



David A. Relles

February 5, 1937 - May 4, 2025

David A. Relles, 88, of Earlysville Virginia passed away on May 4, 2025 at the home of his daughter, Elinor Tappé and her partner Matthew McGinn.

David was born on February 5, 1937, in Trenton, New Jersey to Leonard and Ruth Relles.

David was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Lynne Gatta Relles, and is survived by their daughter Elinor Tappé and grandchildren David Corbin and Ovi Tappé. He is also survived by his daughter Cheryl Givner and son Eliot Relles (wife Amelia Relles) from his former marriage to Roslyn Rolan, and their grandchildren Dylan Givner, Liana Givner, Samantha Relles and Blake Relles. He is also survived by his sisters Donna Rosenthal and Eileen Becker, and sister-in-law Lee Gatta Reddick (husband Joe Reddick), and brother-in-law Frank Gatta (wife Tracie).

After graduating from Lehigh University, David went to work for Central Paper Company in Trenton, NJ, where he was President for several decades. He also joined the Air National Guard where he served six years as a staff sergeant. In later years, David created Pickquick Papers, a chain of nine paper stores throughout New Jersey - rebranded and called The Paper Superstore.

As a master carpenter, David loved to remodel homes and make unique, high-quality furniture. He was also a member of the Nassau Club in Princeton and the Deal Golf and Country Club in Deal, New Jersey.

A viewing will take place at Bongarzone Funeral Home in Tinton Falls on Wednesday May 7, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.. The burial is for immediate family only.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital, Cancer Care Fund at www.mjhfoundation.org.

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks the Oncology Center at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital and Hospice of the Piedmont in Charlottesville, VA.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Tribute Wall

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“ My father, Ed Krupa (RIP) was a good friend and business associate with Dave. I, Alan Krupa, knew Dave from my early days working at Parker Printing (Trenton NJ). Dave, my father and I were fortunate enough to have lunch at my dad's house not long before my father passed. Those two guys were so much fun to listen to talking about the old printing/paper stories, I will never forget it. The last few years working/dealing with Dave has been a pleasure. He was a great man and I will miss him. My condolences. Alan Krupa.



alan Krupa - May 08, 2025 at 10:04 PM

CL

“ Dave , a good person, and a good friend of many years, is in our prayers. We enjoyed many good times with David and Lynne. God bless them and their family. Love,Nickie and Cliff Lazzaro.

Cliff Lazzaro,MD - May 08, 2025 at 02:49 PM

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“ Suzanne Tharaldsen lit a candle in memory of David A. Relles



Suzanne Tharaldsen - May 06, 2025 at 02:13 PM

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“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of David A. Relles*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - May 04, 2025 at 09:36 PM

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"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unheard but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear."

Wishing comfort and our heartfelt condolences to all of David's family, loved ones and friends. May he rest in eternal peace.

*With love,
Suzanne Tharaldsen and Family*

Suzanne Tharaldsen - May 06, 2025 at 02:13 PM

EA

Sincere condolences to David's family and friends, I worked for Central Paper Company in Ewing , NJ for 21 years under his Dad's leadership and than David's. May he rest in eternal peace.

EuniceGAdams

E G Adams - July 24, 2025 at 08:47 AM

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I just learned of Davids passing I worked for him and his Dad at Central. It was my first job, I had just graduated from high school in 1971 and I was there until 1975. It was the best 1st job and the people were great. My deepest condolences to his family

Noreen Devlin

Noreen Devlin - February 21 at 02:15 PM