



David Mitchell Wilbanks

May 22, 1963 - April 17, 2023

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Tribute Wall

MR

“David was a true HERO, friend & our neighbor for over 20 years. He was the one I could call upon to remove my daughter’s expired pet bunnies from the cage before she got home from school while my husband was working late at the office. He was a devoted son to his mom Lorraine, who ironically departed this earth the same week as my own mother. He was a dedicated Registered Nurse professional, who tended 2 his nursing home “family” 12-14 hrs/day, who seldom took time off for himself. The residents are all wondering “What happened to Nurse David?” and “Why did he leave us without saying goodbye?” He respected his co-workers so much that he sacrificed his own hard-earned vacation time so they could enjoy quality time with their families... because that’s who David was. When he wasn’t “working” at the nursing home, he was caring for his mom or maintaining her country home while neglecting his own. He talked about perhaps retiring there “someday”. Sadly, the reality is David won’t get to retire, collect Social Security, go on exotic vacations, spend time with family & friends or enjoy the fruits of his labor on his “pleasure” boat that still sits idle in the driveway, covered with debris & pine needles. He was ALWAYS WORKING and yes, it was his choice. I do know this very IMPORTANT fact about our friend David Matthew. He was an exceptional human being with pensive bright eyes, who had a BIG heart of GOLD. He never carried a grudge to those that emotionally hurt him in the past. Heck, he would cut off his arm if it saved somebody’s life! David was a CAREGIVER because that was his calling. He BELIEVED 100% that the Lord Almighty would get him through each physically & mentally exhausting day. He saw some seriously wicked illnesses in the nursing home over the years and families ripped suddenly apart by COVID. We invited him over for life events, an occasional cookout and even our neighborhood Bible study once upon a time. I feel it’s important to remind people trying to cope with a loss of a loved one, that our BIRTH and DEATH dates are pre-determined by the same God, although the latter date is a mystery to us.



Regardless, the ONLY thing that truly matters is HOW you use the DASH in between those dates that's etched on your grave stone or on a carved box of ashes. It's not about how much money you made or STUFF you accumulated over 30-40 years. You can't pack that up in a U-haul and take it with you in whichever direction you're headed after your final breath. We just want his family & friends to know that David Matthew Wilbanks mattered to us. He is already sorely missed. We just pray that we will meet up again after JUDGEMENT DAY on GOLDEN STREETS where loneliness & pain are no more. I had a vision of David in full body armor, holding a bejeweled, silver sword, ✎ riding a decorated white horse up in the sky, ready to charge into battle and save the world!

Folks, if you aren't LIVING life to the MAX please do it to honor David, because as you can clearly see, tomorrow isn't guaranteed for any of us. Peace & comfort to all who were fortunate enough to cross David's path during his short time on earth. He will never be forgotten.

Matthew 25:23: His Lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord."

Mia & Jim Rogers - April 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM

KJ

Still thinking of my best friend David and missing him two and a half years after his passing. He was gone too soon. Enjoyed reading the entry by his friends Mia and Jim Rogers...it reminds us to live life to the fullest. ❤️

Karen Jackson - December 13, 2025 at 04:35 AM

SR

“ *Rip cousin gbnf*



Sr - April 26, 2023 at 08:34 AM

CW

“ *David and I met in 1968 . The military kept us close while we were growing up and our friendship kept us in touch afterwards. He was the final caregiver to not only his mother, but also to my father in his last days . He acted upon this world in a caring and selfless manner of which is rarely seen in people today . Though the world may have lost a good person , the lord has received a great and kind soul .*

Chuck White - April 22, 2023 at 07:13 AM

KJ

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Karen Jackson - April 21, 2023 at 02:09 PM

KJ

“ David was my best friend since I was about 16 years old. He was considered part of the family. He was always invited to Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner and he was also in my sister Brenda's wedding 20 years ago. My mom would occasionally tell me how she had extended phone conversations with David and they would laugh together. He was a very sincere, trustworthy and reliable person. There will be an emptiness without him.

Karen Jackson - April 21, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ First cousin memories 🤔
RIP



Angela Wagner - April 21, 2023 at 10:01 AM

BW

“ 1 file added to the album David Photos



Brenda Williams - April 20, 2023 at 09:46 PM

BW

“ *David has been a part of our family for about 40 years. He has been involved in all of the special occasions. He is MY brother and I loved him so very much. This is so sad for our family and he will be so missed! Rest in the arms of the Father, my dear brother.*

Brenda Williams - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 PM