



## David L. Bump

May 8, 1951 - June 17, 2021

David L. Bump, 70, of Traverse City passed away Thursday, June 17, 2021 at home while enjoying his peaceful front porch with his wife.

David was born on May 8, 1951 in Hobbs, New Mexico to the late Orville and Rachel (Alexander) Bump. He married Ruth "Rota" Frances Harris on September 9, 1977 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Together they raised two wonderful sons Gary and Andy.

He attended New Mexico Jr College and Arizona State University where he played on the golf teams at each school. David, like many of his friends had passion for work in the oil fields, especially in New Mexico and West Texas where he worked for many years. However, David's greatest joys were spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed fishing, whether it be in Traverse City or on Lake Martin Alabama where his oldest son Gary and family live. He also enjoyed tinkering with his classic cars and trucks, with his first project being a 1955 Chevy 3100 which he restored with his older brother Gary Ferguson. David considered spending this time with his brother about as good as it got. He loved to eat out, especially at Sparky's Diner, J&S Hamburg and Mode's Bum Steer, however he loved any place he could be with friends and family and have a good ribeye steak.

When not spending time watching the sun rise on the Old Mission Peninsula or deer running through his Acme hayfield, he and Rota took many road trips around the country with their beloved dog Colt (who David had a different name for). Many of these trips included visiting Rota's family in New England where David was one of the gang.

David was proud that at the holidays, he and his son Andy could go to local stores and be lay-a-way angels. Giving back was especially important to David and he made sure that his sons would follow in his footsteps.

David was one of a kind with his southern accent that will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Surviving David is his wife Rota, son Gary (LaToya) Bump of Alabama, Andy Bump of Traverse City, grandchildren, Markevious, LaRobbie, Mikhia; his brother Gary (Linda) Ferguson, brother-in-law's and sister-in-law's, George (Maureen) Harris, Bobby Harris, Charlann (Ronnie) Holland, Mary Franklin, Betty Harris, David (Lisa) Harris, Eddie Harris, Bill (Rachel) Harris, Anne (Ed) Wise, several nieces, nephews and cousins, and many other loving family members and friends.

David is preceded in death by his parents, Rota's parents George and Ruth, brother-in-law's Stephen Harris and Richard Harris, and sister-in-law Marcia Harris.

A funeral service will be held at 11am on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home with a visitation beginning at 10am. Burial will take place at the Peninsula Township Cemetery immediately following the services. Following the burial, there will be a celebration of David's life at the hayfield / barn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Traverse City Jr Golf Association or National Writers Series.

# Cemetery

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## Peninsula Township Cemetery

Seven Hills Road  
Traverse City, MI, 49686

# Events

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**JUN 27 Visitation for Family and Friends** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**JUN 27 Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Video Tribute



**Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - June 30 at 02:23 PM

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“ Funeral Service



**Reynolds Jonkhoff** - July 07 at 01:56 PM

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“ David truly was a unique & wonderful force of life. I feel very blessed to have had him in my life since we were just kids in Hobbs, NM. I will miss his humor, generosity of spirit & story telling. Love to Rota, Gary & Andy.

**Cindy Smith** - June 28 at 02:03 PM

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“ Kaci and Kerin Molloy purchased Florist Choice Design for the family of David L. Bump.

**Send Flowers** - June 25 at 03:57 PM

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“ The Korreck’s purchased White Reflections for the family of David L. Bump.



Send Flowers - June 25 at 03:09 PM

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“ Karen, Andy and Zac and Cooper purchased Thoughts and Prayers for the family of David L. Bump.



Send Flowers - June 25 at 02:09 PM

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“ Uncle David was my first crush as a little kid when he was a handsome and fun college guy. He always had a smile and generous heart and a great story to tell. The world has lost a bit of shine and he is already missed. All our love to Rota, Gary and Andy from Colorado.

Karen - June 25 at 02:06 PM

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“ My favorite times with Uncle David were when we were up in Michigan and he would let us drive his cars and take us up to Mackinac Island for the day. We will miss him very much and he was always so generous and kind.

