



David "Dave" Owen Light Jr.

July 16, 1953 - December 18, 2025

David "Dave" Owen Light, Jr. age 72, a lifelong resident of the Ruth community of Arab, Alabama passed away on Thursday morning, December 18, 2025. Dave was born in Arab on July 16, 1953, son of David Owen Light, Sr and Minkie Remonia Light. He and his wife Dara S. Light have been married for many happy years.

Dave was a high school graduate and had earned a bachelor's degree from UAH, prompting his work at Redstone Arsenal as an Electrical Engineer for the US Army Missile Defense for 41 years. After retiring from Redstone, he continued using his knowledge and skills at BK Aerospace in Arab.

Dave was a proud supporter of Alabama football but was even more supportive of the University of North Alabama (UNA), where he enjoyed supporting his daughter who was part of the Dance Team. His favorite pastimes included working in his yard, visiting the beach each year, deep sea fishing, and spending time with his dog, Harley. Dave always enjoyed fellowship with family and friends while enjoying a good meal.

He was passionate about Sacred Harp Singing, devoting much of his time to teaching, leading, and sharing the tradition he cherished.

Survivors include his wife, Dara S. Light; son, Michael David Light; daughter, Marianna Mae Light; mother, Remonia Light; and sister, Sandra Kay Light.

He was preceded in death by his father, David Owen Light, Sr.

Funeral service for Dave will be at 11:00AM Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel. Pastor Kenny Baskins will officiate. Serving

as pallbearers escorting Dave to his final resting place in Mt. Oak / Ruth Cemetery will be James Willis, Nicholas Thompson, Michael Light, Zac Henry, and Marty White. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mount Oak/Ruth Cemetery

3375 Ruth Road
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Tribute Wall

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“ Dave and I worked side by side for well over 35 years in the Army Missile Laboratory on Redstone Arsenal. Through thick and thin, from research and development work to extended field tests, and the publication of technical reports, papers and briefings, he was an outstanding and very reliable co-worker providing exceptional performance. Although we lost touch after our respective retirements from the government, I will always have great memories of our times together and know he is missed by all.

Frank Hayes - December 22, 2025 at 04:16 PM

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“ I was introduced to Dave as a newbie support contractor straight out of college in 1985. Yes, for over 30+ years of my career I had the privilege of working with Dave. I thoroughly enjoyed our daily conversations and the many program projects we participated in. Dave will be forever missed.

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“ Dave was a very nice person. I can remember when he was so small when he started to school at Ruth Elementary school he almost needed assistance to get on the school bus. In his later years he was very active in The Old Sacred Harp Singing. His Grandfather Light was a Sacred Harp Singer. Rest Well , Friend.

Shelby Sloan - December 20, 2025 at 01:14 PM