



## David Mark Polanco

March 18, 1962 - April 10, 2023

David Mark Polanco, 61, of Bloomfield, passed away on Monday, April 10, 2023 at his residence.

Born March 18, 1962 in Cavite City, Philippines, he was the son of Ernesto and Velma Lucille (Hubbard) Polanco.

David was retired from the United States Navy and later worked and retired from NSWC Crane. He served in Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom. He was a member of ABATE of Indiana, Crane VFW, Bloomfield American Legion Post 196, Fleet Reserve of Jacksonville, Florida and his beloved UNO MAS family.

Surviving relatives include: his wife, Debra (Woods) Polanco, whom he married July 25, 1981; two daughters, Jordan LaNae' Griffin and Kayla Rae Polanco both of Bloomfield; one grandson, Brooks Davis Hayworth of Bloomfield; one brother, Scott Airhart (T.J.) of Colorado Springs, Colorado; a sister, Lisa (Polanco) Bowman (Kevin) of Marion, Arkansas; his parents, Ernesto and Velma (Hubbard) Polanco of Millington, Tennessee; his mother-in-law, Polly (May) Dogan of Grenada, Mississippi; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents, his

father-in-law, Jimmy Raye Woods, as well as his best friends Ed “Papi” Tilley and Kenny “Jambo” Frashier.

There will be a memorial service conducted at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Sunday at the funeral home.

A Celebration of Life will then take place at 4:00 pm at the Bloomfield American Legion Post 196.

The family asks that all memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society in David’s name.

Online condolences to the family are available at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 16. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield  
421 South Seminary Street  
Bloomfield, IN 47424  
(812) 384-4212  
info@jenkinsfuneralhomes.com  
<https://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com/>

## Memorial Service

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## Celebration of Life

APR 16. 4:00 PM (ET)

Bloomfield American Legion Post 196  
125 S. Washington Street  
Bloomfield, IN 47424

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Debra,  
Please accept my most sincere condolences. I just discovered this by pure accident while checking on another AW. Please know that I enjoyed Dave and your hospitality on those times our lives intersected and I'm now saddened by your loss. Rest assure that we will all meet again someday! Devo

David DeVarney - May 30, 2023 at 07:17 PM

MN

“ Debra and Family,  
  
I am so sorry for the loss of a great warrior who inspired me in many ways throughout my naval career. Awesome Viking SENSO!

Mark Noonan - April 16, 2023 at 06:42 PM

DD

“ I worked with Dave at Crane in the Sonobuoy Group. He was in a different section but we worked and traveled together some. Dave was a fun guy and he will be missed. Prayers for his family and friends.



Doug Divine - April 16, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ Memorial Honor Blanket was purchased for the family of David Mark Polanco.



April 16, 2023 at 10:34 AM

GW

“ 1 file added to the album David Polanco



George Wolf - April 15, 2023 at 10:03 PM

MT

“ My deep condolences to you, Debra, and to Jordan and Kayla...I am in a bit of shock, really.  
David gave me a wine flask he had brought back from Italy as a token of friendship after I opened my old restaurant in Bloomfield and I still have it. He was always nice to me!  
Being a stranger in a small town is challenging, but David was one who reached out to me with kindness and that touched my heart.  
Obviously he was loved by many and will be deeply missed.  
I would pay my respect to David in person were I still in Indiana.  
Here's to you, Dave.



Mark Turner - April 15, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Mark Polanco.



April 15, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Mark Polanco.*



April 14, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *What can I say? To know David was to love David, it was impossible not to - he was so full of life and the strongest man I ever knew. His love and devotion for his family and his friends was beyond description. My love, thoughts and prayers for his family. We love you!*



**Vivian & Corey Slavings** - April 14, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Danny/Delma Alvarez family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Mark Polanco.*



**Danny/Delma Alvarez family.** - April 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Mark Polanco.*



April 14, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Mark Polanco.*



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April 14, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *Debra, I'm so sorry for your loss. I cherish the memories of the parties you hosted at your house in Jax. You all took me in and made me part of the family.*

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**Jeff Hinson** - April 14, 2023 at 06:39 AM



“ *Carolyn Dillman lit a candle in memory of David Polanco*



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**Carolyn Dillman** - April 13, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *Debra- My heartfelt condolences to you and rest of family. You and Dave were sick good friends of Don's. I think of you and him often. The trip to Tenn and the canned pickles. Also Don was 61 and cancer victim. Rest in Peace Dave!*

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**Nancy Brinson** - April 13, 2023 at 12:31 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Mark Polanco.*



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April 13, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Sincerely, Jeanne Hill / Beth Liles purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Mark Polanco.*



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**Sincerely, Jeanne Hill / Beth Liles** - April 13, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear this news. Dave and I worked closely for many, many years and I always counted him as a friend. He will be sorely missed, but our memories of who Dave was will always be a bright spot for me.*

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**Chris Beam** - April 13, 2023 at 08:28 AM



“ *Debra, my heart goes out to you. This is way too early. I have fond memories of our time at Crane. 😭*

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**Billy Wenb** - April 12, 2023 at 09:29 PM

LM

“ Love-Denise, Ginine, and Ernest Marcurio purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of David Mark Polanco.



Love-Denise, Ginine, and Ernest Marcurio - April 12, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of David Mark Polanco.



April 12, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Mark Polanco.



April 12, 2023 at 05:15 PM

MO

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Morgan - April 12, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of David Mark Polanco.*



April 12, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of David Mark Polanco.*



April 12, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ *Condolences to Debra, Jordan & Kayla and the rest of the family. RiP David.*

*John & Barbara Mensch*

**Barbara Mensch** - April 12, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ *Dave's Friends at Small Arms purchased the Enc hanted Cottage for the family of David Mark Polanco.*



**Dave's Friends at Small Arms** - April 12, 2023 at 02:27 PM

BW

“ Bruce W.Sanneman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Mark Polanco.



Bruce W.Sanneman - April 12, 2023 at 02:24 PM

BF

“ Bruce Sanneman & Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of David Mark Polanco.



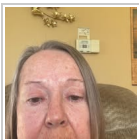
Bruce Sanneman & Family - April 12, 2023 at 02:20 PM



“ Memories 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of David Mark Polanco.



April 12, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ Anna Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of David Polanco



Anna Mitchell - April 12, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Mark Polanco.*



April 12, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Debra and family. Our sincere condolences. Our prayers and thoughts are with each one of you. May David's soul rest in peace. Amen.*



Betty Rodriguez- David's aunt - April 12, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *3 files added to the album David Polanco*



Morgan - April 12, 2023 at 12:15 PM



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Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - April 12, 2023 at 11:07 AM

PA

*Paul Swire*

*My condolences to Dave's Family and friends I have spoken with Dave for years although we never met we had a great workingrelationship. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family*

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**Paul** - April 13, 2023 at 08:23 PM