



David Benjamin Boomer

March 14, 2020

David Benjamin Boomer, 76, passed away Saturday, March 14, 2020, surrounded by family and friends that he loved. Dave was grateful for his second chance at life following a lung transplant in December 2018. He met each health challenge with courage, persistence, and his wry sense of humor.

Dave's family, wife, Linda Balch Boomer of 55 years, daughters, Tracy Boomer Cutler and Sara Boomer, their spouses, Andy Cutler and John Jensen, grandchildren: Ben Cutler, Anna Cutler, Khalia Jensen-Boomer, Logan Jensen-Boomer, Chloe Jensen, Ivan Jensen, and Giselle Jensen loved him dearly and he them. Dave's wisdom, kindness, and strength were a living example for others and will be greatly missed.

Born in Arlington, Virginia, he grew up with his parents Michael and Fannie Boomer, and brother Mike. His youth included learning from his grandfather in Swan Quarter, N.C. the skills of blacksmithing, shooting rattlesnakes, driving a buckboard wagon pulled by mules. These, and many other adventures, inspired Dave's entertaining storytelling.

Dave had a gift for connecting with people of all ages and made an impact not only on his peers but on the friends and families of his children and grandchildren. He embodied a life that was clear in purpose, accepting in spirit, and generous in love.

Dave appreciated the many opportunities he had and mentors he respected at Armstrong World Industries, where he worked for 36 years, retiring as a Vice President of Manufacturing Technical Support in 2003. After retirement, Dave enjoyed woodworking, golf, tennis and fly fishing. He and Linda cherished time with friends and family at the Chesapeake Bay.

Dave was a member of the Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He also served on the St. Helen's School Board in St. Helen's Oregon in the 1990s.

His family especially thanks his Penn Lung Transplant team at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital for their expertise and care.

A Celebration of Life to honor Dave will begin online. Join us in sharing memories by going to this link: tinyurl.com/DaveBoomer Then click "Join." A larger gathering time may be set at a later date.

If you wish to send a memorial, please consider The Clyde F. Barker Transplant House at the University of Pennsylvania, Trout Unlimited, Donegal Chapter, or The Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Please omit flowers.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Dear Linda, Tracy, Sarah, Andy, Ben and Anna,

This is with a lot of sadness that we heard about the leave of Dave.

Despite years, we can only keep in mind his tremendous sensitivity towards all people who had the privilege to meet or work with him. He was respectful, open to diversity, knowledgeable and generous, whether as a friend or as a boss. Our family remembers him and Linda's great hospitality when we came over to Lancaster for few years.

There are so many souvenirs when you were in Europe or in the US later. All of them are made of joy, friendship, good things in life...

*His humanity and constant smile to life will stay in our hearts, as an heritage
Merci Dave !*

Florence, André, Baptiste et Clément Boisier

Andre Boisier - April 13, 2020 at 12:48 PM

JS

“ Judy Sherlock Shadley lit a candle in memory of David Benjamin Boomer



Judy Sherlock Shadley - April 03, 2020 at 02:41 PM

AN

“ Andrew N. purchased a sympathy card for the family of David Benjamin Boomer.



Andrew N. - March 28, 2020 at 04:16 PM

AN

“ Dave was one of the finest men I worked with at Armstrong. He always had a positive approach to everything and a ready smile. I know his family will miss him, but everyone who knew Dave is saddened by his death. My condolences to Linda and the family.
Andy Newton

Andrew Newton - March 28, 2020 at 04:04 PM

TC

“ Barb and I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Linda and the entire family on Dave's passing. I new Dave for many years working at Armstrong and was delighted when Dave and Linda moved into The Arbors. May God's grace be with you and all his friends as we mourn our loss. - Barb and Tom Clingan

Tom Clingan - March 26, 2020 at 09:31 AM

CW

“ So sad for Dave's passing. He was a great leader, as I spent several years reporting directly to him in engineering at Armstrong. He made work enjoyable. His personality was always positive and guided as a coach.

