

David W. Lipke

August 22, 1933 – October 6, 2026

David W. Lipke passed away on Tuesday, October 6. Beloved husband of Barbara Case Lipke for 64 absolutely wonderful years; loving father of Lynda Maggio (Joseph), Douglas Lipke (Bonnie), and Donald Lipke (Tina); grandfather of seven grandchildren, Dylan and his wife Janay, Michael, Connor, Allyson and her husband Nick Mainardi, Jackson and his wife Frida, Nicholas and Greta and his great-granddaughter, Kaia.

Mr. Lipke was born in Rockville, CT on Aug. 22, 1933. He attended Rockville High School, received his B.S and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering from M.I.T. and then served as a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Later, he did additional graduate study at the University of Maryland under a NASA Study Program.



Mr. Lipke spent his professional career working on satellite communications for the Air Force at the Cambridge Research Center, for NASA at the Goddard Space Flight Center, and for the Communications Satellite Corporation where he served as Director of Engineering for Marisat, the first satellite system to provide worldwide commercial voice and data communications services to the maritime and offshore communities. The Marisat communications system was based on a concept conceived by Mr. Lipke and has proved to be a valuable asset to users. He also served as a U.S. Representative to numerous worldwide meetings dealing with the development of maritime and aeronautical satellite communications.

Dave and Barbara enjoyed travelling and his work offered the opportunity to visit many countries. Their favorite US spots were the Yellowstone-Grand Tetons area, Cape Cod and the nearby Catoctin Mountains. Their highlight trip was an Alaskan cruise with the entire family that produced enjoyable memories for everyone. Dave's other interests included many church activities, duplicate bridge, stamp collecting, sports, and trout fishing.

He was forever grateful to God for His many blessings and answers to prayers.