



J. David Bailey

January 3, 1922 - July 5, 2025

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James “David” Bailey, age 103, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on July 5, 2025, at his home in Alexandria, VA. David was born in Bluefield, West Virginia on January 3, 1922, the beloved son of the late Robert Lake and Laura Evans Bailey. He graduated from Bluefield High School, West Virginia University, and earned advanced degrees in economics and statistical analysis from WVA University and Babson College. David held major positions at US Steel and Edison Electric Institute, a leading trade association where he was responsible for their Annual Report. He enjoyed working and living in Pittsburgh, New York City, and in Alexandria, VA at Parc East, where he has resided for the last 45 years. Additionally, David was President and CEO of The John B. Goff Land Company for many years.

David was a decorated Army Combat Veteran, who served with dignity and honor in the infantry in Belgium, France and Germany in World War II. He was honored with 2 Bronze Stars, the French Legion of Honor, and The Order of Saint Maurice. He was proudest of the Tribute to his service in the Congressional Record placed by Senator Shelley Moore Capito, (WVA). In retirement, he was national President of his Veterans organization, The Battle of the Bulge Association. He traveled throughout the US and Europe

recognizing and preserving the memory of those who gave their lives and suffered the wounds of war. David had many interests and was an avid world traveler, visiting 27 countries in all 7 continents including the North and South Poles. David lived an admirable and remarkably long life, where he did much good in the world. He gave generously to worthy causes and leaves behind many dear friends and family, who cherish him for his joyous spirit, kindness, dedication, and generosity.

Since growing up in Bluefield's Trinity United Methodist Church, David always attended church, and was a proud member of Washington Street United Methodist Church in Alexandria, VA for the past 35 years.

David is preceded by death by his dear sisters, Adelaide Bailey (Dr. James N. Truesdale) and Constance Bailey (Gen. J. Kemp McLaughlin). He is survived by his niece Carolyn Truesdale and her husband Curtis, nephew Robert Truesdale and his wife Marcia, nieces Laura McLaughlin and Mary McLaughlin, nephew Kemp McLaughlin; great nephews Blaine McLaughlin (Hollis) and Thomas Truesdale, great niece Elizabeth Smith, great, great nieces Bailey Smith and Constance McLaughlin and great, great nephew Preston Smith.

In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to:

Goodwin Living Foundation, Hospice Fund, 4800 Fillmore Ave., Alexandria, VA 22311 (Goodwinliving.org/giving/donate)

Washington Street United Methodist Church, 109 S. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314

703-836-4324. To give a memorial gift online at wsumc.com or email: office@wsumc.com

Military graveside services for family will be presided by Rev. Brent Brown from Trinity Methodist Church at Monte Vista Park, Bluefield, WVA on July ?,

2025.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall

MY

“ So sad to just now find out that David passed in July and want to share my condolences with his family. He was my client the second longest, all the way when we sold the first of his properties in 2005 . Goodness how much fun we had getting it ready. I remember my husband (also named David) and I went to dinner at the Carlisle with David who loved the restaurant. We talked and laughed the entire time. I'm grateful to have gained his trust professionally, as that led to getting to know him as a friend. God bless you, David. And God bless his family. Monica Youngling.

Monica Youngling - January 09 at 03:13 PM

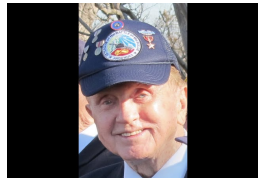
CA

“ David was my neighbor and dear friend. He lived life to the fullest. He was the heart and soul of Parc East and will be dearly missed. Catherine

Catherine - July 30, 2025 at 01:43 PM

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Carolyn Truesdale - July 16, 2025 at 09:58 PM

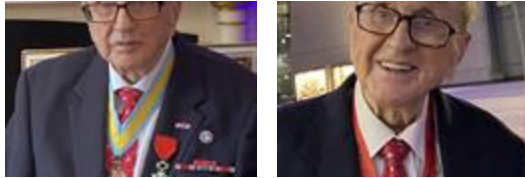
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A great man. <3

Monica Youngling - January 09 at 08:16 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Carolyn Truesdale - July 16, 2025 at 09:33 PM

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*David receiving the Legion of Honor at the French Residence.
David speaking at the WWII Museum in New Orleans*

Carolyn Truesdale - July 16, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ *Our deepest heartfelt condolences to our dear friend David's family. We will miss his friendship and sharing his enthusiasm for living life to the fullest. David was an inspiration to us since Karen first started working in New York with him in 1977. After we moved with EEI to the Washington area, and after his retirement, David continued to be a great friend. We will miss his warm hospitality in his beautiful apartment and his wonderful life stories. He was truly a blessing in our lives. Karen and Michael Bernard*



Karen Schwartz Bernard - July 16, 2025 at 03:57 PM

CT

*Thank you Karen and Michael. I was so fortunate to have David in my life as my uncle. Yes, he taught me how to live life to the fullest with joy and enthusiasm. He mentioned you to me, as his dear friends from when he worked at EEI.
With gratitude, Carolyn*

Carolyn Truesdale - July 16, 2025 at 09:54 PM

CA

A wonderful life lived by a beautiful soul. He was the heart and soul of Parc East. I will miss the annual Christmas tour of his beautifully decorated condo. May David Rest in Peace!

Catherine - July 23, 2025 at 03:40 PM

CA

Thank you Catherine.

Carolyn - August 24, 2025 at 10:20 AM

JC

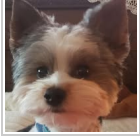
“ David was a wonderful person!! He was truly amazing!! He was a dear friend of my parents!! He was also my God father!! He will forever hold a special place in my heart!! He will be greatly missed by all who knew him!! Thoughts and prayers at this sad and difficult time!! Jane Chudina

Jane Chudina - July 14, 2025 at 09:37 AM

CT

*Thank you Jane. David often spoke of you and showed me your picture at your daughter's wedding. And he was truly an amazing, wonderful person.
Carolyn, his niece*

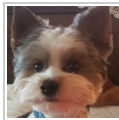
Carolyn Truesdale - July 16, 2025 at 09:44 PM



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Anita Kirk - July 13, 2025 at 04:03 PM



Veterans Day 2015

Anita Kirk - July 14, 2025 at 08:59 PM

CT

Thank you Anita for all your love and support of David and of us. Carolyn, his niece

Carolyn Truesdale - July 16, 2025 at 09:46 PM

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Neil Salvaterra - July 12, 2025 at 11:26 AM

NS

This is a picture of David posing with Univ. of Pittsburgh football stars Joe Walton and Corny Salvaterra, circa 1956. David was listed as the third-string Pitt quarterback for the picture that day. He loved to tell that story and share this picture. David always had a special place in our hearts. He was one-of-a-kind, and will be greatly missed. The Salvaterra Family

Neil Salvaterra - July 12, 2025 at 11:34 AM

CT

Thank you Neil. David cherished this picture and told me the story of his friendship with your father and how you and your family have been such dear friends of his for so long. He would share your wonderful letters with me.

With gratitude, Carolyn his niece

Carolyn Truesdale - July 16, 2025 at 09:49 PM

CJ

“ *It was an honor and privilege to have known you. I will miss your beautiful smile! With Love Cindy*

Cindy Johns - July 12, 2025 at 10:12 AM

DC

“ *2 files added to the album Friends*



David Bradford Crutchfield - July 11, 2025 at 06:01 PM

AK

“ *Just David, we love & miss you so much, thanks for the wonderful memories. Love, Anita & Ryan*



Anita Kirk - July 11, 2025 at 01:16 PM