



David Dempsey

January 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 Bryant, Jaxon Dempsey, Timmy (Peyton) Pack, Megan Pack, Tristan (Kaitlin) Maynard, Jasmine (Lee) Chafin, 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

Upcoming 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)

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

Tribute Wall



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



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