



## David A. Footer

August 23, 1931 - June 27, 2021

AUBURN- David A. Footer, a kind and gentle soul, died Sunday, June 27, 2021 at the Androscoggin Hospice House in Auburn.

A wonderful father and loving husband, he viewed the world with an artist's eye and lived life accordingly. He was a fourth generation stone mason, a skill he taught his sons John and James; an accomplished and internationally known fish taxidermist; a highly sought after multi-media wildlife artist; a wood carver; an inventor; and a friend and mentor to many.

Dave's formal education began in a one room school house on Sabattus Street in Lewiston. On March 31, 1951, he married his high school sweetheart Pauline Rita Olivier. Together they raised their seven children: Jane, Veronica, John, Julie, Dorothy, James and Joseph. In 1952, he became the protégé of Herb Welch, the premiere fish taxidermist of his day based at Haines Landing on Lake Mooselookmeguntic in Oquossoc. Their relationship grew and flourished until Herb's death in 1960. Throughout their fifty-nine year marriage, Dave and Pauline lived and worked together as partners in his successful career in fish taxidermy until her death on July 24, 2010.

Dave had a zest for life. He was a fly fishing guide in northern Quebec in the Hudson Bay for over two decades, a pilot and squadron commander for the Civil Air Patrol, a masonry teacher at CMVTI/CMTC from 1972-2019, and a supporter of the Stanton Bird Club and Thorncraig.

He met Annette Wyman Picher at St. Philip Catholic Church in Auburn, where they were parishioners. They married there on July 2, 2011 and enjoyed life together as a devoted and loving couple.

Dave was predeceased by his parents, his brother Russell Footer, and his wife Pauline Footer.

Dave is survived by his loving wife, Annette Wyman Picher, and will be remembered and greatly missed by his children: Jane Walton and husband Philip, Veronica Guerette and husband Leonard, John Footer and companion Phyllis Deringis, Julie Footer, Dorothy Gray and husband Peter, James Footer and companion Cheryl Tibbetts, and Joseph Footer. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Donika, Nathan, Candace, Kate, Kimberly, Crystal, Ben, Becki, Nichole Jean Marie, Brandon, Ashleigh, and Hannah and

his great grandchildren: Wyatt, Noah, Autumn, Logan, Shelby, Easton, Owen, Dakota, Luna, Aidan, Averie, Lukas, and Cyrus. He is survived by his sister Althea (Teddy) Milliken and her husband Bruce and his brothers Kenneth Footer and Daniel Footer and partner Joan. In addition, Dave leaves behind Annette's children: Heidi Dempsey and husband James and their children Samantha and Justin, Keith Picher and wife Susy Sullivan and their children Rachel and Gabrielle, Glenn Picher and wife Caroline Clavel and their children Toby and Cora, and Danielle Gaillard-Picher and her children Serena and Leeloo. A celebration of Dave's life will be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 from 4-8 PM at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home. Deacon Dennis Mailhot from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will conduct an informal service at 7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that those who desire consider memorial gifts in David Footer's memory to Androscoggin Hospice House, 236 Stetson Road, Auburn, Maine 04210. Arrangements by the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway in Lewiston 784-4023.

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

# Comments

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“ Dave, thanks for mentoring me these past 25 years. I treasure your expertise humor and wisdom. With respect appreciation and much gratitude.  
Lynn Waltke



Lynn Waltke - July 06 at 03:30 PM

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“ Susan Browne lit a candle in memory of David A. Footer



Susan Browne - July 04 at 07:46 PM

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James Dempsey - July 03 at 11:59 AM

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“ It was with a heavy heart that I saw we lost another Icon of our community but even more was that I lost a good friend and supporter. I sure will miss his hugs (pre-covid) because I got one every time we met even at St. Phillip's.

I saw him just a few weeks ago and still he was asking how things were going for the Museum. He always offered or asked if there was anything he could do. He gave us several prints for our auctions and as prizes for the kids etc. My husband Harvey and I really enjoyed visiting him in his studio to see how he worked on his paintings and taxidermy. I will miss his encouragement with whatever we did, his interest in our wellbeing but most especially his constant smile that made us feel good.

God bless you, Mr. Footer and may you rest in peace. You deserve it and my sympathies to his wife and family he so enjoyed and was proud of. Know that he will not be forgotten and may you stand tall on the shoulders of a great man. Rachel

Rachel A Desgrosseilliers - July 03 at 08:54 AM

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James Dempsey - July 02 at 01:57 PM

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“ I knew Dave many years ago as a boy scout. He was one of our leaders. My fondest memory was when I was trying to get my cooking merit badge one Sunday, I was unable to get there on time, given that we didn't have a car. Now I cannot remember who got me to the site, but as I got there Dave was coming out of the woods and other scouts had gone home. It, essentially it was over. But Dave being Dave, took me back to the site of where the cooking had taken place and allowed me to meet the requirements for the badge. I have always held Dave in a special place in my heart for his commitment in whatever he did. He was a warm man with a big heart, a real human being. I know he will be missed, not only by his family, but many individuals like me that came in contact with him. Sympathy and condolences to all the family at this difficult time. RIP Dave.

Marc Jalbert - July 02 at 01:49 PM

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“ Prayers got out to the Footer Family! So Sorry For Your Loss! You all will be in my thoughts and prayers

**Nona Greeley** - July 02 at 10:46 AM

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“ I am so very sorry for your family's loss....you are all in my prayers and thoughts!! Hold onto those memories and it will help you get through your loss! Hugs Diane Gauthier

**Diane Gauthier** - July 02 at 04:38 AM



“ DAVID was a lovely, talented, interesting and entertaining soul. He leaves his mark all whom he has met and all art he has created. My condolences to all who loved him.

**Mary Anne Courbron** - July 02 at 08:18 AM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of David A. Footer.



July 01 at 06:10 PM

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“ Deepest sympathy to the family at this time. Prayers for all the family members.

David Jones & Nancy Latuscha

**Nancy Latuscha** - July 01 at 12:57 PM