



David "Dave" Henry Batts II

April 18, 1945 - May 3, 2026

David Henry Batts "Dave", age 81, entered into rest on Sunday evening, May 3, 2026, in Jacksonville, FL. Dave was born in Moultrie, Georgia and was a longtime resident of Monticello, Florida.

Dave was a Marine. He served his country for many years as well as serving during the Vietnam War. By vocation, Dave was an Engineer. He worked for the State of Florida Department of Management Services and Facilities, then for Southland Contracting. After which time, he became a private consultant and Structural Engineer, working out of his home office in Monticello, FL.

Dave and Jinnie faithfully attended Christ Episcopal Church, after retiring he moved to Jacksonville to be closer to his daughter Maggie and his twin grandsons. He found great joy in transporting them to and from school, hosting the extended family and friends in his home for gatherings and sharing special time camping, traveling, and going to ball games. When in Monticello, Dave and Jinnie were active Krewe members of The War & Reconstruction Krewe in Springtime Tallahassee, where he served as Krewe Chief. Dave and his wife Jinnie were avid Florida Gator football fans! He had four season tickets and two parking spaces for the Florida –Georgia game every year and didn't miss a game, if he could help it. He loved sharing the Gator games with his family and friends.

Dave is preceded in death by his parents David and Margaret and his first wife Sandra and second wife Jinnie. Survivors include his daughter Maggie Batts Granger and his two treasured grandsons, Bradley and David Granger of Jacksonville, FL, as well as his brother Steve and sister Molly. Dave leaves behind many trusted friends and family that will miss his smile.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday May 23, 2026, at 11 AM at the Chapel in The Bevis Funeral Home on 200 John Knox Road Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall

OZ

“*Dave and I were close pals when we grew up in Doerun. He and I would run all over the place in the summers. One summer we decided to go down to the river, which was about two miles up the highway. We have a good time fishing and swimming. I was living with Papa and Grandma Batts that summer and Dave was living at his home. I thought no more about the river until the next day I was eating dinner, and Papa waited until we were almost finished, and he said, "Mary Lou, I hear little Dave went all the way down to the river without any grownups." And of course my ears pricked right up because I'd been with little Dave, and I knew Papa knew I'd been with little Dave. Grandma allowed that going down to the river was not a good thing for boys so young. Finally, Papa looked down at me and said, "You won't be goin' down to the river, will ya, Owen?"*

"No sir, I won't."

"Okay," he said, "I'm goin' out to feed the chickens."

Of course Papa knew I was with Dave, but I've always appreciated how he made his point that way.

Dave was a real good friend, and I treasure my memories of him. We lost contact with each other when our fathers were transferred here and yon with the Air Force, and I only saw Dave a few times after that, but I admired what he made of his life. He was a squad leader in Vietnam, came home, got his education, ran his own engineering business and earned a good living. He was a good Christian man who loved his family, struggled through the painful loss of two faithful wives and kept going. I thought he always did his best. I think Uncle David and Aunt Margaret would be proud of how he lived his life.

Owen Zuro - May 28 at 03:19 PM

LB

“ My most favorite memories are when we'd all gather at Grandmother and Pop's house for holidays. Uncle Dave was a huge part of my life and I am so grateful to spend time with him growing up.

Lauren Barnes - May 21 at 08:47 PM

CM

“ Maggie, Molly and Steve and the entire family. Dave was such a fun and kind man who loved deeply. Maggie and those precious boys made him so proud. He will be missed greatly. Love to you all! ❤️

Carol Monroe - May 20 at 07:37 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David "Dave" Henry Batts II.



May 20 at 07:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David "Dave" Henry Batts II.

May 20 at 07:34 PM

MG

“ He was such a good big brother, an amazing husband and father, a devoted and much loved "Pop" to his twin grandsons, a courageous young Marine and Vietnam war veteran, a loyal Gator fan (his only fault 😞), and his family and friends will ALL miss him so very much. WE will ALWAYS love you, Dave. 💖

Molly Batts Graham - May 20 at 06:55 PM

DB

“ Donna and Steve Batts purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David "Dave" Henry Batts II.



Donna and Steve Batts - May 19 at 03:50 PM