



## David Ray Dorough

May 8, 1955 - March 23, 2015

David Ray Dorough, 59, of Prosper, passed away Monday, March 23, 2015 in McKinney, TX. He was born May 8, 1955 in Dallas, TX to Franklin and Barbara (Tanner) Dorough. David married Kathy Phillips on February, 25 1978 in Carrollton, TX. He served in the United States Air Force. He is survived by his wife, Kathy of Prosper, TX; parents, Frank and Barbara Dorough of Aubrey, TX; son, Jeremy Dorough of California; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; two sisters, Linda Lee of Grapevine, TX and Carolyn Watts of Denton, TX; and numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Edia Schultz and father-in-law, Dewey Phillips. Visitation will be held 2:00PM, Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey with the funeral service following at 3:00PM officiated by Bob Smith and Bo Thompson. Pallbearers include Travis Phillips; Daniel Phillips; Johnathan Phillips; Aaron McLendon; Damion Phillips; Stan Hayes and Honorary Pallbearer, Mike Phillips. Burial will then be held at Pilot Point Community Cemetery in Pilot Point, TX. Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com). Donations may be made in David's honor to the Wounded Warrior Project (<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate.aspx>). Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center, Aubrey. To send a flower arrangement to the family of David Ray Dorough, please [click here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.



# Tribute Wall

CW

“ Carolyn Watts lit a candle in memory of David Ray Dorough



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Carolyn Watts - January 31, 2025 at 12:53 AM

CW

“ Dear sweet brother, my how the years have blown by. I can't believe it will soon be 10;years since you went home. Since then we lost momma then Linda and then Daddy and I have lost 3 real good friends. I am the only one left in our family and it has dealt me some tough days that I can barely get through, but I always get on my knees and pray for gods to give me the strength to get through these lonely days, especially since my son hasn't talked to me in 2 years,it's like I have lost all of them as well. Today would have been Daddy's 90th birthday. He was still dealing out is aggravative funniness even in his last days. I want you to know that I did everything in my power to keep him safe and made sure he was well taken care of. I went to see him every day unless I was sick, but even on days I saw him, there were at least 10-15 calls a day, I miss those and I miss your sweet calls. I love you brother and have looked out for your boy Jeremy and have helped him out a lot which I know you would appreciate. He lost his wife a few month ago. They were dealt a tough hand in this life. I'm just thankful I was able to be there for them. Love and miss you brother.

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Carolyn Watts - January 31, 2025 at 12:52 AM



“ Miss you everyday, miss that smile and that one-of-a kind laugh of yours, our talks. You would be proud of your boy. He has got his man head for sure. I love him and am going to continue to love him, his wife and His boy. He has fought hard, is so smart like you, and is honorable. I love him because he has your blood in his veins and for who he has become.. Never a day goes by I don't think of you and love and miss you. I will see ya one day, ok.

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**Carolyn Dorough-Watts** - March 24, 2022 at 06:05 AM



“ Carolyn Dorough-Watts lit a candle in memory of David Ray Dorough



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**Carolyn Dorough-Watts** - March 24, 2022 at 05:59 AM



“ David, I am thankful for the testimony that you recorded and left for us. It gives me so much hope and strength to listen to it. It helps to hear that sweet voice, and I listen to it quite often. I love you so much, we all do. I love the ending on your recording. . . I love each and every one of you that can hear this and, I will see you again . . . this is David Dorough signing off. I dont think you realized how precious that would become for us. I miss you brother. Your memories only grow stronger, you will never be forgotten.

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**Carolyn Dorough-Watts** - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ It has been 5 years without your smiling face, 5 years without your contagious laugh, and 5 years without you in our life. Every now and then we hear a song that reminds us of you or a joke that would surely make you laugh and the tears start flowing. We are living in a crazy world right now that we have never experienced in our lifetime. You, my dear brother-in-law are in a MUCH better place than we are. We still miss you every day and look forward to the day where we can see each other again. RIP sweet David.

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**Stan & Mary Hayes** - March 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My sweet, sweet brother, 5 years have gone by since your passing. It seems more like 5 weeks. I miss our talks so much, mostly, I miss your laugh and precious smile and your call every year on my birthday; its just not the same without hearing from you. I miss you more than I can express. Everyday, I look at your picture on my wall with that huge smile and say David Ray I love you brother and miss you so. I know that you are no longer in that painful, crippled body, but you are free, walking side by side with the Lord.

