

Celebrating the Life and Faith of
David Henry Shearer
Saturday, January 4, 2025– 11:00 AM

Prelude		
Welcome		
Call to Worship	John 14:1-3	
Hymn 102	“To God be the glory”	
Opening Prayer		
Remembrance		
Remembering David	Family Sharing & Open Sharing	
Hymn 143	“Amazing Grace”	(all verses)
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 10:19-23	
Message	“Hold on to Hope”	Pastor Grady
The Lord’s Prayer		
Unison Reading	Psalm 23	<i>back of bulletin</i>
Hymn 343	“My hope is built on nothing less”	(verses 1, 2 +5)
Benediction		
Postlude		

*Following the service, all are invited to join the family
downstairs in the fellowship hall for a light meal.*

Serving the Congregation today:
Pastor Brandon Grady, Organist Esther Kipple, AV Karl Lehman

David Henry Shearer, 80, of Stuarts Draft, Virginia,
passed away on November 5, 2024. Born on November 10, 1943, in
Hanover, Pennsylvania, David led a life rich in love, commitment, and
a passion for the great outdoors.

A dedicated civil engineer by profession, David earned his degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He accomplished impeccable work, particularly with bridges, which he regarded with adoration and pride throughout his career at PennDOT and other notable firms. His diligence and dedication to engineering were only paralleled by his humility; he was a man who preferred to observe rather than seek the spotlight.

David’s life was marked by courage as a decorated marine who served valiantly in Vietnam, where he earned a Purple Heart for his bravery. This experience forged a character of resilience and honor that he carried with him throughout his life.

David possessed a profound love for Virginia, drawn to its majestic mountains and abundant wildlife. An avid outdoorsman, he cherished time spent hunting and fishing with his brother, reveling in the serenity that nature offered.

A man of strong faith, David was raised in Black Rock Church of the Brethren in Glenville, Pennsylvania, fostering a spiritual foundation that he carried with him to Good Shepherd Church of the Nazarene in Stuarts Draft, Virginia, in more recent years.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, David was a devoted family man. He is survived by his daughter, Laura Lutz, as well as his grandchildren, Benjamin Sterner, Andrew Lutz, and Amanda Lutz. He is also survived by five great-grandchildren: siblings, Darlene Myers, Ray Shearer (Lourdes), and Lee Shearer (Lisa). David also leaves behind his first wife, Patricia Shearer; a special bonus daughter, Patricia "Dawn" Sauter; and his beloved cat, Fuzzy Bear, who was a loyal companion. He was blessed with special friends, Mark Lynch and Kathryn Lowry, who brought joy to his daily life and became more like family.

David's memory will forever remain in the hearts of his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilford and Luella Shearer; wife, Anna Shearer; daughter, Robin Shearer; and his brother Noah "Peanut" Shearer. His life serves as a testament to the values he cherished: dedication, family, and a deep appreciation for the world around him.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,

He leadeth me beside the still waters,

He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou annointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

David Henry Shearer

Nov. 10, 1943 – Nov. 5, 2024



*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,
for he who promised is faithful.*

Hebrews 10:23