Clyde wissler - March 25, 2020 at 12:41 PM

RF

“ *The Pastor & People of Wayside Presbyterian Church in Landisville extend our condolences to the Boomer and Cutler families. David was a delight, always smiling, complimentary, encouraging. He was a free and creative spirit , and he leaves an extended family that continues to bless this world. Shalom!*

Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz - March 24, 2020 at 10:13 AM

RL

“ *Dave was an original great person and friend to me. We had many good laughs together and I will miss his humor and company very much. He had many friends at Armstrong and his ‘stories’ were second to none. I will miss him!*

Richard Lentine

Richard Lentine - March 24, 2020 at 08:55 AM

DE

“ *My condolences to the Boomer family - I always enjoyed a shout-out from Dave sitting on his porch as I walked by with my dogs. Crystal Beach is a bit sadder without him.*

Dee Emsley

Dee Emsley - March 23, 2020 at 04:23 PM

EJ

“ My most heartfelt condolences go out to Linda, Tracy, Andy, Sara and John.

Dave, will always be remembered as one of the truly 'good guys'. We had many shared laughs in retirement together especially either at or during our Friday morning breakfasts (which we solved the world's ills, or at times roasting those that needed be to roasted, and that list was plenty long); or on the golf courses (many times looking for errant shots in the woods, usually mine and not Dave's) and later on playing cards (as he was the Sargent-in-arms making sure the rules of the game were honored, even though we were less honorable and always testing those rules).

I will miss him!

Gene Shawaryn

Eugene Timothy Shawaryn, Jr - March 23, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JS

“ We were shocked and saddened to hear of Dave's passing. Our thoughts are with Linda, Tracy, Sara, Andy, John and the grandchildren. We recall first learning of "quality family time" from them. Dave was always fun to be around. His sense of humor was priceless. One of my (Jack) best fishing days ever was with Dave on the Chesapeake. Here he is with a great catch. We'll sorely miss you Dave.

Jack & Kathie Sampson



Jack & Kathie Sampson - March 20, 2020 at 11:22 AM

MK

“ We were so sorry to hear about Dave's death. Our sincere sympathy to Linda, Tracey, Sara and the rest of the family. George always thought he was a great guy and we both enjoyed our travels with him when we were in Europe. Sorry our paths didn't cross more often after our retirement years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now.

George and Martha Koontz

martha koontz - March 19, 2020 at 11:21 AM

BS

“ Dave was my first boss, after I graduated from college, and started working at the Armstrong Ceiling plant in Marietta, PA. He remains my favorite supervisor in my 42 year career, including 16 years at Armstrong. I will always remember how he used to call "Schuck, get in here" every time someone called about a job somewhere. He had a great sense of humor, and positive attitude all the time. Sad to hear he has passed.

-Bill Schuck

Bill schuck - March 18, 2020 at 03:17 PM

BW

“ Dear Linda and Family,

Just heard of Dave' passing. It has been many years since we have seen you and your family but you have always been so special to our family and the memories of long ago. We grieve with you and know that a very special person is no longer here. Although God will sure have a wonderful soul.

Keep the Faith, we are so saddened about this and want to send our deepest sympathy.

Bob and Barb Wash

Bob Wash, Barbara Wash - March 18, 2020 at 12:37 PM

DF

“*Dave's many stories will live on. I loved to hear him laugh as he told one after another. David could get serious too, but not for too long. A warm smile and a twinkle in his eye. A very special man indeed.*
Dan Farmer

Dan Farmer - March 18, 2020 at 10:27 AM

TM

“*The Boomer Family -*

Laurie and I are very sorry to hear of your loss. We have very fond memories of Dave, both inside and occasionally outside of work. At work, he was a leader you wished to emulate. We will miss his smile!

Tom and Laurie Martin

Tom Martin - March 18, 2020 at 10:20 AM

TB

“*With Dave's passing we lost way more than a friend and colleague - we lost a great smile, a joyful laugh, and folksy stories that warmed the heart. Dave's work here is done ... and we are better for it. RIP my friend.*

Tom Burgum

Tom Burgum - March 18, 2020 at 07:31 AM