



David F. Burke

September 16, 1948 - April 12, 2016

David F. Burke, age 67, died Tuesday, April 12 at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. Please share your thoughts and memories at www.demosdundan.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *“Wally” is the name I was introduced to David as when I was about 12 in the dusty little town of Fort Garland. David made a greater impact on my life than many know - he, of course, knew... I told him long ago and thanked him for expanding my views of life. 'Gregarious yet thoughtful, adventuresome - yet pragmatic, logical - yet loving. He will always be one of my brothers and a source of great memories. "Oh Peabody you're a dog"..."I've been so lonely in the saddle since my horse died..."DFB originals that still make me smile. Hitch hike the cosmos in comfort sweet brother. Always with love - Gina*

Gina - May 13, 2016 at 12:10 PM

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“ *It is with tears on my face that I give my love to my brother's life and friends.*

I was so excited about his plan to move to San Diego, to Wesley Palms. It was going to be a new part of David's life, our lives too - a renewed bonding with friends and family. I was so looking forward to this. I am grief-stricken that this is a gone potential. David had so much more to offer, so much more to live and share, life to love and embrace.

Apologies that I can not share more than this grieving right now. It is as if a tsunami swept through and took David. A knife in the chest, a breaking of hearts for Mom and me.

Ron Bolles, Ron Lenke and Steve Mulligan I hold in my heart. You are my co-brothers. David thought the world of you three. We've all lost a brother.

I will miss David more than I ever ever could have imagined.

I hold our Mother as she grieves. I send my love to Jesse and Loretta, to my sister, to my children, to David's very good friends.

I often began with "Hey Bro" and ended my letter's "Your sis"

Sue Jean Burke

Sue Jean - April 16, 2016 at 03:11 PM



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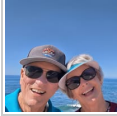
Ron Bolles - April 15, 2016 at 11:09 AM



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Ron Bolles - April 15, 2016 at 12:05 AM



While staying with my wife in a hospital in Coronado, I learned of Dave's situation in a hospital in Corvallis. Dave and I were friends since 10th grade. We shared a bunch of crazy adventures, learned much from each other, and buoyed each other for over 53 years.

At my wife's side during her hospital stay, I dashed off a quick email to Dave. Little did I know this email would launch our final exchange of thoughts and feelings... a lifetime of friendship distilled into a few words...

Good Morning Buddy,

I was so saddened to read of your upcoming hospitalization. I know the plan was to get you into a better state of health prior to this surgery. While none of us can be certain of the outcome, much less the next 10 minutes of our lives, there are a few things about which I am certain...

1) You have lived a very full life so far. Living on your own terms and impacting the lives of most everyone you have met. A very small percentage of people on this planet have accomplished as much as you have. The ease with which you make new friends in new places has always been an inspiration to this card carrying introvert.

2) You have always been a great friend to me. I think the litmus test for that has been those times when our busy lives took us in different directions, and yet when we did touch base, it always seemed like we had just seen each other a week ago, although the reality was it had been years.

In my life friends have come and gone, but since high school 50+ years ago, there's always been Dave. Whether near or far, you've always been there. Sharing a football game via text messaging, infrequent calls, and personal visits have all meant so much to me. The mix of jokes and serious thoughts that you bring to every occasion always make life fun and challenging.

Most of my friendships have been for only a certain season in my life. You have been a friend through all the seasons. No matter the age and stage from awkward seniors in high school kids to awkward senior citizens, your friendship is unfailing and constant. You are a touchstone in my life.

3) Medical science and what we know about how are bodies work has advanced incredibly during our lifetimes. Life expectancy has increased in our lifetime by over ten years. Quality of life for our aging population is at a much higher level than in our parents time.

You have been so impressed with the healthcare professionals you've

been working with in Corvallis. It's as though some higher source knew that's where you needed to be. Your doctors have got this, Dave. You've got this, buddy!

The park bench awaits both of us.

Love you like a brother!

- Ron

Ron Bolles - April 15, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *Helen Cardoff lit a candle in memory of David F. Burke*



Helen Cardoff - April 14, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *I was fresh out of college and just starting my professional career as an Americorp VIP (VIPERS according to DB). David Burke was the first friend I made in the program and truly helped shaped my professional career. He was a true community organizer and a great friend to me. We kept in touch throughout the years and he recently helped me with my graduate school applications. We used to have amazing conversations that continued into amazing e-mails over the years. I loved being in his presence and would often tell him how much I wanted him to meet my family as I knew they would love him as much as I did. DB, I am honored to have met you and worked alongside you.*

Jessica Romo - April 14, 2016 at 12:08 AM