



David Gooch,

May 17, 1944 - September 1, 2025

Maurice -

David Doyle Gooch, passed away peacefully at his residence on September 1, 2025 after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease at the age of 81.

David was born in Abbeville, Louisiana on May 17, 1944 to Dee David Gooch and May Yvonne "Badie" Baudoin. He graduated from Mount Carmel High School and the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and a reliable, trustworthy friend to all who knew him. He was an avid reader, lifelong learner, engaging storyteller, and true believer in the power of family tradition. He loved fishing and sports and always looked forward to his annual summer pilgrimage to the family gathering in Destin, Florida. He could always be counted on to provide quiet wisdom and patient support for anyone trying to find

their way.

He is survived by his loving wife, Drusilla Guidry Gooch, and by his children, Danielle Gooch Howell, her husband Drew, and their sons, Henry and Harvey, Laurie Gooch LaPorte, her husband Troy, and their daughter, Camille, David B. Gooch, his wife Angie, and their children, Valerie, David, and Dylan, his daughter in law, Leonora Deprez Gooch (wife of Michael Gooch), and their children, Jordan and Katherine. He is also survived by his brother Daniel Roy Gooch, his wife Debbie, and their daughters, Andree and Elizabeth, his sister Kathy Gooch, and by many loving great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his son Michael Gooch and his grandson Zachary Gooch.

At David's request, his body will be donated to the LSU School of Medicine for the advancement of science. A eulogy and memorial service officiated by Rev Louis Richard will be held at 9:30 am on Saturday, September 13 at St. Mary Magdeline Church in Abbeville, Louisiana, followed by a celebration of life at Riverfront Banquet Room, 503 W. Port Street.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Rock Steady Boxing Acadiana (loveofpeople.org/rsbacadiana) or Calcutta House (hospiceacadiana.com).

The family would like to extend a heartfelt and special thank you to all of the doctors and nurses that assisted with David's care, especially Dr. Dana Dicharry and Dr. Thomas Privett, the Lafayette Parkinson and Caregiver Support Group (lftparkinsonsupport.com), the staff at Rise Physical Therapy, Hospice of Acadiana, Calcutta House, and his caregiver, Joe Cain, whose commitment, care and support were immensely valuable.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **13.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
300 Pere Megret Street
Abbeville, LA 70510
<http://www.stmarymagdalenparish.org>

Tribute Wall

CB

“ So sorry for your loss. May He rest in peace. Prayers for you and your family, Dru.

Cathy Bourque - September 11, 2025 at 12:13 PM

RS

“ David and I spent the day cruising around drove out to intercoastal city had a great day. I will miss my friend.



Roger Stakes - September 08, 2025 at 09:46 PM

TT

“ Thad and I are so sad to hear of David's passing. He was a very special man to us and many others with his beautiful example of Christ on earth. Such a great guy and friend. Non judgmental and compassionate. I've had him in prayer for quite sometime and now he is at peace. His body at rest. My prayers for Dru and all of his family. We've missed seeing him but he will always hold a special place in our hearts and memories.

theresa theall - September 07, 2025 at 02:01 PM

MD

David was a wonderful cousin, along with everything else we can say about him. He forever kept me smiling and laughing with his stories and the sparkle in his eyes. He will be remembered lovingly.

Mary Stacy Dempsey - September 12, 2025 at 11:28 PM

WB

“ From the first moment I met David, I knew he was going to be someone who would be important in my life. He taught me a lot about spirituality. David was patient with me when I needed to calm down and look at the bright side. I moved to Kentucky about 3 years ago and have missed my chats with David and Dru. My heart goes out to Dru, and the rest of the family. I now will add a special place in my heart for the Silver Fox aka David Gooch. Bon voyage mon ami ... 'til we all meet again! ❤️🤝👉👈👉👈👉👈👉👈👉👈 Whit

Whitney Brown - September 07, 2025 at 02:07 AM

LS

“ So very sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time

lisa stoute - September 06, 2025 at 12:32 PM

LD

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort and strength for you at this sad time.

Linda Aymond Davis - September 06, 2025 at 11:46 AM

DH

“ Dru I am sending hugs to you.. Rest in Peace David 🙏❤️😭

Dana House - September 06, 2025 at 11:29 AM

SG

“ Mr. David helped me so much. I will be eternally grateful for him. He was such a kind, patient and loving human who had so much wisdom❤️

Susan Garner - September 06, 2025 at 11:13 AM

EL

“ All of our lives, David was like a big brother I looked up to: kind, caring, wise. He is with the angels now.

Eddie LeBlanc - September 05, 2025 at 06:18 PM

DL

“ What a wonderful man. A true gentleman and role model. David built a beautiful home on a beautiful piece of land. He sold me his home years ago. I think of him every time I work in the yard. Rest easy sir. You deserve it.

derek Logan - September 04, 2025 at 02:33 PM

MP

“ David was a big part of Ronnie's sobriety. For that I am eternally grateful.

Mary Pat - September 04, 2025 at 01:49 PM

CP

“ David was my favorite classmate and a true friend always. He was a great storyteller with a fantastic sense of humor. I admire his courage while dealing with his illness. I will have love and gratitude for him forever. Catherine Primeaux

Catherine Primeaux - September 04, 2025 at 07:50 AM