



David L. Troy

December 1, 1947 - April 21, 2012

David L. Troy, born in Seattle Washington on December 1, 1947 to Mark and Mary Troy, he was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by Linda Kleinknecht Troy, his wife of 36 years and his loyal dog, Lucy Lu.

David was also survived by brothers and sisters Marcia Phelon and husband Wes, Mark and wife Geri, Ted and wife Sharon, Sue Baird, Tim and wife Martha, Kevin and wife Stacey; cherished by Mother-in-law Pat Kleinknecht and sister and brother-in-law Patty and Fred Kleinknecht plus numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

David received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Tech University majoring in History and Government. His passion for history and travel led him on journeys to over 30 foreign countries and much of the United States including Alaska and Hawaii.

David's professional career included positions in retail, outside sales and oilfield services, a position which took him abroad to live for 14 years in Athens, Greece; Abu Dhabi; UAE, Cairo, Egypt; London, England; and Jakarta, Indonesia. He later was a small business owner.

Family and friends were David's true love. David and Linda cherish their friendships with many from around the world. David was always willing to lend a hand, from helping with household projects to offering support to friends who were ill, and even babysitting the next-door neighbor's infant triplets. He also loved music, reading and especially his garden which was filled with bright, colorful flowers.

Never one to focus on the negative, David fought his 14-year cancer battle with strength and a humorous spirit. He helped provide ongoing support to other cancer patients. His ability to put others at ease with his positive attitude helped everyone enjoy life and made them thankful for the gift of David's life. The family is grateful for the care and concern received from David's many friends and especially for the care David received from MD Anderson Cancer Center and Houston Hospice. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to MD Anderson Cancer Center. Visit <http://www.mdanderson.org/> to donate in David's memory.

A memorial service to celebrate David's life will be held Friday, May 4, 2012 at 1:00 pm at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77079. A reception will follow at D.M. Dettling Funeral Directors, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77079.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Reception

MAY 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Detting Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David L. Troy*



Detting Funeral Home - April 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *1 file added to the album David Troy*



Peter Ledden - December 24, 2023 at 03:15 AM



“ *David L. Troy*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *David L. Troy*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *David L. Troy*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *David L. Troy*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Dear Linda*

We realize it has been over a year since David's passing and we have not been in contact for a number of years.

We just went on line to search for friends from our travels and came across the news of David.

We were sorry to hear of your loss and remembered the wonderful times we had together.

David was a fine, intelligent person who was always a gentleman and made one feel welcomed and comfortable in his presence .

Our deepest sympathy

Tom and Deborah Kattar

Thomas Kattar - May 30, 2013 at 11:46 AM



“ *Fooling around in Mr. Bivens' chemistry class... Dave learned from me never to look down the barrel of a Bunsen burner. It took weeks for my eyebrows to grow back. R.I.P., Dave. One of your chemistry lab partners, Pete Bargmann (Jesuit H.S. '66)*

Peter Bargmann - May 08, 2012 at 08:41 PM

JK

“ I picked up a print order today from one of my vendors. I worked for this particular print shop from 2000 to 2005, and I know everyone there. It's a small shop, a dozen or so employees; so everyone is pretty close.

Today the parking lot was almost empty. I asked the receptionist, “Slow Friday afternoon?” and she said, “Everyone is at David's memorial service.” I stopped in my tracks, in shock.

David Troy was a gentleman who had been working there for several years. He was the kindest, goofiest, light-hearted fellow. He used to sneak into my office and leave my favorite Starbucks coffee drink, just to brighten my day. Once he brought me the coffee, set it on my desk with a flourish, and exclaimed “Who's your daddy?!” with a big grin.

David had cancer back then, but had beaten it. I feel terrible... because I didn't know he was sick again, and it had been a while since I'd made the time to stop by to chat with him.

I know David is in Heaven. He's hanging out with the angels, laughing and chatting, and bringing them upside-down caramel macchiatos. Rest in Peace, David!

