



David R. Garlick

December 8, 1946 - August 17, 2025

David R. Garlick, age 78, husband of Nancy (Menninger) Garlick, of Phoenixville, PA, passed away on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at Lankenau Hospital, Wynnewood, PA after meeting cancer with grace and courage for many years. Born on December 8, 1946, in Palo Alto, CA, he was the son of the late Robert G. and Minerva R. (Daley) Garlick.

Dave was a graduate of Sonoma Valley High School in Sonoma, CA, and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in biological sciences from UC Davis. In his early years, as he often liked to say, he worked just enough to cover his golf greens fees—a passion that brought him joy throughout his life. By his mid-20s, he entered the corporate world, where he built a successful career over two decades. He later fulfilled a long-held dream of running his own business for ten years before closing his professional journey as a respected commercial real estate appraiser.

Curious by nature and deeply thoughtful, Dave was a lifelong learner who delighted in research and reading. His interest in genealogy became a years-long pursuit of tracing his family's history, a reflection of his profound love for family and heritage. Above all, his devotion to those he loved was unwavering, and time spent with them was his greatest joy.

Dave also lived out his values through service to others. While in California,

he was an active member of the Interfaith Church Community in Orange County, helping individuals move from homelessness to stable employment. After relocating to Pennsylvania, he continued this spirit of service with Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS). Beginning in 2009, he served as a board member, food rescuer, and long-time chair of the PACS Open Bowls event, while also contributing to the planning of the organization's new facility. Since 2010, he gave his leadership to the Fernleigh Homeowners' Association, where he served as President for several consecutive terms and most recently as a continuing board member and caretaker of the community.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; his sister, Mary Ann Bogart; and nieces Kristin and Allison. He was a loving great-uncle to five great-nephews and one great-niece, and a proud uncle to his wife's two nephews and niece. His life was also richly woven with the companionship of his sixteen close cousins, whom he treasured as true partners along life's path.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his memorial service at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., 610 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460 on Friday, October 24, 2025 at 11:30 AM. There will be a visitation in the funeral home from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Friday morning. Burial will take place privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to PACS by visiting www.pacsphx.org. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Memorial Service

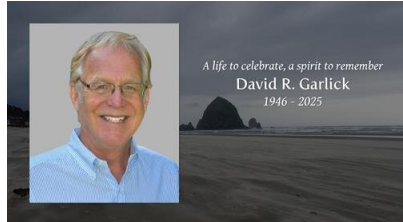
OCT **24**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David R. Garlick*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - October 23, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service Recording*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - October 28, 2025 at 08:01 PM

MW

“ *Dave and I worked closely together in California for many years. I learned so much from him. He was a good man and a great friend, always cheerful, positive and helping others. He could always be counted on. I am so lucky to have those memories.*

Mike West

Mike West - October 24, 2025 at 03:47 PM

AT

“ We are so sorry to hear about Dave’s passing. We were truly saddened and shocked by the news.

As a neighbor across the street, I will always cherish our friendship and remember the laughs we shared while chatting across the street. He was such a jovial fellow with a kind soul. I remember his charity work in the local community. Even after we moved, every time I saw his black Honda truck pass by our new house, I would think of him.

@Nancy, I realize words can’t do much right now, but please accept our most sincere condolences. You and Dave are in our thoughts and prayers!

Nivedita & Abhi Tulapurkar

Abhi Tulapurkar - October 24, 2025 at 01:50 PM

NG

Thank you so much for these very very kind words Abhi. Dave valued your friendship greatly.

Nancy Garlick - October 29, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David R. Garlick.*



October 22, 2025 at 09:17 PM

BS

“ Dave's rendition of Stan Laurel to cousin Tim's Oliver Hardy was better than the real thing!

bonnie storm - October 21, 2025 at 01:46 PM

GK

“ We remember when we got new neighbors all those years ago, and little did we realize how lucky we were at that time. Dave and Nancy proved to be the people next door we all hope for. We are greatly saddened by the loss of Dave, but Nancy knows we are here for her whenever she has need.

