



## David Martin Paul

August 2, 1955 - July 29, 2018

David Martin Paul, 62, passed away on Sunday, July 29th, 2018, in Houston, TX, surrounded by family, with his beloved wife, Susanne, by his side. David was passionate about serving the Lord, making it a fitting testament that his last actions were spent in Guatemala serving others in His holy name. David was born August 2, 1955 in St. Louis, MO, to Donald and Katherine Paul. David was an Eagle Scout, a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity at the University of Tulsa, and finished his business degree at the University of Houston-Downtown. In his 20+ year career in IT with Exxon-Mobile, he brought an attention to detail and a commitment to excellence, before retiring in the fall of 2016. At that time, David dove right into home projects, traveling and volunteering for as many causes as he could, always ready to devote his time and talents. Among those projects was becoming president of Caring Critters, an organization he was a member of for over 20 years, which provides animal-assisted therapy for those in hospitals and nursing homes. It was a natural fit, given his love for animals, his sense of humor and deep compassion for those in need. David was on his 9th mission trip to Guatemala with Salud y Paz, providing health and dental care to local communities. While joining David on this most recent mission trip, Susanne gained a better appreciation of the hospitality and graciousness of the local people. In one of his last comments to Susanne, David stated "Now you understand why I love it here so much." David was preceded in death by his parents and his best friend, Larry. He will be deeply missed by his wife Susanne, siblings Karen,

Tim and Steve, sisters-in-law Lynda, Gail and Beth (Rick), many loved nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Services will be held at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church on Friday, August 3 at 11:00 a.m. Susanne asks that all in attendance at this celebration of life wear a touch of orange, David's favorite color. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to Caring Critters, Inc., 2617C W. Holcombe, Box 265, Houston, TX 77025 or Program Salud y Paz, <http://www.saludypaz.org>.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church  
12955 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX  
<http://www.mdumc.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dettling Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Martin Paul* ”



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**Dettling Funeral Home** - February 20, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *David Martin Paul* ”

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October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *David Martin Paul* ”

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October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *David Martin Paul* ”

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October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



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October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Martin Paul.*



August 02, 2018 at 03:54 PM



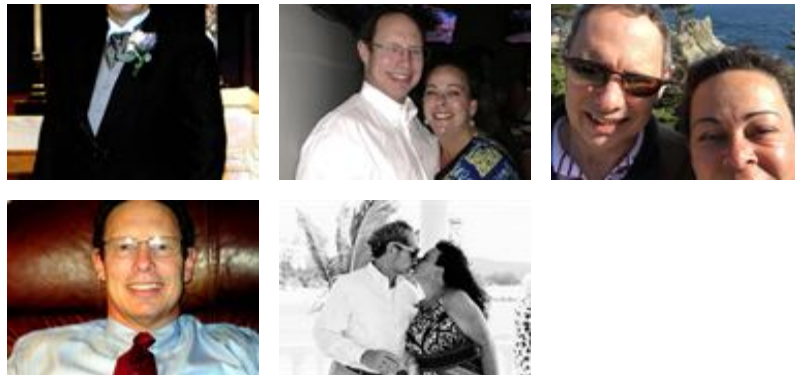
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Martin Paul.*



August 01, 2018 at 09:09 PM



“ *151 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Dettling Funeral Home** - August 01, 2018 at 07:45 PM

LD

“ Long before David became the president of Caring Critters, he helped “prep” my pups for their tests. I’m proud to say they both passed with flying colors and were active members of the therapy program. I’m forever grateful to David for introducing me to the rewards of volunteering for that organization. I can just picture him at the Rainbow Bridge with all his beloved pets. 🌈🌈🌈🌈🌈 Rest easy, David.

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**Lisa Dennis** - August 01, 2018 at 05:57 PM

 Neil Myrvold

“ If the world had more people like David it would be a better place. I will always remember him as the kind, brilliant, funny, insightful and compassionate man that he was. Sending all our love. Neil & Amanda

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**Neil Myrvold** - August 01, 2018 at 09:43 AM

DB

*My deepest condolences on your loss. I am so sorry, Susanne*

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**Deborah Burdick** - August 01, 2018 at 10:37 AM

HU

*Susie, I wish I had the chance to meet David and talk about our love for the people of Guatemala. Just by reading posts I can see how much a wonderful husband, friend, family man he truly was.*

*The world will be short one amazing man but heaven just got a new angel.*

*Wish I could be there to cry with you and hug you. All my love  
Hilary*

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**Hilary Umbach** - August 01, 2018 at 12:29 PM

JA

*Susie I wish I had the chance to meet David too. Your love was beautiful and I'm glad he was a loving husband, caring friend and tresured family member. I'm so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you all. Love, Jennifer A*

**Jennifer Allred** - August 01, 2018 at 02:25 PM

KW

*Susanne, and family, my deepest condolences during this time. I will always remember David as a kind and funny guy. Boy could he make rice krispee treats that were legendary!*

**Krista Whitehead** - August 01, 2018 at 06:55 PM

CJ

*I am so sorry for your loss, Susanne, and for your family. May God bless and keep you in his care.I have been thinking of all the Christmas's we spent at Lynda's old house, David was always so funny and entertaining.*

**cheryl johnston** - August 01, 2018 at 10:41 PM

RJ

*I knew David and Suzanne for about 7 years in the Sunrizon Sunday school class at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. He was a dear friend with a kind heart and we enjoyed many times taking about the disadvantaged working for the disadvantaged in our world. I loved his energy, smiles, laughter, funny neckties, kindness towards me and other others. We even got angry at the same things in our society such as many injustices towards the poor. I am lucky to have known him and am richer for it. Go in glory, my friend David!!!*

**Randy John** - August 02, 2018 at 12:42 PM

DH

*Dear Suzanne: Our condolences to you and your family. May God bless you and keep you in his loving care.  
Hugs, Denise and Joe Harper*

**Denise Harper** - August 04, 2018 at 09:22 AM

RS

*I met David in 1998 at Exxon when I was transferred into the Procurement group to work with the Convenience Retail team that David was part of. I was new to Procurement and to retail. David welcomed me, taught me the business and helped me to succeed. We parted ways in 2000 when Exxon merged with Mobil and I was transferred to Virginia and David remained in Houston and his career moved into the Information Technology area. We saw each other very infrequently during the interim time. I retired a year before David did. The last time I saw him, he was leading a group of employees and retirees in a United Way service project that I participated in. David lead the group cheerfully and skillfully as he had done in the past. David was a man of skill, of good cheer with a big heart and an open mind. The world will miss him and the good that he focused on doing. Much love to his family.*

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**Randall Smith** - July 26, 2021 at 09:22 AM