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**Carolyn Dorough-Watts** - March 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I cannot believe that it will soon be 5 years since you have passed. I miss your humor and your wisdom. You could tell a poop/fart joke one minute and the next say something meaningful and profound. I know that the rest of your nieces and nephews miss those things as well. You always knew how to connect with each one of us. It's times like these in life that I put all of my faith and my trust in God. The faith that you and Aunt Kathy helped me find when I was 14. I never knew God until you both changed your lives, walked the path, and witnessed to me. I can help but to credit you both for opening that door in my life. Thank you for that. I truly believe that you were rewarded in Heaven for the testimony you shared and for the souls you helped win over to Christ. Today I sit here wondering what End Time Prophecy we would talk about. I know that no matter how bad it would get, if you were here, you wouldn't be scared. In fact, I don't think I ever saw you afraid of anything. You always had courage and tenacity when even your life was on the line. You trusted in God and He always came through for you. Thank you for showing me what true faith looks like. In these times ahead I will do as you did and give it all to God. I love you and will see you again one day, Aaron Mason

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**Aaron McLendon** - March 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Hello Brother Dear! I miss you so much! Whenever I need strength, I always think of you. When I hurt, when I can't move without pain, I wonder, how did you do this. I will always reach into my bag of memories and remember what an awesome man you were and still are and always. Love endlessly, Linda

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**Linda Lee** - March 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My goodness, I cant believe it has been 4 years since you went home. Sometimes, it seems like a day ago. I still miss you so much. I hope you can hear me when I talk to you, which is pretty often. I think the thing I miss hearing the most is your laugh, I will never forget it, it was truly one of a kind. I also miss talking to you, and really miss your call on my birthday, it just isnt the same, nothing is. I had to put your pictures away for a while, it was just too painful. I have them out again and say David Ray every time I walk past them. I my heart is feeling a little better about loosing you, I truly know that you are no longer in that painful body, and you are WALKING right beside the Lord. It was just so hard to see you suffering and there was nothing I could do, nothing but pray. You are the one who made me experience the Lord himself, not once but twice, I know he was there the night before he took you home, you looked straight up and said God All Mighty, take me home just as plain as day, and the time we almost lost you when they removed your kidney and the angels were with you in the operating room. No one expected that you would make it through, no one, no one gets over going septic and a fever of 105 dog in 6 hours, That was truly the touch of the Lord, you could feel his presence in the room when we were around your bed praying. I have never felt, that before and nor will I ever forget it. I know you are smiling down when you see how good Jeremy is doing, especially in such a short time. Only a couple of us know this expression you said to him, he will never forget it and he did find his Man Head! I love you brother I think of you every day, and have some wonderful, happy memories of you. The poem I read at your funeral The Dash seemed so fitting. Everyone only has sweet and honorable things to say about how you lived your dash. I love you, and I know I will see you again, and it will be forever. Bye for now.

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**Carolyn Dorough-Watts** - March 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Unkie. How I miss you so much already. I don't know if I ever told you, but since I have been little you have been a hero to me. The way you took your circumstances and plastered a big smile on your face the entire time has always made me want to do better, be better. I will miss coming over, leaning down and giving you a hug while I smell your cologne and your rough cheek brushes my face. I will miss your laugh at family get-togethers and your quiet comments joking about our surroundings. Because of you, I grew up as a compassionate child. I learned that differences make us unique and special. Because of you, I dated a man who had a severe disability for almost four years and I never saw his disability, instead I saw the man he was. You are such a big piece of my heart, Unkie, and I will miss you so very much. I'm taking care of Kakie. We all are. I love you, Christina

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**Christina Hayes** - April 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ David, you are "A Jewel Among Men." I called you that, and I inscribed it on your pocket watch. Your life and faith are proof of its truth. I don't want to write about your pain or suffering. For me, it was from the moment you took your first breath to your last that defined the man whom I love. Through sickness and in health, we have always been blessed, and I wouldn't change one moment of the time that we had together. We both knew that through Jesus Christ, we would be with each other for all eternity. David, the love and strength I need to finish my race here on earth will come first from Jesus and then from you. You told me to reach out my hand when it's my time to meet you in heaven, and I will. It will never be goodbye for me, my sweet husband and best friend. My love for you is eternal. Your wife and best friend, Kathy

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April 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Tomorrow it will be a week since we celebrated your life and legacy... and I still don't have the words to describe what it is that I am feeling about all of this. Kack described you as a jewel amongst men and I feel that is fitting. What I know to be certain is that my life was made sweeter and richer for having had you in it and I am grateful! So grateful!! love you... until we meet again! Natalie p.s. Don't worry about Kack, we'll make sure she is surrounded with love and support.