Jenny Keener

Jenny Keener - May 04, 2012 at 03:46 PM

NK

“ Nancy Kane lit a candle in memory of David L. Troy



Nancy Kane - May 03, 2012 at 10:37 PM

SS

“ It seems as if the Whittinghams and Sheltons have known David forever - actually its over three decades. We first made acquaintance back in the days when Peter, Anne and Susie lived in Texas. Of course it was David's sense of fun, his friendliness, his dry sense of humor and his good nature that really appealed right from the start. We enjoyed the great discussions on many topics while at the same time enjoying his and Linda's wonderful hospitality. Despite us retreating back over the Atlantic to the UK, our friendship endured, and we had so much fun seeing you when you were in London. We also were well looked after when we visited you during your time in Athens, and when we returned to introduce our children to Texas. What a great team - opening your home to family and friends on many occasions..

David will be sorely missed, but we all consider ourselves mighty fortunate to have been regarded as his friends.

All of us will be holding Linda, Pat and family, and all David's family, in our thoughts and prayers. We will pray for strength for you all at this time, and in the time to come.

With fond affection from us all - David we salute you.

Anne, Susie and Clive, Chris and Sandra, Leigh and Penny and their families

Susanna Shelton - May 03, 2012 at 11:05 AM

JN

“ Jay Nayak lit a candle in memory of David L.
Troy



Jay Nayak - May 03, 2012 at 06:04 AM

LT

“ Linda, we were so sorry to hear the sad news, especially now, after having just reconnected with one another after so many years. We got to know David and Linda in the late seventies In Cairo, Egypt. David and I worked closely together in the oilfield for a number of years, and It was always a pleasure to work with him. We remeber many evenings spent together with lots of friends, and I can remember David as always being the life and soul of the party. Both Carol and I look back on the many good times we have had together, and that is how we will remember David. We will treasure our memories, and we will be thinking of David on the 4th May, but also thereafter. We will not forget him. Linda, we wish you a lot of strength.

Luuk and Carol van Tooren - 2nd May 2012, the Netherlands

Luuk van Tooren - May 02, 2012 at 02:06 PM



“ Kevin Troy lit a candle in memory of David L. Troy



Kevin Troy - April 30, 2012 at 11:02 AM

MH

What a class act David Troy was in life. What a class act he will be in the after-life party. "Wait for us David", or at least slow down till we arrive. David and Klank were a real team. They happened to fall in love and spent a lifetime seeing the world, and loving every minute of the fun. They made my trip to Athens, Greece a real adventure. David, I thank you now for your friendship, the laughs we had for years, and watch over us so we don't take ourselves so seriously. Maggie Hindman, Galveston, TX

Margaret "Maggie" Hindman - April 30, 2012 at 11:01 PM

RJ

“ David Troy was more than a friend, he was family. My wife and I first met the Troy’s on moving to Houston, TX in 2001.

Many of an enjoyable evening were spent with the Troy’s. David was always very knowledgeable about events, and was a pleasure to talk with.

When our grandchildren were born, David was always right there to help us the grandparents. I don’t know how we would have been able to manage without David. He was lovingly referred to by the grandchildren as “Mr. Wilson.”

David always took time to come over and visit when we were watching the grandchildren (next door to Dave Home). He always enjoyed having a beer from Jim’s refrigerator. He claimed the beer always tasted better from Jim’s refrigerator.

Mr. Wilson, you will be greatly missed by all.

Ralph and Brenda Ellis

Ralph Ellis, Jr. - April 28, 2012 at 09:57 AM

JM

“ John and Jean Saul of Harrold, England, send their love and sympathy to all the Troy Family on this sad occasion. We will be thinking of you on 4th May.

John A.Saul and Jean M.Saul - April 27, 2012 at 01:36 PM

DN

“ Linda and Family, I am very sorry to hear about David's passing. It was always a pleasure to speak with David during Christmas parties, and Texas Vs Texas Tech games. He will be missed.

David Naumann - April 27, 2012 at 10:03 AM

FE

“ *Facilities Mgmt - ECDC purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of David L. Troy.*



Facilities Mgmt - ECDC - April 27, 2012 at 08:25 AM



“ *The Troy family requests that memorial contributions in David's
memory be made to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at [http://www.m
danderson.org/](http://www.mdanderson.org/)*

David Dettling - April 26, 2012 at 02:38 PM