



## David B. Mellor

November 3, 1933 - March 19, 2026

David B. Mellor, 92, of Methuen, passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his devoted family. He was the cherished husband of Claire A. (Skaff) Mellor, with whom he shared sixty-nine years of loving marriage—a testament to their enduring partnership and mutual support.

Born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, on November 3, 1933, David was the son of the late James and Ruth (Hill) Mellor. A proud graduate of Searles High School, Class of 1952, he promptly answered the call to service by enlisting in the United States Army, where he honorably served during the Korean War. Upon his discharge, David embarked on a distinguished career with New England Telephone, later known as AT&T, advancing to the position of System Supervisor. He dedicated more than thirty-five years to the company, earning the respect of colleagues for his reliability and expertise, before retiring.

David and Claire cherished their winters in Florida, where they enjoyed the warmth and tranquility together. An avid skier, David delighted in family skiing excursions, including a memorable trip to Zermatt, Switzerland, the iconic Matterhorn, with his son Stephen — it was a highlight that reflected his spirit of adventure and appreciation for scenic beauty and life. Summers brought equal joy, as he and Claire spent cherished time in York Harbor, Maine, creating lasting memories along the coast with family and friends. His most valued time in life was that spent with his wife Claire and his family.

David will be profoundly missed by his loving wife, Claire; his two children, Donna L. Welch and her husband, Shaun, of Salem, New Hampshire, and James A. Mellor and his wife, Alicia, of Salem, New Hampshire; his five grandchildren, Caitlin (Welch) Pearson and her husband Adam, David Welch and his significant other Abby, Nathaniel Welch and his wife Dy, Stephen Mellor, and Sarah Mellor; his six great-grandchildren, Daniel and Braden Pearson, Mason and Kaden Welch, and Aedan and Aymery Welch; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Stephen D. Mellor, whose memory remained close to his heart.

At the family's request, all services will remain private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Jimmy Fund at [www.jimmyfund.org](http://www.jimmyfund.org). To share an online condolence or memory with the family, please visit [www.methuenfh.com](http://www.methuenfh.com).

Methuen Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the Mellor family during this time of reflection and remembrance.

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ Donna and Jimmy, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Pam and Rick Kirkman

Rick Kirkman - March 23 at 08:02 AM

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“ Linda Yuele lit a candle in memory of David B. Mellor



Linda Yuele - March 22 at 12:41 PM

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“ Sending my sympathy and prayers to Claire and the Mellor family in the loss of Dave. I have been a neighbor for 31 years and will truly miss seeing him riding around on his mower and trimming all his shrubs. He always had a friendly wave and smile to share with me. Linda Yuele

Linda Yuele - March 22 at 12:40 PM

DC

“ Jim, so so sorry for your loss. My prayers 🙏🙏🙏 are with you and your family during this very difficult time. Donald Craig

Donald Craig - March 22 at 09:02 AM

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*Claire, jimmy, and Donna , so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Steve Osgood*

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**steve Osgood** - March 23 at 11:43 AM