



## Mr. David Hallson Colburn

February 25, 1927 - March 19, 2016

David Hallson Colburn 89, passed away peacefully March 19, 2016. David had resided at Springside Rehabilitation for the three years where he enjoyed the company of his nurse's and aides and fellow residents and families.

David was born February 25, 1927 in Pittsfield to Alwyn D. and Winifred H. Colburn. David graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1944. After graduating he joined the U.S Navy, he was stationed in Kansas and Norfolk, VA where he served as a trainer for the B 25 Belly Gunner.

After serving David returned to Pittsfield where he met and married the love of his life, Priscilla A. Silvernail. They were married January 3, 1953.

David had gained the reputation as the "Mosquito Man". He started working for Berkshire County Mosquito Control as a ditch digger and a summer hand. He was soon promoted to foreman, and on June 1, 1975 he was promoted to Superintendent. He stayed very active in the Mosquito Control arena, serving on several boards and in his retirement years served as a consultant leading seminars throughout the Northeast, and has award named after him for his service, The David H. Colburn award for outstanding service.

David was a late bloomer, while working two jobs he managed to go to college and on May 31, 1975 he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Biology from North Adams State College of which he was immensely proud.

David was an avid hunter and fisherman, and outdoorsman.

David was a member of South Congregational Church where he was an integral part of the church. He served on several boards and committees and

especially loved his role as Deacon. He took his responsibilities very seriously. He was known for his snappy bow ties and smile.

David is survived by his 3 children, David Jr and wife Salena, and their two children Christopher and Amber from Tennessee, daughter Lyla-Jean Clapper and her husband Thomas, and son Andrew of Pittsfield, and his youngest daughter Deborah Brazie and her son Nathan of Tennessee. He is also survived by his great -granddaughters Arielle and Ashlynn Bull, Presley Mathes, and Everlett Welch Brazie and several much loved nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his wife Priscilla, brother Dann Colburn, sister Violet (Lyla) Shealy, nephew Richard (Dick) Colburn and granddaughter Lynn Brazie Bull.

David's family would like to thank the staff of Springside for all the outstanding care they gave to David, he was made comfortable and enjoyed being part of the nurse's station and other residents.

FUNERAL NOTICE- A memorial service for Mr. David H. Colburn will be held Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 2PM at South Congregational Church in Pittsfield with Rev. Joel Huntington pastor, officiating. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Alzheimer's Association or Hospice of the Berkshires in care of the funeral home, 220 East St., Pittsfield, MA 01201.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

South Congregational Church  
110 South Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Tribute Wall

PB

“*Dave volunteered in the library at Conte Community School in Pittsfield for many years when I was librarian. He worked hard to try to keep our old card catalog up to date - a thankless job and a great help to me and the students and staff. Dave and I traded our shortbread made from different recipes every Christmas season. We respected each other's political differences and we enjoyed each other's company. I think of him with great fondness. My condolences to his children-*

*Prudy Barton  
Lanesborough*

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**Prudy Barton** - March 23, 2016 at 02:51 PM

LC

*Thank you for sharing your memories of Dad, I remember him volunteering at the school and his recounting his adventures in the library. He made some awesome shortbread.  
Sincerely, Daughter Lyla-Jean Clapper*

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**Lyla-Jean Clapper** - March 23, 2016 at 07:25 PM

DB

*I remember him talking about it fondly as well. He really enjoyed reading to the kids too. Thank you. Daughter Deb Brazie*

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**Deb Brazie** - March 25, 2016 at 10:16 AM

ER

“ I met Dave first in about 1970 when I moved to Northeastern. Over the years I came to look forward each year to talking with him at the NMCA meetings. He was a great guy, a big asset to the mosquito community and a truly decent person. I will miss him. My sincere condolences to the family.

*Ernest Ruber  
Mashpee*

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**Ernest Ruber** - March 22, 2016 at 07:36 PM

LC

“ Dad, I remember practicing to dance for my wedding, you wanted to teach me how to waltz. You put on one of your many albums, Waltz of course and the music started and off we started to twirl. I kept stepping on your feet and tripping over mine. We took a short break, you disappeared into the cellar and came back wearing your steel toed work boots, started the music and and off we waltzed. We spent more time laughing and giggling than actually doing any teaching. I ended up just standing on your feet and you did all the moving for us. In these last few years, I had you on my feet and helped you move through your world. It was never a chore, or duty. You are my DAD and I will love you forever. It was an honor to be able to make sure you wanted for nothing, had a few laughs, but most of to keep our memories alive. Thank you for being the best Dad a girl could ever have. I will miss you something fierce but am so grateful you have your peace and your Vodka Gibson. Thanks for being you and loving me for being me.

*Your own Suzie.  
Lyla-Jean Clapper*

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**Lyla-Jean Clapper** - March 22, 2016 at 02:00 PM

LM

“ Colburn Family.. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Linda Miles - March 22, 2016 at 02:00 PM

DB

“ Pops, you will always be with me. Your sense of humor and love of family have made me who I am. The Colburn blood runs deep in our veins and I am all the more blessed for it. I keep you and Mom in my heart. I will miss you much, but I know how much more at peace you are where you are with Mom and all your family. I will try to live my life to the fullest in honor of your memory. Love you, Dad.

Deb Brazie - March 22, 2016 at 11:25 AM

DB

“ Deb Brazie lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Hallson Colburn



Deb Brazie - March 22, 2016 at 11:20 AM

BC

“ May God hold you in the hollow of his hand. You were quite an influence in my life and I am forever grateful for you. The stories and memories abound.  
Love you Uncle Dave.

Bruce S Colburn - March 22, 2016 at 07:01 AM