



## David Holbrook Hawes

February 22, 2024

David Holbrook Hawes, 85 of Fort Collins, Colorado died February 22, 2024.

Dave was born April 9, 1938, in Hanover, New Jersey. He remembered spending lots of time outdoors during his childhood hunting and trapping in the woods and fishing and ice-skating on the Whippany River. He was always fascinated with cars. At the age of 12, Dave acquired his first, a Ford Model T that was long stuck deep in the woods, from a farmer who said he could have it if he could get it out of the mud. Dave winched the car out and after a while was able to get it running and drove it home.

Dave's mother Helen Hawes suffered from tuberculosis and twice spent two years in a sanatorium. During those periods, Dave was raised by a variety of family members.

Following his mother's second recovery in 1952, Dave and his mother moved to Fort Collins for the clean, dry air. Though he was more interested in cars than school, he graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1956. He started college at Colorado State University but was soon drafted by the Army, serving most of his time in California. In 1964, he graduated from CSU with a business degree in construction management. Later that year he was married to Barbara Babcock in the First Church of Hanover in New Jersey.

Dave and Barbara bought their first home on Grant Street in Fort Collins and had two sons. They started a business together, which was first known as Hawes Construction and later became High County Pools, building mostly commercial swimming pools throughout the West and even one in Nome, Alaska. They sold the successful business in 1999 and retired.

Throughout his life, Dave was an antique automobile aficionado. One of his first cars, a 1928 Ford Model A Roadster pickup, he hot-rodged and drove for years, including on an epic road trip in the early 1960s from New Jersey to Colorado and southern California, up the coast to Vancouver, across Canada, down through Maine and back to New Jersey. He owned several 1920s and 1930s Fords and 1940s Lincolns. He relished spending time with his car buddies, going to breakfast with them every Saturday and traveling the country with them going to car shows, auctions, and swap meets.

He was a deeply loving family man and made a point to visit family throughout the country during his travels. He made sure his sons grew up playing sports and riding motorcycles and driving go-karts, tractors, and cars – he often joined in. In 1979, Dave began the tradition of visiting Maine every summer with his family at the lake cottage his grandparents William and Eldena Hawes purchased in 1949. He didn't miss a single summer there until the summer of 2022 when he began to suffer the effects of dementia.

Dave was preceded in death by his grandparents William and Eldena Hawes; also by his grandparents Horace and Caro Hopping, and uncle and aunt Clifford and Elizabeth Morrow who raised him during the years his mother was in the sanitorium. He was also preceded in death by his mother Helen Hawes and her husband George “Cleve” Cleveland, father George Hawes, brother George Hawes Jr., and son Steven Hawes.

Dave is survived by his wife Barbara Hawes of Fort Collins, son and daughter-

in-law Rem and Tina Hawes and their daughters Morgan and Xan Hawes of Phoenix; daughter-in-law Shawna Hawes and her daughters Nora and Maile Hawes of Fort Collins; brother-in-law and his wife Norman and Sally Babcock of Meadville, Pennsylvania, and nieces Lori and Holly, and nephew Ben Babcock; cousin Rob and Chris Hawes; cousin Bill Hawes; cousin Maile and Dan Jones; cousin Dena Hawes; cousin Jay and Claudia Hawes; and cousin Helene and Wayne Libby.

The family will hold a private remembrance in Dave's honor. Memorial contributions can be made in Dave's name to the Poudre High School Athletic Department in Fort Collins, where his son Steve coached basketball for 20 years. Friends may send condolences to the family in care of Dave Hawes at Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Fort Collins, CO 80524, or at [www.goesfuneralcare.com](http://www.goesfuneralcare.com).

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Dear Barbara.  
I just learned of this, and am truly saddened. It's been MANY years since we've been in touch, but I want you to know that Dave was the most respected and honorable "Boss" I ever had in my entire working life.  
(Back in the days of Gary Fults and Kjell Halvorsen, to spur your memories.)  
Retired in Loveland, now, with Brenda.  
Don Harju

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**Don Harju** - June 22, 2024 at 07:19 PM

MB

“ Dear Barb,  
Jim and I were so sad to receive the news from Rem regarding David's passing. We hope that you will be able to help each other through this difficult time. May God help you both and the knowledge that David is in a better place. We send our deepest sympathy and a donation in his memory to Poudre High School.  
Marge Brickley

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**Marjorie Brickley** - April 07, 2024 at 11:58 AM

DF

“ Barb, Sorry to hear of you loss. Our condolences are with you and your family.  
Del & Jo Fredin

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**Del Fredin** - March 04, 2024 at 10:59 AM

CZ

Barbara, Sorry for the loss of Dave. We will miss him. God Bless you, Rest in peace Dave. Rich & Carol Zaleski.

