



Dave Piersol

December 20, 1944 - December 25, 2025

David John “Dave” Piersol, age 81, of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, December 25, 2025, at Western Home Communities Nation Cottage.

He was born on December 20, 1944, in Lancaster, PA, the son of Clarence and Gertrude (Witmyer) Piersol, and the youngest of three children. He spent most of his childhood in Ephrata, PA and Wildwood, NJ and graduated from Ephrata Senior High School.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in music and education from Morehead State University and a Master’s of Education degree from Eastern Kentucky University. He served as an elementary school educator for more than 30 years, in a diversity of settings, ranging from inner-city to remote mountain schools. Dave taught the TAG (talented and gifted) Program for Cedar Falls Public Schools for 17 years, until his retirement in 2004. He saw every student he taught as an individual with unique challenges and potential, so he appreciated the opportunity for personalized attention that the TAG program offered.

Dave was a warm-hearted, gentle-spirited man who had a special place in his heart for children and animals. He was also a talented amateur photographer who won numerous awards for the images he captured on film. He loved a wide range of music, and had a particular fondness for the Big Band era. He

enjoyed a variety of activities including attending concerts and plays and cheering on the Cedar Falls HS basketball team.

Dave enjoyed extensive travels across the US and Canada and cherished time spent with family and close friends. He was always open to trying new things like dance lessons, snorkeling, and cross-country skiing, as well developing new hobbies like wine-tasting. His life partner, Carole, fondly remembers him frequently commenting, "This is more fun than any two people should be allowed to have!", during their many adventures and travels together. Two of their favorite trips were to Hawaii and New England.

Above all, he was a generous, compassionate, and wise soul who quietly did many good works, expecting nothing in return, and preferring to stay out of the limelight. Dave was beloved by many.

He is survived by: his life partner of 24 years, Carole Schultz of Cedar Falls; his daughters, Melanie Monzon of Springfield, OH and Jill (Tim Streeter) Piersol of Springfield, OH; his sister, Linda (Bruce) Boyd of Alexandria, VA; a niece, Jody Boyd of Alexandria, VA; and two nephews, Bruce (Candice) Boyd of Washington State; and Tim (Misty) Boyd of Alexandria, VA. He is also survived by a loving extended family that includes: Carole's two sons, Randy (Nermina) Schultz and Ryan (Jen) Schultz; eight grandchildren, Brandon (Samantha) Streeter, Brandon Schultz, Josh Streeter, Bryan Schultz, Christian (Claudia) Schultz, Adis Sabic, Bryant Schultz, and Alicen Schultz; and four great-grandchildren, Blake Streeter, Wyatt Streeter, Oliver Streeter, and Catalina Schultz.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Clarence and Gertrude Piersol; his sister, Gloria Kellerman; and his son-in-law, Edgar Monzon.

A family directed celebration of life will be held at a later date. Inurnment will

be in Millersville Mennonite Cemetery in PA.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Nation Cottage for their dedication and compassionate care.

Memorials may be directed to: Nation Cottage Western Home Communities Education or the Humane Society of Waterloo.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ To Mr. Piersol's loved ones -

I was one of the kids his first class in the Cedar Falls school system, nearly 40 years ago. Please know that he was such a good influence on all of us. You all have my / our sympathies.

Pete McRoberts

Pete McRoberts - January 05 at 10:38 PM

JB

“ Carole - I was saddened to see that Dave passed away on Christmas Day. My deepest condolences to you and the entire family. I always enjoyed our visits at Nation Cottage as the four of us shared our visits. May you find comfort in the life you shared, the tremendous love and care you bestowed upon him and he is at rest. Prayerfully, Jan Blevins

Janice Blevins - January 02 at 09:33 PM

KH

“ Christy and I extend our sincere condolences to Carole and to Dave's entire family. We always enjoyed our times together with Dave and his laugh was contagious. He was a man of many talents and our world will miss his presence.

Kirk and Christy Hackbarth

Kirk Hackbarth - December 31, 2025 at 04:14 PM