



## David A. Harding

November 14, 2025

David A. Harding, 84, of Johnston, RI passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 14, 2025. He was the beloved father of Tanya Young of Redmond, Oregon and grandfather of Robert Paul Merola of Los Angeles, CA.

Born in Providence, the son of the late Anna and Joseph Harding, David was also the brother of the late Shirley DelGizzo. He is survived by his nephews, Robert and Kenneth DelGizzo, and niece Karen DelGizzo.

After graduating high school, David served in both the National Guard and the Army. He worked for many years at Hills Orchard. His greatest loves were nature and animals. He was passionate about caring for kittens and cats on the farm. He also enjoyed gardening, growing vegetables and herbs, and sharing them with his neighbors.

Services will be private.

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *This is a sad Thanksgiving for us Dave. We were not expecting to lose you and will miss you always. We have so many memories over the years. I was 18 years old when we met and now a year away from 80. Although not the traditional couple, you and I; we were always Tanya’s parents and Robert Paul’s grandparents - we stayed connected, a family in our own special way. We will talk about you often and think of you every time we see a new sweet kitten or the Fall, your favorite season of the year. Rest now peacefully as we honor your wishes and remember happier times.*  
*Love, Bev*

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**Beverly Harding** - November 25, 2025 at 10:19 AM

ME

“ *I met Uncle Dave through a friend Karen his niece. It was my first job and Dave came in and out of the room where I worked throughout the day. He always had a big smile for me and made me feel welcome. He loved to tease me and it made the work day go by faster. It was a pleasure seeing him again recently at the farm. We all shared our love for cats. He was such a sweet friendly person. He will never be forgotten. Sorry for this loss of a great guy.*  
*Melissa*



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**Melissa** - November 20, 2025 at 06:17 PM

LG

“ *I liked Dave from the first day I met him. My last memory of Dave, was him sitting on Tanya's mom's couch in an animated discussion of some science topic. He was interesting and knowledgeable. These gifts are reflected in his daughter, Tanya. My sincere condolences to Tanya, Rob, and family. Leah*

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**Leah M. George** - November 19, 2025 at 02:37 PM