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**Natalie Hayes** - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

“ To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say...but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you." It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.I need you here badly; you're part of my plan.There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight.God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night.When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving yearsbecause you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er.I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too...that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain,then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain."And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low, just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free, remember you're not going.....you're coming here to me. Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author) © Copyright 1998



“ *FrankYou and your family are in our prayers. We are so sorry for your loss. Your friends, Jerry and Charlotte Davis*

*Denton, Texas*

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April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I don't know what really to say but your loss must be overwhelming. Pat McMahan. "fluff" McMahan. I sent 32 years at 22's. LBJ and 75 God Bless You, my friend.*

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**Fluff McMahan** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I love you my sweet,sweet brother. I am so thankful that my heart is full of memory after memory, after memory of times spent with you, each one will be treasured, David. David, I really am thankful that you are with our Almighty Lord (I know you are), but sometimes it doesn't seem real that you are there and no longer here with us like you have been my whole life. To see your struggle at your day's end will stay with me and has changed me forever. As hard as it was, not being able to help you or comfort you, you knew Kathy and I were right by your side. I know, David that you knew you were leaving this earth and you said that Jesus walked with you, there is no doubt in my mind where you are and that the Lord is true to his promise. I will never ever forget you looking up at me and telling me that you loved me. Never! I know you will live in so many hearts of people that loved you and knew you. I proud that you are my brother because of the person you were to so many of us. My heart aches for what you had to go through but that is all over for you now. I know one day all of us will rejoice and be together for all of eternity, because that is the Lord's promise to those who have excepted him into their life. David,you touched so many lives while you were with us, and I know many more you touched in your passing. I will never be the same person that walked into your hospital room because your journey has touched me so. I love you my precious brother.

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**Carolyn Watts** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ With a look, a smile, David made people comfortable to approach him and laugh and joke around. I never saw him that he wasn't smiling and ever eager to visit and enjoy the moment. I am happy for David who is walking with God but I am so sorry for the loss to Kathy and his Family.

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**Lou Skocpol** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy, I am so glad that I was able to come to the funeral. You are such a remarkable lady and I know that you are probably thinking - I did what God intended for me to do - For Better or Worse - In sickness and health - Til Death do us part. You are amazing. I have so many special and precious memories. God will give you the comfort and peace you need - it is ok to cry and mourn, but remember when you get up there - David will be standing with open arms and a big smile on his face to embrace the one he loved so much here on earth. I'm only a text and/or a phone call away. I love you precious lady!

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March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss! I grew up with David and Linda. David was always so pleasant and fun to be around! I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. RIP David!

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**Lynnette Schroeder** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy I am so sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you that God would hold you and comfort you during your time of grief. I wish that I could have gotten to know David better. I remember the first time I met him it was like we already knew each other. Hold on to your faith in Christ and remember the promise that we will see David again. Love you.

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**Bradley Phillips** - March 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ David you were an inspiration to all who met and knew you. Your kindness, quick wit and humor was always entertaining no matter the crowd, adults or children. Having you as a BROTHER-in-law for almost 40 years I have many fond memories and never any animosity toward me or anyone else. A big piece of my heart goes with you and I will see you in the hereafter. Rest in peace my brother.... I will sorely miss you.

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**Dewey Phillips** - March 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ RIP my long time friend will miss you coming out the VA Dallas & hanging out

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**SMILEY WALLACE** - March 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Lost a very important/influential person on Monday, my Uncle David Dorough. Do not be sad for us, rejoice because he walks with the Lord. He spent over 40 years paralyzed from the neck down, in a wheelchair, struggling to exist. He was in and out of hospitals, struggled with illness, yet always remained strong. He was always positive and his faith was solid. He helped me find Jesus when I was 14, and has always been an inspiration. I marvel at the strength, courage, and determination this man had. He was a hero in my books and will be missed by many. In his last few days he talked to Jesus and walked with Him. He told us Jesus showed him Heaven. I have peace in my heart knowing his body is made new again and he is with lost loved ones. Keep my Aunt Kathy, Mom, Aunt Carolyn, and Grandparents in your prayers.

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**Aaron McLendon** - March 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

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**Aaron McLendon** - March 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Your influence and deeply positive impact will continue on in all the lives touched by your compassion, demeanor, and love. You will be continually remembered, missed, and celebrated by all that have had the pleasure to meet you. You and your family are very loved.

