



David Robert Witcher

February 6, 1942 - December 21, 2016

David R. Witcher, “Big Dave” 74 of Strafford, NH and Fort Myers Beach, FL, passed away on Wednesday, December 21, 2016.

Born February 6, 1942 in Concord, NH, the son of Robert Harold and Inez Penelope (Waldron) Witcher.

A lifelong resident of Strafford NH, he graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1964 with a Bachelor’s Degree In Geology, was a member of the TKE Fraternity and started David R. Witcher Builders, Inc in 1967 currently known as Witcher Builders.

David spent his life as an active member of numerous boards and organizations within the community, including Strafford Planning Board, Zoning board, Volunteer Fire Department, Bow Lake Camp Owners, Coe Brown Board of Trustees, The Classic Boat Society and Profile Auto League.

Whether you were meeting him for the first time or had known him for decades his garage door was always open. Knowledgeable in countless areas, He would take on new interests and not stop until considered an expert, his passions included restoring antique cars, classic wooden boats, Lionel trains and historic knowledge of Strafford. Applying his knowledge to take what was old and overlooked and restoring it to pristine condition.

Over the years “Big Dave” mentored countless young adults in his crafts,

working at his garage or at the company teaching them a multitude of undefined skills as well as useful and sometimes useless life lessons. Challenging them to use logic to solve common problems.

Always the life of the party with a Jack Daniels sweet Manhattan in hand and a witty story to tell. Thanks to his time among us we have countless stories to remind us of his well lived life, He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

David is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Rebecca Ann “Becky” (Lamper); his beloved children, Cristi Lynn Hernandez her husband Roy, and his grandsons Roy and Robert of Stuart, FL and Michael David Whitcher and wife Marcy and grandchildren Kayla, Ryan and Jack of Strafford, NH; his brother, Mark Whitcher and wife Judith of Strafford, NH and his aunt Shirley (Whitcher) Sargent.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Third Baptist Church ATTN: Food Pantry (David Whitcher), PO BOX 36, Center Strafford NH 03815 and Bow Lake Camp Owners (Whitcher Fund), PO BOX 227, Strafford , NH 03884.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany’s Bonita Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Joanne's House at Hope Hospice
27200 Imperial Parkway
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Tribute Wall



“ *David Robert Whitcher*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Becky and family,*

We are so sorry to hear of David's passing. We both have known him since we were kids on the lake. He and his family played such an important part of all the goings on in Strafford and Bow Lake.

We will miss seeing the two of you out on the lake in that beautiful old boat. David will be missed for the special person he was and for all he did to make Bow Lake a special place to be.

Karl and Bonnie Bickford

Karl and Bonnie Bickford - January 01, 2017 at 07:57 PM



“ *I just found out the shocking news. Very saddened to hear this. My condolences to the whole family. I always remember David for his humor and always wanting to show the progress on his boat builds and his auto projects. Plus he always had really good hair!! God Bless my friend!!*

Chris Maloy - January 01, 2017 at 03:51 PM



“ *Does anyone know if there will be a service here in NH??*

Shawn Anderson - December 25, 2016 at 08:55 PM

Shawn
Anderson

“ *Wow. Still in a little shock from the news. He helped me and my family purchase our first home with some creative financing. Dave was a Rockstar in the Strafford NH Community. Really sucks to hear this news around the holidays or anytime for that matte . Rip Dave.*



Shawn Anderson - December 25, 2016 at 08:54 PM

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“ *Becky,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



*Charlie and Kim Wallace
Wolfeboro NH*

KIMBERLY KNAPP - December 23, 2016 at 04:54 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. David was such a good influence to our entire family. Not only a good friend but a mentor to many of us in our household. So many fun times on the point swimming and boating. His zest was inspiring and we will never forget all that he has contributed to our lives. Our hearts and prayers go out to you all.*

The Tufts Family

Tufts Family - December 23, 2016 at 09:22 AM