



## David A. Van Keirsbilck

April 18, 1947 - December 28, 2023

David A. Van Keirsbilck, 76, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2023, surrounded by his loved ones after a valiant seven-month battle with glioblastoma brain cancer. Dave was born in Kansas City, Kansas, to Medard “Boots” and Adriana Van Keirsbilck. He spent his life working hard to enjoy the things he loved to do. His work, social circles, numerous hobbies and interests kept him busy long past his retirement from the gun business. To say that Dave was a presence would be an understatement. His personality was larger than life, and he had the amazing ability to be simultaneously warm and caring but also no-nonsense and direct. He’d expect you to do your part and pull your weight, but he’d be standing in the background waiting to give a hand if you needed it, even if you didn’t realize it ... and you probably didn’t. He’d give you the shirt off his back, and then tell you (with a wink) that he was going to charge you interest for it. Dave’s business and financial savvy were legendary and he applied them everywhere from his companies to the poker table. Whatever the subject or the deal, if he had an interest in it, he had an eye on it, and he probably knew a guy who knew a guy who had the inside track. Further proof: even when speaking became a struggle for him, he usually found the strength to ask about that day’s silver and gold prices. But, of course, it wasn’t all about business. Dave also held the people in his life in the highest regard. Dave was preceded in

death by his parents, sister Patricia Sheeley, and his first granddaughter, Camryn L. Campbell. He is survived by his wife, Susan Van Keirsbilck, his faithful furry companion Rosie, his sister Mary Jo Bergman, three daughters, and three granddaughters. He is also survived by numerous extended family and close friends. These family members and friends spent time with him and did their best to make the months since his diagnosis meaningful and special. The sheer number of people who visited, called, took him to lunch, and sent words of encouragement is a testament to how many lives he touched over the years.

Visitation will be Friday, January 5, 2024, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300

Shawnee Dr., Kansas City, Kansas 66106. Funeral services will be Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at the church – The Light KC, 10001 W 88th St, Overland Park, Kansas 66212. Immediately following the lunch, The Poker Guys will host a celebration of life at the Knights of Columbus, 11221 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, Kansas 66203.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Head for the Cure at [donate.headforthecure.org](https://donate.headforthecure.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

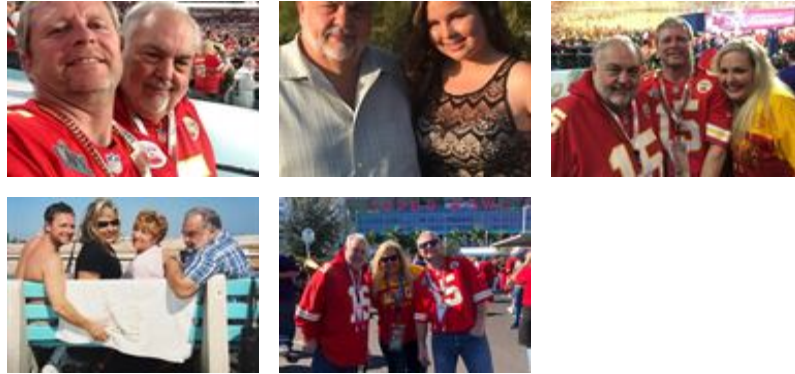
JAN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Light KC  
10001 W 88th St.  
Overland Park, KS 66212

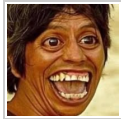
# Tribute Wall



“ 150 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - January 05, 2024 at 03:32 PM



*My father, Robert “Bob” Adler introduced me to “Big Dave” in the late 80’s. My dad was an arms dealer as well. I have fond memories of visiting Dave’s home in MO. Bob passed in March 2025 after a 6yr battle with Parkinson’s. Long live the good guys!*

Jeff Adler - February 14 at 07:52 PM

JS

“ We're so sorry to hear of Dave's passing away, but we feel blessed that we were able to have him as such a wonderful neighbor. The tribute to him really captures what a magnanimous person he was, and we know he will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace. David Johnson and Jo Jean and Maury Schulte.

Jo Jean Schulte - January 04, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David A. Van Keirsbilck.*



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January 04, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ *Don and Debbie Coon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David A. Van Keirsbilck.*

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**Don and Debbie Coon** - January 04, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ *Jean & Richard Kiblinger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David A. Van Keirsbilck.*

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**Jean & Richard Kiblinger** - January 04, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ *Jean & Richard Kiblinger purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David A. Van Keirsbilck.*



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**Jean & Richard Kiblinger** - January 04, 2024 at 12:52 PM

KA

“ Karen lit a candle in memory of David Van Keirsbilck



Karen - January 04, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David A. Van Keirsbilck.



January 03, 2024 at 08:55 PM

FS

“ I met Dave at John's garage. He helped me on several occasions and we shared many experiences. He will be sorely missed.

Fred Sweeney - January 03, 2024 at 01:19 PM

KA

I helped with David his last 2 days. I didn't know him much but I heard alot he was a wonderful man. My condolences to Susan Shannon and his family I didn't meet

Karen - January 04, 2024 at 10:43 AM

DP

“ Mary Jo & Family, I am so sorry to hear about your brother Dave. I remember him coming in to visit with Ron at the bank. My thoughts & prayers are with you all.

Donna Pflumm - January 02, 2024 at 11:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of David A. Van Keirsbilck.



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January 02, 2024 at 02:33 PM