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**Krista Watts** - March 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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*Deborah Moody,*

*Lewisville, Texas*

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**Deborah Moody** - March 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ *What precious memories I have of you. You have always been an inspiration to me and many other people. You never lost your faith, and could talk forever about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You were so blessed that God sent you a wonderful wife that took excellent care of you. Thank you Kathy. I love you for everything you did for David. David I love you and always will. Kiss Granny and Grandpa for me. Love Aunt Pat and Uncle Bub*

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**Pat Easley** - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Kathy, I am truly saddened by the loss of my very dear brother-in-law. I cherished every moment I spent with him. I am who I am today because he was a part of my life. He made me want to be a better person. Your love and care for David was a testament to what true love is all about. I pray that you find solace in the wonderful memories of the time you had with David and knowing that one day you will be reunited. I love you Sis, I am and will always be here for you.*

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**Mary Phillips-Hayes** - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ *What precious memories I have of you. You have always been an inspiration to me, and so many other people. You never lost your faith, and could talk forever about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You were so blessed to have a wonderful wife like Kathy, who took such wonderful care of you all these years. Thank You Kathy I love You. I love you so much David and always will. KissGranny and Grandpa Tanner for me. Love Aunt Pat and Uncle Bub*

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**Pat Easley** - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Kathy my thoughts and prayers are with you. David was one in a million. I just hate it. I am at work til Sunday and won't make it to the funeral. Please give me a call if you can. I love you always.... Janna*

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**Janna Powell** - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ *We are deeply saddened by the loss that you and your family have encountered. Our hearts go out to you during this trying time and may our prayers serve as comfort to you and your loved ones.*

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**Frank and Christina Watts** - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Dear brother, I miss you so much already. I am so blessed to have had you in my life for so many years. Kathy is the greatest, strongest, loving sister-in-law anyone could ever have. Kathy's love and strength added those extra years to David's life. Thank you Kathy and her loving family.*

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**Linda Lee** - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Kathy, I'm am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I have such great memories of David that I will keep close to my heart. He was such a wonderful person inside and out and will be terribly missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers and I love you very much.

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**Laura Mills-Abbott** - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ While I have not known David as long as most, I am so thankful for the time I have had to get to know him. The world lost a wonderful, inspiring, caring man.

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**Ginger Helms** - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ Kathy, I'm sorry to hear of David's passing and for your loss. My heart goes out to you and his family, God Bless.

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**Homer Almendarez** - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Kathy ,was so very sorry to hear of davids passing, and for your loss.have so verymany great memories with you and David,over the years,that will always hold a special place in my heart.God bless you my friend,and God bless the whole Dorough family through these difficult times.

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**phillip parsons** - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Our hearts ached when we heard the news of David's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Bill & Kristee Van Meter** - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ You will always live in our hearts and prayers.

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**Becky Phillips** - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ My sympathetic thoughts and prayers go out to my dearest sister and best friend. May God hold you and keep you in your time of grief. My heart also goes out to David's parents Frank and Barbra. Also, his sister's Carolyn and Linda and all the Dorough family. We Loved David dearly and will miss his wonderful and cheerful love.

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**Deanna Phillips** - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ David was a wonderful brother to me not a brother in law, he was the only father figure and mentor, John had in his life what a blessing he was to me and my son. We look forward to dancing and running with you in heaven one day David. We will celebrate you home til then. Kathy you just remember David is decorating your mansion awaiting you.

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**Deanna, John Phillips** - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ David was such a blessing and inspiration to everyone. Our Lord will be your comfort in the days ahead. Love and sympathy to Kathy, and to Barbara and Frank.

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**Jeanette TILLERY** - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Kathy, I was sad to hear of David's passing. He was a wonderful man. You are in my prayers.

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**Linda Phillips** - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My condolences to our family and friends. Uncle David was a tremendous person. His faith in God was monumental and has had a far reaching impact on many people, especially myself. Growing up I have fond memories at David and Kathy's house, fireworks, movies, and always food. David and Kathy took me to my first youth group, and I can honestly say my life may have taken a different path without their positive influence. David, you will be sorely missed; I cannot fully express the gratitude that I have for your testimony and care for others. I am proud to say that you are my uncle, and your demeanor, positive attitude, and focus on service has been a major influence on my life and dedication to helping others. I will never forget you and the life you lived, you will always be loved and missed, rest in peace.

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**Justin Watts** - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss. David was a special person. We didn't see David that often but when we did he was always upbeat and a pleasure to be around.

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**Jim and Linda Hayes** - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy, May God Bless you in this time of sorrow, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Please know there is another wonderful Angel in Heaven.

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March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Kathy, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time and please know that there is another Angel in Heaven.

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**Mary Laverock** - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Kathy, I'm sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of David at the old Carrollton house. Please know you are in my prayers.

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**Doug Kile** - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ 5. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Please accept our condolences, David will not be forgotten.

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**Jennifer & Mark Durham** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy, We are so very sorry for your loss. Please let us know if we can do anything for you. Love you so much.! Eddie and Sherry Schultz

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March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I'm so sorry for your loss. When you lose a loved one you gain an angel whose name you know. He will walk beside you everyday. I will be keeping you and your family in my prayers during this difficult time.

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**Lorraine Williams** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM