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Springdale, PA - David "Shag" Ricci, 47, passed away peacefully on August 14, 2025, surrounded by family and friends. In typical Shag fashion, he left this world the way he lived in it-full of love, laughter, and just enough mischief to keep everyone on their toes.

Proud of his Italian roots, Dave was born in Pittsburgh and graduated from Hampton High School in 1997. He spent his career climbing-literally-as part of the Wireless Service Inc. team, scaling towers and building camaraderie with "tower guys" across the industry. When he wasn't up in the air, you could find him on the ground making sure the local ball fields were picture-perfect.

Dave had a gift for bringing joy to others. Whether it was a perfectly timed joke, a sly prank, or simply flashing that grin, he could turn an ordinary moment into a memorable one. He was the kind of neighbor who'd snowplow not just your driveway, but your walkway too-so even your dog could stroll in style. He loved a good charity golf event and never missed a chance to rally people together-whether it was for a cause, a celebration, or just a backyard get-together.

Above all, Dave was a family man. He was at his happiest watching Jordan's baseball and football games, cheering from the sidelines with unmatched pride. His son was his everything, and Jenn-his wife, best friend, and the love of his life-was his heart. He adored their blended family and loved nothing more than being surrounded by them.

In May of this year, Dave learned he had cancer. He fought relentlessly, with grit, courage, and humor-meeting every day head-on and never letting it take away his spirit. He carried that fight all the way to the end, showing everyone around him the true meaning of strength.

Dave is survived by his loving wife, Jenn Ricci; son Jordan Ricci; stepdaughter Ashley Walters; stepson Joshua Walters; mother Maria Acierno; brother Mike Ricci; sister Donna Bishop and brother-in-law Jon Bishop; niece Hailey Bishop and nephew Cole Bishop; as well as many uncles, aunts, and countless friends who will miss him deeply.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, August 24, from 4-8 p.m. at Dough Daddy Brewery. Bring your favorite photos, your best stories, and wear your favorite shirt-because Shag wouldn't want it any other way.

Dave's life was a reminder that it's not about how many years you get, but how much you can pack into them. He packed his with laughter, friendship, love, and the kind of pranks people will still be talking about decades from now.

Professional services entrusted to Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 930 Center Avenue Blawnox, PA, 15238; www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

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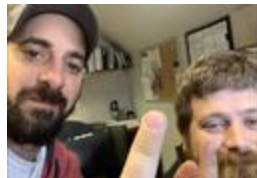
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“ We met Dave through baseball- and that guy was the most encouraging, most welcoming mad I have ever met. He truly was on cloud 9 watching Jordan play ball. Over the few years we knew him, he always tried to make sure everyone (kids and adults) felt included. At any event or function he was at, he would always go out of his way to talk to everyone he saw. I'm blessed that we got to know him and his family- he was one of the good ones. Thanks Dave, for everything.

The Calhoun Family - August 17, 2025 at 09:33 PM



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Peter Craig - August 16, 2025 at 10:57 AM

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“ Dave was one of my students at Hampton High School. After Dave graduated and I left Hampton, we connected on Facebook and became friends. We ran in to each other a few times and he kept me up on his family and all the happenings. Dave was a good man and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Ricci family.

Joe Merhaut

Joe Merhaut - August 15, 2025 at 02:01 PM

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Dave was friends with my daughter back when they were teens and would go ice skating at North Park. I always enjoyed him, finding him very endearing, funny and a good heart. My sincere condolences to his family.

Mary Beth Hodil - August 15, 2025 at 07:03 PM

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Dave was full of energy and life. Always willing to step up taking on anything without fear. Such a passion for life and shared a large warm smile with everyone. God speed young man.

Christopher Cochran - August 16, 2025 at 05:24 PM