



David Paul Bianchi

April 11, 1943 - January 13, 2022

On Thursday, January 13, 2022, David Paul Bianchi, beloved father, grandfather, brother, and “unc”, passed away at the age of 78. David was born on April 11, 1943 in Peoria, Illinois to Otello and Lillian Bianchi. He moved to Longboat Key, Florida in 1958 when he was 14-years-old. He became interested in serving his community and gained local recognition by becoming the youngest volunteer fireman on Longboat Key. He was still 14-years-old when he tended brush fires along with older more experienced men. He graduated from Manatee High school in 1961 and briefly attended Manatee Junior College (now known as State College of Florida) before enlisting in the United States Navy in 1962. He was attached to an Anti-Submarine Warfare Squadron in Quonset Point, Rhode Island, known as the VS-34 and toured aboard the USS Essex. David married his first wife, Anne Marie Behrens in 1964 and they lived on base in Rhode Island for the remainder of his Navy career.

In 1966 they moved back to Longboat Key and David resumed volunteering as a fireman. In 1968 they welcomed the birth of their first daughter, Elizabeth Anne Bianchi Nilsen into the world, and in 1969, their second daughter, Michelle Marie Bianchi. In the '70s, while David was serving as the last Volunteer Fire Chief for Longboat Key, he joined the Manatee City Health Department and became the founder of the Longboat Key Rescue Squad. In January 1977, as a full-time member of the Longboat Key Fire Department, he

was the first among his associates to complete the Emergency Medical Technician course, and be a member of the highly skilled rescue squad that ultimately reduced the death rate (due to heart attacks) on the Key.

In 1979 he met and married his second wife, Cheryl Wilson, and welcomed his third daughter, Alicia Elaine Bianchi Watts into the world in 1981 and then his fourth daughter, Lauren Elaine Bianchi in 1990.

David has worn many hats during his lifetime: Navy seaman, fireman, paramedic, entrepreneur, consultant, real estate and mortgage manager and restaurant owner. At the age of 58 he joined his nephew in the insurance adjuster industry and remained in that field until his retirement.

David was preceded in death by both parents, Otello and Lillian Bianchi, and his grandson, Tanner Nilsen. He is survived by his sister, Elaine Rosier, his four daughters, Elizabeth Bianchi Nilsen (spouse: Brendan Richard), Michelle Marie Bianchi, Alicia Bianchi Watts (spouse: Anthony Watts), and Lauren Elaine Bianchi, his grandchildren, Thomas Nilsen, Hope Nilsen, Andrew Interrial (fiancé: Lauren Davis), Austin Interrial (spouse: Karli Interrial), Alivia Watts, Aidan Watts, and Norah Murray, and his great-grandson Arthur Jackson Interrial, expected to arrive in late February 2022. David will also be greatly missed by his loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Visitation and Service will be held at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 N. Orange Ave, Sarasota, Florida 34236 at on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 10:00AM and 11:00AM respectively.

A Military Burial will follow at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Rd. 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241 at 1:00PM.

An "Italian" reception will be held at 3:00PM at the home of a family member.

Location will be disclosed the day of the service.

The family is requesting that attendees wear red since it was David's favorite color.

For those unable to attend, the service will be live streamed via the following link: <http://vimeo.com/event/1763711>

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to Tidewell Hospice in honor of David Paul Bianchi via their website: www.tidewellhospice.org or by mailing a check to: Tidewell Hospice 5955 Rand Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34238.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel
40 N. Orange Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 955-4171
info@toalebrothers.com
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

Military Service

JAN **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 922-7200

Tribute Wall



“ *Our sincere condolences to family, classmates, and friends of our Manatee High School Class of 1961 Alumnus. Our gratitude for his service to our Country and Community.*

Manatee High School Alumni Association

Manatee Alumni Association - February 15, 2022 at 06:36 AM

RP

“ *Randy P purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Paul Bianchi.*



Randy P - January 24, 2022 at 11:14 AM

RP

“ *Dave was a very good friend and fellow adjuster with me for over 28 years along with, Nick, Steve and the other family members i know. We had so many good times. We both could set and talk about the experiences for hours but I recall one in particular and he will remember it very well. We were at Joes Italian Restaurant and they were having karaoke night [Monday] and we decided we would give it a try together. He picked the song and i never heard of it. We did it and laughed and really enjoyed it even though it may not have been our best, but we talked about it for years. My good friend is now probbaly looking down and seeing that I may have misspelled a word or two and not so good grammar but he will say he is used to it from me.*

Dave [UNC] Love you ,miss you Randy [Sinker] . See you later Say hello to your friend and my brother Danny.

Randy Pierce - January 24, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of David Paul Bianchi.*



January 20, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of David Paul Bianchi.*



January 19, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all Dave touched each of us in a special way. How lucky I feel to have known this man. Rest well my friend.*

Angi - January 19, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ *A person is blessed to have one Best Friend for life. I've been blessed to have a few. Unc, was the BEST OF THE BEST of friends to me. He was more than an uncle and I know he will always be by my side.*

Nick - January 19, 2022 at 08:10 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Paul Bianchi.*



January 18, 2022 at 09:50 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David Paul Bianchi.*



January 18, 2022 at 09:42 PM



“ *He was my FUIL ❤️ (Favorite uncle in law). We joked about this every day. He was our best man at our wedding and our best friend in life. He will be missed. Much love always. FUIL 💔💔*

pam ierulli - January 18, 2022 at 08:01 PM



“ *He waited under the old oak tree at MHS every morning for me and I know he will be waiting in Heaven for me too. Always happy, always welcoming, always my friend.*

Sherry - January 18, 2022 at 02:47 PM

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“ *May you bask in heaven as you watch and visit your girls , enjoying the view while shining lite..... I can't wait to get to heaven. Feels better there than here doesn't it?
And you did good papa, you did real good raising your girls. They loved you*

irene - January 18, 2022 at 11:30 AM