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Dr. David Anthony Colby died of pneumonia on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

Born in Brookline, Massachusetts on February 21, 1946, to Charles Russell Colby and Lottie Kaczenski Colby, he grew up in Richmond, Virginia and graduated from Virginia Tech University with a B.A. in Foreign Languages (German) in 1968 and a B.S. in Chemistry from Clemson University in 1969, before joining the army from 1970 to 1974. His son, George Russell Colby, was born on March 23, 1971, to Dave and his first wife while he was stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Dave returned to receive his doctorate in Chemistry from Virginia Tech in 1978.

Dave retired as the Vice President for Coca-Cola Corporate Quality Assurance in Atlanta, Georgia in 2000. He and his wife of more than twenty-five years, Diane Simmon Colby, resided in Woodstock, Georgia starting in 1992. Prior to that, he was a Quality Assurance/Control Chemist for Brown & Williamson Corporation in Louisville, Kentucky throughout the 1980s as well as a Quality Assurance/Control Chemist for R.J. Reynolds Company in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in the late 1970s.

Dave moved to Hendersonville, North Carolina in 2020. He loved golf,

listening to his albums, reading, and watching the wildlife in his backyard. Throughout his life, he enjoyed his travels to Brazil, England, France, Germany, Ireland, and Mexico. He is preceded in death by his wife Diane, his parents, and niece Janet Colby Crist. He is survived by his son Russ, daughter-in-law Meredith Lee Colby, two granddaughters Rachel and Hayes, his brother George Colby, sister-in-law Connie, niece Karen Colby Aubrecht, niece Kelley Colby Hannam, nephew Greg Colby, their families, and his best friends Mike and Sandie Bauer.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am absolutely heartbroken to hear of Dave’s passing. He was my good friend and neighbor in Woodstock Ga for 20years. I sold his home for his move to Hendersonville and kept up with him quite frequently. When hurricane Helene hit he was the first person I called to check on and couldn’t reach him. We missed each others calls and and I didn’t get the opportunity to have our talks and catching up.

Dave was such a nice person and so glad I had the opportunity to call him my friend. God bless his family.

KIRSTEN FORD - June 24, 2025 at 05:30 PM

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“ Rest in peace, my good friend of 60 years. All who knew you are missing you immensely. Mike Bauer

Mike Bauer - June 03, 2025 at 05:58 AM