

## **Obituary: David A. Comstock**

David A. Comstock, a chemistry technician who retired from BNL's Chemistry Department on October 28, 2005, passed away on August 29, 2015, at the age of 74.

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## STANDING TALL

by Barbara Guarino Kruk

Diabetes is a crippling disease and sadly we have been witness to many of those who have fallen to its debilitating effects.

On Saturday, August 29th, 2015, after years of struggling with his illness David A. Comstock succumbed to its insidious grip. David died at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital.

One of the many side effects of diabetes is the loss of limbs. David, a double amputee, lost his legs to the disease. Yet, he was a man who still stood tall among men. He was a hard working man, who believed in the simple virtues of life. He loved his garden and had honed his skills to produce an abundant vegetable and flower garden. In his younger, healthier days, David enjoyed playing softball. He was a Mets fan, an avid reader and enjoyed going camping.

Described by his family as a 'simple man, who loved working around the house and being with family and friends.' David was a chemistry technician at Brookhaven National Laboratory where he worked for many years. A dedicated employee who enjoyed the respect and company of his coworkers.

David never let his disability dictate his life. He was a man who knew pain but chose to live life on his own terms. He may have lost his legs to this disease but he never lost his sense of who he was and his love and respect for others.

Admired by all who knew him for his unwavering courage even in the face of great loss.

David was happily married to his bride Bettijane for fifty-four beautiful years. He was the devoted father of Linda (Daniel) Griffin, Michael (JoAnn) and Timothy. He was the proud and cherished grandfather of Krista, Amanda, Sara, Matthew and Megan and great grandfather of Lillyana. His legacy to those who knew him would be never flinch when the ball is coming at you, but out your glove and catch what life throws your way.

**David A. Comstock**, age 74, of Shirley, lost his valiant battle with his illness and died at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital on August 29, 2015. David was born in Freeport, New York and was a chemistry technician at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He enjoyed playing softball, was a Mets Baseball fan, was an accomplished gardener with an extensive vegetable and flower garden. He was an avid reader, enjoyed camping and will missed by his feline companion Harvey. David is survived by his loving wife of fifty-four years Bettijane, the devoted father of Linda (Daniel) Griffin, Michael (JoAnn) and Timothy. He was the proud and cherished grandfather of Krista, Amanda, Sara, Matthew and Megan and great grandfather of Lillyana. Visitation took place at Roma Funeral Home in Shirley. Interment was held at Oaklawn Cemetery.

