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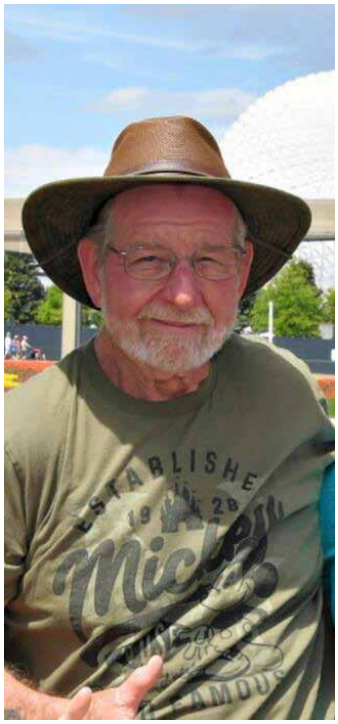
Dave Murray Obituary

In June 2026, iNRRTS and the Complex Rehab Technology industry lost a true hero. The following obituary is for David Murray, who was a long-standing iNRRTS Registrant and board member. The obituary is reprinted from the Dapson Chestney Funeral Home in Rhinebeck, New York.



David Thomas Murray

"The Wheelchair Guy"

November 21, 1946
– June 17, 2026

David Thomas Murray, affectionately known as "The Wheelchair Guy" and a devoted Disney enthusiast, passed away peacefully at his Florida home following a courageous battle with cancer. Surrounded by the love and comfort of his family.

Born on November 21, 1946, in Orange, New Jersey, David was the son of Thomas Murray and Ruth Pindar Murray. He grew up with a strong sense of service, dedication and compassion that would define his life.

David proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1970 as a Gunner's Mate Second Class, earning the rank of E-5, and serving two tours — first on the USS Buchanan and, later, as captain of a river patrol boat with ASPB River Division 153. In recognition of his bravery and distinguished military service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the prestigious Bronze Star Medal.

Following his military service, David devoted himself to helping others. In 1986, he founded Dave's Professional Wheelchair Repair Service, successfully operating a respected medical equipment provider business. Through his expertise, integrity and unwavering commitment to customer care, he earned the trust and respect of many medical professionals and countless loyal clients.

David was also an active board member of the National Registry of Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers (NRRTS), where he remained at the forefront of rehabilitation technology advancements. His dedication ensured that individuals with mobility challenges received the highest standards of service and that they had customized medical equipment to improve their quality of life.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, David was known for his larger-than-life personality, sense of humor and love for Disney. He was an avid outdoorsman, spending countless hours hunting and fishing. He treasured every moment spent with those he loved and found his greatest joy in being "Grampie."

In addition to his wife, Gloria Murray, David is survived by his children, Sean Murray (Danna Stoutenburgh) of Red Hook, Chris Murray (Elizabeth Murray) of Tivoli and Michelle Haag (Bryan Haag) of Valatie; his cherished grandchildren, Tyler Eighmy, Meghan Murray, Kyleigh Murray, Morgan Haag, and Alexander Murray; his maternal aunt, Barbara Pindar; and his cousin, Christopher Pindar.

He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Teresa Carlson and Elaine Boesch; his brother-in-law, Henry Boesch; and his loving nieces and nephews, Victoria Boesch, Veronica Boesch, Ralph Carlson and Kenneth Carlson.

David was predeceased by his parents; his eldest son, David T. Murray II; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family, friends, colleagues and the many lives he touched throughout his remarkable journey.

Family and friends are welcome to pay their respects during the visitation on June 29, 2026, from 4-7p.m. at Dapson-Chestney, 51 Market Street, Rhinebeck, New York 12572. There will be a ceremony with honors at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Amedisys Foundation Donations, His nurses, Kate and Kathryn, provided him and our family with the most amazing, passionate care in his final days. (Hospice location 024-the villages)