George & Linda Kawchak - October 04, 2025 at 09:10 AM

MJ

“ So sad too hear of Dave's passing. He was so generous & loving with his time to PACS for so many years. Always a smile on his face, always great conversations. Truly a ray of sunshine everytime I saw him.

Maria C. Jordan - September 24, 2025 at 09:27 AM

NG

Thank you so much for your comments. He did always smile when he talked about you. He felt deeply that you helped make PACS an oasis of caring for others

Nancy Garlick - October 02, 2025 at 06:37 PM

SS

“ I was so very sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I worked with Dave on the board of PACS over several years. It was clearly a passion for him. He truly was a kind and gentle soul and is already sorely missed by the staff and volunteers at PACS.

Susan Starling - September 23, 2025 at 04:57 PM

NG

Susan he put your note of thanks when he termed out of the board on his desk and looked at it often. It meant so much to him to get praise from you. I know he is hearing your words even now and holding them close in his heart as I am.

Nancy Garlick - October 02, 2025 at 06:39 PM

DT

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our company worked for Dave at your home & PACS. I never got to meet him face to face but spoke with him on the phone for many years. He was a very nice man and was always so thankful. Sending prayers to you and your family at this difficult time. Debbie / CMGC*

Debbie Tarloski - September 08, 2025 at 11:28 AM

NG

Your team was one he always knew would come through for the community he loved so much. He was proud to be associated with you. Thank you for your prayers and kind words.

Nancy Garlick - October 02, 2025 at 06:40 PM

RP

“ *I went all through High School with Dave and remember him as a very kind and gentle person. I have only seen Dave once since then at one of our Class of '65 reunions, but I have enjoyed seeing his posts on Facebook through the years. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My heart goes out to his family during this difficult time. RIP Dave. Rich Perry, Queen Creek, AZ.*

Rich Perry - August 23, 2025 at 11:56 AM

NG

He spoke of your long distance and long year friendship with great pride. If you remember his Dad, Bob Garlick, people who knew them both say he became so much like his Dad. Always kind and caring of others. Thank you for the condolences.

Nancy Garlick - October 02, 2025 at 06:42 PM

DC

“ I attended high school with Dave in Sonoma, CA. He was an elegant young man, very complete, admired by all and an all-around fine young person. Don Costello, Coos Bay, OR

Don Costello - August 22, 2025 at 07:29 PM

NG

Thank you Don for remembering him in such a kind fashion.

Nancy Garlick - October 02, 2025 at 06:43 PM

JS

“ Jeff Silva, LS Stone Masonry
Sorry for your loss Nancy, I have had the honor to be introduced to Dave back in 2007 and have had a working relationship as well through this past year.
He was a kind and gentle man and will truly be missed!

Jeff Silva - August 20, 2025 at 07:31 PM

MF

“ Dave was a special man and truly dedicated to all things he was passionate about. The entire PACS family mourns his loss. We will miss his smiling face and willingness to serve his fellow man.

Mary Fuller - August 19, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ Nancy, I'm so sorry for your loss. I had the privilege of volunteering with Dave at PACS for many years. He was such a kind and dedicated man. He touched a lot of lives, mine included, and will be missed.

Mary McGown - August 18, 2025 at 09:43 PM

NG

Thank you so much Mary. You were a favorite person to Dave. He talked about you with great admiration for how you transformed the operations and opportunities for the clients. He was very proud to call you a friend.

Nancy Garlick - August 19, 2025 at 07:07 PM

FH

“ *It was an honor to serve on the PACS board with Dave, he will be missed and remembered.*

Fred Hubler - August 18, 2025 at 07:18 PM

NG

Thank you Fred. He felt it was an honor to be on the board with you with your transformational leadership. It was one of the most amazing times in his life to be part of the PACS renaissance

Nancy Garlick - October 02, 2025 at 06:44 PM