



David Buttrick Livesey

May 13, 1942 - December 22, 2025

David Buttrick Livesey formerly of Byfield, Massachusetts and affectionately known as DBL, passed away on December 22, 2025, in Sarasota, Florida, at the age of 83.

David was born on May 13, 1942, in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He lived a life defined by dedication, quiet strength, and a deep commitment to his family, friends, community and was devoted to his succession of Golden Retrievers.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Claire L. Livesey, who passed away in March 2011. Their marriage was a cornerstone of David's life, and her memory remained close to his heart.

David owned and operated DBL Commercial Printing in Haverhill, Massachusetts, for many years before selling the business to the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune. He continued working in print sales until retiring at the age of 80, exemplifying an extraordinary work ethic, deep expertise, and unwavering dedication to his craft—particularly in service to the many independent schools he supported over the years. One school in particular was especially close to his heart, Brooks School in North Andover, Massachusetts where David was a member of the class 1960 and Trustee from 1989-1997. David attended Babson College and served in the US Marine Corps.

David is survived by his son, Allan Buttrick Livesey; his daughter-in-law, Aleese Hartmann Livesey; and granddaughter, Virginia Hartmann Livesey. He is also survived by stepdaughter, Colleen Allen, husband Brian Allen and children Matthew and Ryan Allen as well as stepson David Flanagan, wife Robin Flanagan and children Kellyn and Elizabeth Flanagan. David's sister in-law Judith Livesey and her three children Jay Livesey, Sarah Guyer, and Mark Livesey.

David will be remembered for his steady presence, generosity, integrity, and the lasting impact he had on his family, colleagues, and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Allan, So sorry to learn of your dad's passing. David was my first boss (I was a 13-year-old proofreader at DBL, sitting in a room with your grandmother and mine) and a long-time Brooks friend. The old guard is dwindling; I'm sorry for the loss of his presence in your life. Best, Leigh Perkins & the Perkins clan

Leigh Perkins - January 05 at 04:42 PM

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“ Dear Allan and family,
I just became aware that David passed away several days ago. I am so, so sorry to hear this sad news. I have many fond memories of him and Uncle Jack teaching me to ski at Boston Hill and later joining him as a ski instructor at Groton Hills. He was a terrific guy! Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Marty

Martha Gurry - December 29, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ David has done so much for me and my family. I will forever be grateful.



Tony Monteiro - December 29, 2025 at 12:02 PM