



David R. Cyphert Sr.

August 5, 1939 - January 3, 2026

David Robert Cyphert, Sr., age 86, passed away at his home in Shippenville on January 3, 2026. He was born on August 5, 1939, in Tylersburg, to the late Edward M. and Gwendolyn Sherman Klepfer Cyphert. Dave was respectfully known as “Pawp” by his family and friends. He worked several jobs during his life, including Tionesta Sand and Gravel, Seidle’s Body Shop for thirteen years, Glacial Minerals for seventeen years, and pipelining with Utility Construction and Skibek Pipeline until his retirement in 2001. He also co-owned and managed the Parke Terrace Court in Clarion until 2014. Pawp loved his family more than anything, including all his nieces and nephews. Dave enjoyed NASCAR racing and looked forward to early morning meet-ups for coffee with his buddies at Sheetz, County Seat, and VFW. He married the love of his life, Bonnie E. Curll, on March 27, 1959, sharing sixty-three years until her passing on September 21, 2022. Pawp is survived by his children, Lisa (Cut) McClaine of Clarion, Kim (Crock) Smith of Distant, David (Mary) Cyphert, Jr. of Clarion and Barbie (Dave) Raybuck of Lucinda; eight grandchildren, Kristen (Anthony) Driscoll, of Monroeville; Chad Schmader of Pittsburgh, TJ (Larissa) Carnahan of Strattanville, Mackenzie (Garrett Carlson) Smith of New Bethlehem, David (Nicole) Cyphert, III of Pittsburgh, Dylan (Taylor)(Baby girl) Cyphert of Emlenton, Kate (Cory) Wolbert of Lucinda, and Corbin Raybuck of Denver, CO; nine great-grandchildren, Kennedi, Jaxon and Cade Driscoll, Kayden and Kowen Carnahan, Leon Carlson, and Chase, Kree, and Dane Wolbert. He was extremely excited about great-grandbaby

number ten arriving in July 2026. Also surviving is his special friend, Cecelia Schill, and beloved fur baby, Sophie. Dave is further survived by his three brothers, Donald (Marie) Cyphert of Tylersburg, Thomas Cyphert of Treasure Lake, and Ron (Georgean) Cyphert of Hawthorn; two sisters-in-law, Betty Cyphert of Lake Lucy and Carole Cyphert of Clarion, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, along with their spouses, Harold Cyphert, LaRue and Dick McLaine, Huck and Chook Klepfer, Jim and Ginger Klepfer, Jule and Joe Lander, Jack and Erma Jean Cyphert, Vianna Hummell Cyphert, S. John Cyphert, Joan and Russ Lander, Gary and Shirley Cyphert, and Kenneth Cyphert and a sister-in-law, Maryanna Cyphert. Pawp's family would like to thank all of those who have reached out to him during his brief illness. He truly enjoyed all the FaceTimes, text messages, phone calls, and visits. Even though he will be greatly missed, we have peace and comfort knowing that he is rejoicing with Mom now and all family and friends who have preceded him. Family and friends will be received from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion. Additional viewing will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the First United Methodist Church in Clarion, where funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. with Rev. Jodie Smith and Dave's nephew, Matthew Higgins, officiating. Inurnment will take place in the Clarion Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Dave's honor to the Clarion Forest VNA, 271 Perkins Road, Clarion, PA 16214.

Cemetery Details

Clarion Cemetery

Clarion, PA

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Viewing

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
600 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214

Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
600 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Sorry for your loss. We will be praying for God to comfort your family



Bryan, Kelly, Taylor and Brody Ripple - January 07 at 08:24 PM

DR

“ Dave and Bonnie were special people. Bonnie unknowingly taught me class. Dave and Chester were a joy to watch working together to fix things in the trailer park. RIP Dave with Bonnie.

Deb & Chester Roller - January 07 at 05:30 PM

ER

“ Ethan Rowe purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of David R. Cyphert Sr..



Ethan Rowe - January 06 at 12:28 PM

SF

“ Sherry Foulks lit a candle in memory of David Cyphert



Sherry Foulks - January 05 at 09:02 PM

TB

“ Will miss Dave was always very good to me tom bartley

tom bartley - January 05 at 04:06 PM

PA

“ Sending our love and sympathy to Lisa, Kim, David, Barbie and families. We have such fond memories of all our Cyphert- Klepfer family reunions through the years. In recent years we spent many days on the trail, biking and enjoying our times together and trying to keep up with Uncle Dave and Sophie on his e-bike! We always had such great days with lots of stories and laughter. Uncle Dave will be so missed, while having great memories to hold close to our hearts. ❤️ Rest in peace, dearest Uncle Dave.
Pam & Dave

Pam - January 05 at 03:44 PM

PD

“ Pam & Dave lit a candle in memory of David Cyphert



Pam & Dave - January 05 at 03:31 PM

KA

“ My Uncle Dave was a good man plain and simple. We always knew how to make each other laugh which I will always treasure. One special moment I will never forget (which is one of too many to count) Is when he drove my dad's "38" chevy (which he spent countless hours helping Gene restore) leading the funeral precession to my dad's final resting place. My dad would not have wanted anyone else but Uncle Dave to do such a thoughtful act. Uncle Dave said he was honored to do it, but to me, it just showed what an honorable man he truly was. Love you Uncle Dave....until we meet again

Karen - January 05 at 03:15 PM

DT

“ I'm so sorry for your loss 😞 Dave was a sweet man and very caring. Always a Smile on his face and a cheerful "Hello How Are You" He was a Great neighbor to my Dad n Dolores and he will Truly be missed. Prayers to all of you 🙏😊

Deb Thompson - January 05 at 02:49 PM

BB

“ Dave was a very nice man. I had the pleasure of meeting him by being a neighbor to my Dad and me helping to take care of his wife a few times. I would always see Dave outside and he would always ask how I was doing and after my Dad passed he would ask how My Family was doing. R.I.P. Dave you will be missed and I will miss seeing you when I come back to PA to visit.

Brenda Buzard - January 04 at 08:41 PM

SL

“ I was so sad to hear that "Dad Cyphert" had passed, he was the last Dad I had left. But I was fortunate enough that we got to spend some quality time together during my trips back home, especially this past November & December. It was always a joy to spend time with him, time we filled with exchanging stories & plenty of laughs together (like the time Lisa & I used Bonnie's cooking oil when we ran out of tanning oil & ended up getting fried like lobsters) he thought that was pretty funny. We would talk for hours, and somehow we never ran out of things to talk about. Things like how when I was a little girl, I along with my parents, spent most of our Saturday nights visiting with his wonderful parents up at the jail. His Mom would sometimes even let me help her serve dinner to the prisoners.

Dave was always special to me & treated me as part of his family for many years (as did "Mom Cyphert" when she was alive). I made sure to let Dave know just how special he was to me & even though I was 200 miles away, he was never forgotten. I made sure to send him cards for every holiday, which he said made him smile. (I think it was all the silly stickers I decorated every envelope with).

He was an amazing father who loved his family more than words can express. He also was so very proud of his grand kids whom he talked about all the time. But nothing hurt him as badly as him losing Bonnie, so the one thing that I can take comfort in thru this loss is that the two of them are finally together & will be happy forever. Their hearts are together as one again. May he rest in peace and know how very much he is loved and even more so, how very much he will be missed. Love you Dad Cyphert!!

Susie

Susie Lahr - January 04 at 08:22 PM

WW

“ *Our sympathy to you and your family David.*

Wendell Wensel - January 04 at 07:35 PM

DC

“ *Donna Curll purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi
phyllum for the family of David R. Cyphert Sr..*



Donna Curll - January 04 at 04:59 PM

RC

“ *Your Dad was an amazing man. We will all
miss him so very much. So many memories.
Years of hunting all together. With so many
stories not to be told haha. His quick Cyphert
wit kept us all on our toes. Our thoughts and
prayers being sent your way. May God bless you all and be with
during this difficult time. Love you all. Rod and Terri*



Rod and Terri Cyphert - January 04 at 04:41 PM

TF

“ *The Wendell Schwab Family purchased the "Car
dinals" Black 36" Cylinder Sonnet for the family of
David R. Cyphert Sr..*



The Wendell Schwab Family - January 04 at 03:42 PM



“ The Wendell Schwab Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David R. Cyphert Sr..

The Wendell Schwab Family - January 04 at 03:42 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David R. Cyphert Sr..



January 04 at 03:13 PM