



David Dempsey

September 28, 1948 - May 8, 2026

David Rush Dempsey, 77, of Delbarton, West Virginia, went home to be with the Lord on May 8, 2026, while a patient at Pikeville Medical Center in Pikeville, Kentucky. Born on September 28, 1948, at Lenore, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Rush and Otsie Epperhart Dempsey.

David was a devoted member of Little Dove United Baptist Church and proudly served his country in the United States Navy. In his retirement years, he found great joy in camping and fishing and was well known for his ability to fix nearly anything, earning the title of "Mr. Fixit." Above all, David cherished his family and treasured every moment spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Left to honor his memory is his loving wife of 58 years, Linda Estep Dempsey. He is also survived by his children, David Bryan (Teresa) Dempsey, Daniel Lee (Jennifer) Dempsey, Treana (Jim) Maynard, and Gina Dempsey; his brothers, Eddie (Jeanne) Dempsey and Tommie (Carolyn) Dempsey; and his sister, Sarah (Bob) Schultz.

David also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, David Rush (Betsy) Dempsey, Jackee (Grant) McNamee, Jenna (David) Bryant, Jaxon Dempsey, Timmy (Peyton) Pack, Megan Pack, Tristan (Kaitlin) Maynard, Jasmine (Lee) Chafin, Haylea (Vinson) Maynard and Zachary (Kaylee) Dempsey. He was

also blessed with great-grandchildren, Trulee, Rush, Renlee, Weston, Brooks, Brantley, JackLynn, Morgan, Kendall, Jacob, Greyson, Daniel, Talula, Kingston, and Lakelyn.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Little Dove United Baptist Church with Elders Jimmy Maynard and Chris Ooten officiating. Burial will follow in the Dempsey Cemetery on Trace Creek, West Virginia.

Visitation will be held Monday evening May 11, 2026 after 6:00 p.m., with services beginning at 7:00 p.m. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Chafin Funeral Home is honored to serve the Dempsey family.

Cemetery Details

Dempsey Cemetery

Delbarton, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Little Dove Baptist Church
West Virginia Route 65
Belo, WV 25670

Service

MAY 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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West Virginia Route 65
Belo, WV 25670

Tribute Wall

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“ *Linda and family Eddie, Tommie and Sarah.
I am sorry for the loss of David. I have such fond memories growing
visiting with Uncle Rush and Aunt Otsie.
I pray for peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead.*

Kathy (Barger) Kitts - May 11 at 09:20 PM

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“ *Ben & Shirley Dillon purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of David Dempsey.*



Ben & Shirley Dillon - May 11 at 05:17 PM

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“ *judy & beverly messer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Dempsey.*



judy & beverly messer - May 11 at 04:47 PM



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



May 10 at 05:10 PM



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May 10 at 02:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Dempsey.

May 10 at 02:10 PM



“ Sontag Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Dempsey.



Sontag Family - May 10 at 03:52 AM



“ Many fond memories growing up spent at my sister Corrine's and playing and spending time with David, Eddie, and Tommy up Dunken Fork Holler.



Annarose - May 09 at 08:24 PM



“ *Angel's Embrace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Dempsey.*



May 09 at 02:23 PM



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