 11:11 PM