



## David "Big Poppa" Gast Sr.

January 17, 1959 - September 3, 2017

David W. "Big Poppa" Gast, Sr., age 58, of Wilmington, DE, passed away Sunday, September 3, 2017. Big Poppa enjoyed spending time with family and friends fishing, playing cards, going to the horse races, and watching football and western TV shows. He liked spending time in the kitchen cooking. Big Poppa also had a soft place in his heart for animals – especially his dog, Darla.

David is survived by his wife, Dorothy Gast; sons, Parke Reese IV, David Gast, Jr., and Stormy Gast; daughters, Dayna Reese and Heather Reese; brothers, William Gast and James Gast; sister, Mary Cullen; and Woogie Harrison and 10 other grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Ramona Gast; and sisters, Sandra Crispino and Patricia Cornog.

A visitation will be held Friday, September 8, 2017 from 2-3 PM at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19702 followed by a service in celebration of David's life at 3 PM. Burial will be private. For directions or to send an online condolence visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

SEP 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home  
635 Churchmans Rd  
Newark, DE 19702  
(302) 731-5459  
info@stranofeeley.com

### Service

SEP 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DF

“ 1994 Big Poppa and Stormy gave me my name after we saw The Get Fresh Crew at a Sixers halftime show. I still go by that name today.

*Pop and I got LOW. We would get beer on credit from any liquor store in New Castle county. Nobody turned down Big Poppa's marker. His word was his bond.*

*And my brother Pop and I got HIGH. We stayed in High Roller suites and ate \$100 steaks in oak panelled dining rooms.*

*David "Big Poppa" "Stormy" Gast hardest working family man I ever met. Period.*

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**Doug E. Fresh** - July 20, 2022 at 03:52 AM

AC

“ *In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we love you still.  
In our hearts you hold a place,  
That no one will ever fill.*

*I love and miss you with all my heart, Uncle Dave!*  
- Audr

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**Audrey Crispino** - September 12, 2017 at 11:37 PM

JS

“ *David and I have been friends over 55 years and I am honored to call him my friend. My deepest condolences go out to Dot and his sons, don't recall if he had daughters. Farewell my good friend see you on the other side.*



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**Johnny Snow** - September 08, 2017 at 09:58 AM

CS

“ *I will always remember you and love ya.  
Chucky S.*



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**Chucky S.** - September 06, 2017 at 08:48 PM

 Chris  
Shelly  
Chimini

“ *We are so sorry for your loss, time will heal the pain but your memories will remain. We send our deepest condolences and keeping your family in our prayers..... The Kemp's and Chimini's*



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**Chris Shelly Chimini** - September 06, 2017 at 01:21 PM

JP

“ *Rest in Peace Big Poppa. I will always cherish the memories with you. I will always love you and you will be greatly missed..I know you will be looking over us, as you are our angel in heaven!* ❤️ 🙏

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**Jenn Perry** - September 05, 2017 at 10:20 PM

CN

“ We miss you already Uncle Davey. Forever in our hearts..You left us with so many great memories that we will reminisce about until forever and we'll smile because we know that's what you would've wanted. Rest in paradise..love you always ❤️

Crystal his favorite niece! - September 05, 2017 at 09:30 PM

AW

“ Rest In Peace big papa. love u. Charlie says he will miss you



alicia waters - September 05, 2017 at 06:58 PM

SW

“ Rest in Peace Brother  
Our family's go back to the 50s and 60s in Eastlake.  
You are loved and missed. See ya on the other side.

Stevie Williamson - September 05, 2017 at 05:26 PM

MM

“ REST IN PARADISE



markesha morales - September 05, 2017 at 05:24 PM

TM

“ You were like a dad to me and always had love for my kids I will miss u .I love you Dave



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**Tina maichle** - September 05, 2017 at 03:19 PM

HE

“ HEATHER lit a candle in memory of David "Big Poppa" Gast Sr.



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**HEATHER** - September 05, 2017 at 02:50 PM

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“ LOVE YOU DAD. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE ALIVE STILL IN MY HEART. HEATHER

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**HEATHER** - September 05, 2017 at 02:49 PM