



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 transitioned from time to eternity. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lois and William Stockton, and his brother, Reginald Stockton.

Dave leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion. He is survived by 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

Upcoming 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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