



## David Holmes Gessell

November 29, 1951 - December 3, 2025

David Holmes Gessell  
Six Mile, South Carolina

Dave Gessell passed away peacefully at home on December 3, 2025, at Six Mile, South Carolina. He was born November 29, 1951, in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and lived in Hopewell and Charlottesville, Virginia; Bath, Ohio; Shelby, North Carolina; and Greenville, South Carolina. He married Jo Anne Marr, his High School sweetheart, and the love of his life and raised a family in their beloved Victorian farmhouse overlooking the Blue Ridge mountains.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fran Gessell and Lyman Gessell, Jr., and brother, Rob Gessell. He is survived by his wife, Jo Anne Marr Gessell and four sons and their children, Noah Gessell, Fred (Amanda) Gessell; Ben (Amanda) Gessell; and Joe (Alicia) Gessell; Grandchildren: Rylee, Gavin, Reagan, Cannon, Corbin, Kaden, Maya, Cullen, Andy, Jake, and Brody; sister Donna (John Segars) Gessell; sisters-in-law Peggy (Jeff) Bloodworth and Cindy (Steve) Pawlick, and brother-in-law, Van Marr; as well as numerous nephews and nieces, and great nieces and nephews.

Dave graduated from Hopewell High School (Virginia) and University of Akron (Ohio).

Dave was musically oriented, and his children were greatly influenced by his singing, playing and listening. Six Mile Citizen of the Year, Cub Scout master, a talented civil engineer, he was responsible for building the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Greenville, the Ponderosa Athletic Park in Six Mile as well as many other construction projects. An avid outdoorsman, he brought all of his friends together for years (the same group is still together today), especially with white water sports. His gift of building and fixing things was always admired by his tribe and influenced his children and friends' lives. An avid golfer for many years. He retired and loved having his grandchildren around.

He surprised and delighted everyone with his daily documentation of the sunsets that thrilled and inspired those of us fortunate to be on his list, despite our small screens. When his physical disabilities took hold, he sought another realm for challenge, NYT Crossword puzzles.

An interment is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Ramsey Creek Preserve, 390 Cobb Bridge Rd, Westminster, SC 29693. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina at <https://cfwnc.org/>. After the Asheville area was ravaged by Hurricane Helene, he kept close tabs on the recovery efforts. The efforts are ongoing. When visiting the area to support its recovering economy, think of Dave, who loved the mountains.

“Pick a little, Talk a little” IYKYK

To share a memory or leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.mountainviewfunerals.com](http://www.mountainviewfunerals.com).

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Gessell family.

# Cemetery Details

## Ramsey Creek Preserve

390 Cobb Bridge Rd  
Westminster, SC 29693

# Previous Events

## Interment

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Creek Preserve  
390 Cobb Bridge Rd  
Westminster, SC 29693

# Tribute Wall



“Wow! “Pick a little, Talk a little” IYKYK - I remember David as an irrepressible force in the local theater community in Hopewell (and in high school). He played one of the "rapping" traveling salesmen in the very best scene in *The Music Man* where Harold Hill makes his first appearance on the train to River City as the other salesmen reflect on their lot in life. Anyway, “Pick a little, Talk a little” was the housewives' alternate take on life at the time. He was a solid friend socially and in the local *Explorer Post 999* focusing on white water canoeing and kayaking. We won a downriver race together on the Shenandoah River in 1967. I am sad to know that David has moved on from this world that was made so much brighter by his presence.  
-Bill Thompson

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**Bill Thompson** - December 12, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Holmes Gessell.



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December 09, 2025 at 09:09 AM

PR

“Dear Jo Anne and Boys,

*We are so sorry to hear of David's passing. You will all be in our prayers during your time of sadness.*

*Douglas and Phyllis Ritchie*

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**Phyllis Ritchie** - December 07, 2025 at 06:35 PM

NS

“ Nancy S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Holmes Gessell.

Nancy S. - December 07, 2025 at 10:47 AM

CA

“ Jo Anne,  
Dave was such a hoot. I'm thinking of you and your family during this sad time. Take care 💕💕

CiCi Aldridge - December 07, 2025 at 09:47 AM

JT

“ Dear Jo Anne and family,  
My thoughts, prayers and heart are with you all at this sad time. May you find peace and comfort in your faith and memories.  
Jo Ann Taylor

Jo Ann Taylor - December 07, 2025 at 08:24 AM

MW

“ Joanne and family. I am so sorry to hear this news. My prayers are with you for peace. Thinking of you every day. Meredith Marr Watson

meredith watson - December 06, 2025 at 07:37 PM

DC

“ Jo Ann and family, when I saw the announcement from church, I just stopped short. I know each of you and have great love for your family. You have all been a testament to your dad. I pray for peace in your hearts and that you all circle around your mom. Sending much 💕 love!

Debbie Carmical - December 06, 2025 at 05:36 PM

JH

*Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. May God Bless you during this difficult time.  
Jeff, Liza, Jonathan and Jacob*

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**Jeff and Liza Holder** - December 06, 2025 at 07:06 PM

GS

*Thinking of you!!❤️ All my love Ginger D Selby*

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**Ginger Selby** - December 06, 2025 at 08:03 PM

RC

*Jon Ann sending sincere condolences. Prayers...*

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**Ron Cortis** - December 06, 2025 at 09:39 PM

JP

*Sincere thoughts and prayers at this difficult time,*

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**Joe and Faye Padgett** - December 07, 2025 at 02:02 PM