



## David William Bick

June 17, 1956 - March 12, 2019

David William Bick, 62, of Lakeland, Florida formerly of Scottville, died Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at AdventHealth Hospital in Tampa, Florida following a long illness. Dave was born on June 17, 1956 in Huntington, West Virginia, the son of Ronald and Elizabeth Ann Bick. He graduated from Portage Northern High School in 1975. After graduation, Dave served his country with the United States Marine Corps. Dave was a Marine to the end. He thoroughly enjoyed his time in the Corp. He would proudly tell others he visited 17 countries while serving.

Following his discharge from service, he returned to Mason County and attended West Shore Community College graduating in 1983 with an Associate of Applied Arts and Sciences Degree in the field of Electronics Technology. He married Esther Castillo of Scottville who preceded him in death on January 1, 2000. Dave was also preceded in death by his mother Ann and his brother Steve Bick.

Dave loved to skydive. He turned his passion into a career working as an Accelerated Freefall instructor, camera man, professional demo jumper and a master parachute rigger. He was a member of the United States Parachute Association. Dave logged over 5000 skydives in his career and also did base jumping. He worked in dropzones all over the State of Michigan as well as other states especially at Skydive City in Zephyrhills, Florida, where he and

Esther, also a jumper, lived several years during the winters. He also was a drop zone manager at Skydive Hastings and at Grant, MI. He moved near his parents in Florida in 2007, where he continued to skydive and ride his motorcycles. In his later years, he learned to love gardening. He especially loved buying pineapples, eating them and planting the tops to grow more pineapples. He has a total of 39 pineapples growing around the home he shared with his friend Alexa Matthews. He was rewarded with 6 of his home grown pineapples last year. Dave also enjoyed grilling, photography, watching NASCAR and FOX News, fixing cars, going to garage sales and the couple's two Shihu Tzus, Jake and especially Abby, who as he became progressively more ill, was his constant companion.

David worked a number of different jobs besides teaching skydiving. He worked installing cable TV, security systems, and construction. He could fix anything from plumbing to remodeling an entire home.

Dave will be greatly missed by his daughter Amanda Bick of Indianapolis, IN, Step Daughter, Brianna Taylor, Grand Haven, MI, his father Ronald Bick and brother Todd Bick both of Lakeland, FL, and his sister Tonya Grigsby and husband Donner of Williamsburg, VA. He is also survived by his Aunt Sandy and Uncle Fred Shoppe of Chesapeake, Ohio, mother and father-in law, Alice and Raymond Castillo, four brother-in-laws, Ray and Ed Castillo of Scottville and Jerry and Rick Castillo of Grand Rapids, many nieces and nephews and his 3 Shoppe cousins. Also surviving is his best friend that he considered his brother, Jeff Johnson of Scottville.

Friends are invited to gather with his family to celebrate his life on Saturday, March 16 from 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services in Scottville. Those who wish to remember Dave with a memorial donation are asked to consider The National Coalition For Homeless Veterans (NCHV) or other Veterans organization of your choice.



# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends

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

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services  
305 East State Street  
Scottville, MI 49454

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Oh, Dave. It is so sad it took so long for me to track you down only to find you are gone. I was surprised to find you spent so much time in the Marines and you kept up with the skydiving we barely started in 1977 at the CEMF grass strip South of Jacksonville, NC. We had a lot of fun times running around in your Mustang Fastback. I always wondered what happened to you after you were transferred away to another unit, but I am extremely happy to see what you did. RIP and Semper Fi old friend.

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**Daniel Henshaw** - June 15, 2023 at 12:11 PM

TS

“ Scott and I are so glad to have become friends with Dave and Alexa since we relocated to Florida. We had many fun times such as having dinner together, going to sales, playing games, and even watching Dave crawling through my window when I locked myself out of the house! Thank you for those memories Dave.  
Scott & Tammy Smythe

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**Tamara Smythe** - March 16, 2019 at 08:59 AM

LB

“ Dave was one genuine kind soul. Worked with Dave for many years and he could always make you laugh with his jokes and off the cuff comments. So grateful I got to see him last summer and hang out for bit. The Bicker will surely be missed. My wife and I would like to send out condolences to all his Family and Friends that loved him so much. Rest In Heaven our Friend!

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**Larry Bartz** - March 15, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David William Bick.



March 15, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of David William Bick.



March 15, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David William Bick.



March 15, 2019 at 02:45 PM



“ Ray & Alice Castillo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David William Bick.



Ray & Alice Castillo - March 15, 2019 at 11:23 AM

BD

“*Dave was a good man! We always got along well, and as his daughter's step dad I never felt any unfriendliness from or for him. I admired his ability to fix, customize, or build just about anything, and his boundless energy and strength! He was solid as a rock! Stories of skydiving and adventures, and discussions of how things work, were always entertaining, and his hospitality was never withheld.*

*Dave did a great job of raising Amanda, always, and especially after Esther died. He was a hard working and dependable support, and she has grown into a fine lady.*

*He will be missed!*

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**Brian DuBridge** - March 15, 2019 at 12:58 AM

MT

*Love you Dave. Wished Denis and I could have seen you again. God bless and rest in peace our dear friend. Amanda and Jerry we're so sorry for your loss. God bless the Bick and Castillo families.*

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**Marie and Denis Thede** - March 15, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David William Bick.*



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March 14, 2019 at 04:45 PM

TA

“ *Dave was a great prankster at family gatherings always recruiting the kids to play pranks on each other mostly putting things like gravy and m&ms in cans of pop I think it was mostly Amanda's pop lol . He was so much fun.*

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**Tammy** - March 14, 2019 at 02:20 PM