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**Carol Zaleski** - March 30, 2024 at 04:43 PM





“ I talked with my Dad recently about the 1928 Model A roadster pickup...he had difficulty remembering and speaking but he clearly had and made great memories with that ol' Ford.

*My Dad Dave Hawes graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1956. I've seen photos of him then wearing a t-shirt and leather jacket, with a crew cut and sideburns. I would ask him if he was a greaser or a hood. He says, no, I was just a clean cut kid who'd rather work on cars than go to school. Nonetheless, his Mom, a secretary at Colorado State University, made him promise to go to college.*

*He bought the pickup in Fort Collins, Colorado in 1960 while he was going to college at Colorado State University. It took some work to get it road worthy. After my Dad got out of the Army in the summer of 1962, he and a friend took the Model A on a road trip.*

*They traveled through Palisade, Colorado where they bought a bushel of apples for the trip, then headed to Ely, Nevada to visit his brother George, then to Las Vegas to visit his father George. From there, they headed to southern California to visit his Uncle Bill Hawes, George's brother. My Dad says that when they got to a check station in California, the officials wouldn't let them cross with the apples so they sat there on the side of the road that afternoon, sitting on the running board, eating as many of the apples as they could before proceeding past the check station. They arrived the next morning in Pacific Palisades (L.A.), California to visit his Uncle Bill. Apparently, they spent a week or so there driving around and hanging out at the beach.*

*They then headed slowly up the Pacific coast, mostly camping along the way until they made it to Vancouver, British Columbia. Then they headed to Calgary, Alberta, and across Canada. Another road trip in the Ford, they stopped for a few days in Bloomington, Indiana to visit his namesake Uncle Dave Hawes who was a theater professor at Indiana University, and his family. He lived on an old*

*farm and my Dad and his friend camped in the woods nearby. From there, they drove the Model A to Hanover, New Jersey to visit his Grandpa Horace Remington Hopping, whom I'm named after. They spent a few days there visiting old family and childhood friends, and working on the car. They then drove back to Fort Collins.*

*My Dad says he had to add oil to the engine a few times, but that the pickup ran great. Never even had to change a tire.*

*He drove the pickup all over Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah in the summers of 1963 and 1964. He and my Mom were married in November of 1964. They bought a house in Fort Collins that didn't have a garage, so he parked the pickup in Dick Spillman's garage where it sat until about 1975. That's when Dave finished building his barn and the Model A has been sitting in there ever since. I remember going with my Dad in 1975 to move the Model A from his friend's garage to the barn. My Dad put it on a trailer to make the trip.*

*I think of all my Dad's cars, including the nice restored ones, the Model A roadster pickup was his favorite. It was his first decent, drivable classic car, and that road trip in it with his buddy was definitely one of the highlights of his life.*

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**Rem Hawes** - February 28, 2024 at 04:45 PM

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*On one of Dave's many visits to Hanover he took me for a ride in his pickup. Considering the work and, if I remember correctly, the Chevy V8 that he had put into that truck it had more than a little "pickup". Somewhere I have a picture of my Mom and sister and I watching Dave and my brother Steve packing up the old roadster as they were heading out to Colorado. I thought that was the coolest truck ever. Many years later my son Steve and I visited the Hawes clan in Maine. In addition to the water skiing and non-stop fun Dave took Steve and me on ride in his '36 Ford Phaeton. The second "coolest car ever. I only have the Best memories of Dave, My "Extra Brother"*  
*Tom Holland*

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**Tom Holland** - March 03, 2024 at 03:11 PM



*Yes, that was one of my Dad's favorite memories. Right, he put a Chevy V8 engine in the Model A pickup. With your brother Steve, what a road trip that had to be!*

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**Rem Hawes** - March 10, 2024 at 05:45 PM

CJ

*“ I will never forget all the great times we had up at Horsetooth Reservoir. Many of our Summer days in High School were spent water skiing with David. No matter what he had going on, Mr. Hawes always carved out time for Rem and Steve. Fortunately, I was invited on several of these trips. Those skiing trips were always highlights of the Summer. I'll never forget David skiing with his long sleeve, plaid, red shirt! He was a terrific man. I'm proud to have known him.*

*My condolences to all the family-Love you guys!*

*Chris Jones*

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**Chris Jones** - February 27, 2024 at 11:04 AM



*Thanks, Chris! Yep, I'll never forget those summer ski trips to Horsetooth, and my Dad skiing on his Den-M ski. He skied up until he was 80 years old. What an inspiration!*

**Rem Hawes** - February 27, 2024 at 10:33 PM



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**Rem Hawes** - February 26, 2024 at 09:48 PM



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**Rem Hawes** - February 26, 2024 at 08:49 PM

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“ *David and Barbara in their favorite place* ”



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**Tina Hawes** - February 26, 2024 at 05:59 PM