



David S. Gifford

December 23, 1927 - January 15, 2019

David S. Gifford, 91, of New Britain, passed away Tuesday (January 15, 2019) at West Hartford Health & Rehab. Born in NY City, David has been a New Britain resident the last 12 years. He received an undergraduate degree at Central CT State University (CCSU) and a Ph.D in Education from UConn. David was employed as a high school history teacher in Wallingford before working for the State Department of Education for over 20 years.

Surviving are two sons, Timothy Gifford and his wife Cheryl Stidolph Gifford of Hartford; and David J. Gifford and his wife Aki Shimazu of Japan; three grandchildren, Nadia Shimazu Gifford of Switzerland; James Stidolph Gifford of Burlington, VT; and Kathryn "Katie" Stidolph Gifford of Hartford. David was predeceased by a sister, Ruth Gifford Carter. David was previously married to Sandra Gifford and then to Francis Logan. David's wife Charlotte M Yopp Gifford passed away in 2012.

David was an active member of the community. He has been a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha, an international service fraternity since 1976 and a member of the NAACP.

Funeral services will be held Saturday 12 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Saturday morning 10 to 12 AM at Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to New England Air Museum 36 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

BT

“ David S Gifford was a wonderful friend. We (Brian and Jo Topolski) have known David for many years, having met at an airshow. We have shared many happy times with Dave over the years and will miss our regular chats, visits and adventures with this exceptional human being. Rest in peace, David. You're God's co-pilot now.

Brian and Jo Topolski - January 24, 2019 at 10:48 AM

FM

“ David Gifford was my fraternity brother. He was always supportive and he enthusiastically supported the many outreach projects of the fraternity. Eternally curious, he was always reading and experimenting with new projects on his beloved computer.

I am sorry I can't be at the memorial. He was a good man and a great brother.

*Frank Motley
Bloomington, Indiana*

Frank Motley - January 20, 2019 at 12:25 AM

DM

“ I first met David many years ago at a New England air show and we remained “Air Show Buds” from that day forward. His unending zest and zeal for life was inspiring. He never let his age slow him down. David made the world a better place and I felt honored to be counted among his friends. David was a kind and gentle soul, a true gentleman. Rest in peace my friend. We will miss you.

Dan Myers - January 17, 2019 at 08:59 PM

KB

“ David was a wonderful gentleman. I first met him at an air show in Maine probably about 20 years ago. Knowing he drove from Connecticut to Maine for an air show I could tell he was an aviation fanatic like myself, only he had a 40 year head start. Since that day I've had the priviledge of his company on a few air show road trips that I will always cherish.

Dave was such a good friend to me, I will never forget his kindness.
Kevin Burke

Kevin Burke - January 16, 2019 at 11:07 PM