Jaylee O'Dell - June 25 at 08:37 AM

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“ Betty & Rachel Harris and Alan Ehret purchased Caring Memories for the family of David L. Bump.



**Send Flowers** - June 25 at 07:53 AM

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“ Some of our most memorable times have been spent visiting Uncle David and Aunt Rota in Michigan. Family was so important to him and he would go out of his way to make sure we enjoyed our time there. Our girls learned to drive in all of his fun toys and fast cars. I loved seeing the joy it brought him to spend time with his family. He was beyond generous. He will truly be missed. We will hang on to all of the wonderful times spent with him and all of the memories made. Rest in peace Uncle David.

**Rebecca Foley** - June 24 at 01:39 PM

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“ Dave and Lisa Harris purchased In Our Hearts Lavender for the family of David L. Bump.



**Send Flowers** - June 24 at 11:54 AM

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“ Michael and Linda purchased White Reflections for the family of David L. Bump.



**Send Flowers** - June 24 at 06:45 AM



“ Harris's from Chester NH purchased Basket of Love for the family of David L. Bump.



**Send Flowers** - June 23 at 08:56 PM

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“ My most sincere condolences to the Bump family. David always had a smile and a joke for me and I will miss him calling me "Laddie" because of my Scottish ancestry. I am blessed to have been able to call him my friend. Rest in Peace my friend.  
Scott Campbell



**John S Campbell** - June 23 at 07:38 PM

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“ Kyle, Candace, Sterling, & Rebecca Rieger purchased Joyous Garden for the family of David L. Bump.



**Send Flowers** - June 23 at 02:24 PM

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“ George and Maureen Harris purchased Basket of Love for the family of David L. Bump.



**Send Flowers** - June 22 at 12:25 PM

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“ The tales of David Bump probably all start something like this. We'd recently moved into houses next door to each other, and there was going to be a block party. David came up to me, showed me two \$100 bills, and said, "Buddy, when the cops get here, you're my lawyer and this is my bail, and it'll be under the place mat on the kitchen table." About 3:00 a.m., a very polite deputy walked up and said it looked like we were having fun skateboarding and all, but one of our more sedate neighbors had lost his sense of humor about the racket sometime around 2:30 a.m. David was a rare, rare person whose success didn't change him, and whose warmth and generosity came without any strings attached. He did many quiet, good things and he always, always brightened a day. His son taught my girls to ride a two-wheeler; Rota made treats for all the little hockey players who gathered in our back yard; David was so happy with his Taj-Ma-Barn out in Acme. His booming voice and sunrise-quality smile will last in memory.

**grant parsons** - June 22 at 10:39 AM

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“ The Hollands and Haynes's purchased Captured Memories for the family of David L. Bump.



**Send Flowers** - June 22 at 10:38 AM



“ David Bump was a kind, generous, larger than life kind of guy... we affectionately called him “Bump” We had many good times, Dave was a great addition to our family, He will be sorely missed, and fondly remembered. Rota, Gary, Andy-we send our love, take care of each other, that would make David proud, he loved you all so much. Sincerely The Holland’s & The Haynes

**Charlann Holland** - June 22 at 12:39 PM



“ We have so many memories of Bump in those early years when he first moved to Traverse City..but not many we can share! LOL He was a great guy, Rota so sorry for your loss!

**Bruce & Kathy Bickel** - June 22 at 05:12 PM



“ Rest in peace little brother. I'll miss you.

Gary Ferguson

**Gary Robert Ferguson** - June 23 at 08:43 AM



“ Dave (and Rota and Andy) showed my son Matthew (and me) many unexpected kindnesses over the years, and never asked for anything in return. I'm saddened, but very glad to have known him. I wish had known him sooner, and longer.

Dave Gauthier

**Dave Gauthier** - June 23 at 11:57 AM



“ Uncle David's unconditional love will live on in our hearts always and our memories will continue to be cherished ones! Rota, Gary and Andy, may the peace of God that surpasses all understanding comfort you through the days ahead. Much love and prayers, Michael and Linda

**Linda L. Ferguson** - June 23 at 11:36 PM