



## David Welford

December 20, 1949 - August 8, 2021

David Welford (71), proud father of 2, proud grandfather of 4, friend to many, loved by many\*, enemy of few\*, ex-husband to one, boyfriend to many..., gun enthusiast, gun shop owner, construction worker, Harley rider, lifelong freelance comedian, freelance political commentator, freelance social commentator, professional conversationalist, professional flirt, professional hamburger connoisseur, professional people-watcher (Wal-Mart), passed away in his sleep, at his home in Houston, Texas on Sunday August 8th, 2021 after a prolonged battle with many health conditions. David loved his children and grandchildren, loved his friends, loved beautiful women, loved his bird "Cookie", loved to tell stories (of which at least 50% were true), loved his country, loved hamburgers, loved chocolate cake, loved pineapple upside down cake, loved Captain Morgan's spiced rum, loved Jim Beam, and loved Bombay Sapphire Martinis (not necessarily in that order). He hated Nancy Pelosi (and most democratic politicians), hated chicken, acted like he hated cats (probably in that order).

David was born in Salem, Illinois on December 20th, 1949. His mother Reba (57) passed in 1972 and his father George (68), a field engineer for Texaco passed in 1980. He had one brother, Stanley (56) who passed in 1999.

David graduated from Salem High School in 1968. He married Teresa (Pokojski) of Salem, Illinois and had 2 children, Stacey (50) and Michael (49).

Both of his children reside in Spring, Texas where his daughter is underway on a lengthy career at a world-renowned orthopedic hospital, and his son is a chiropractor (I hear he's the best...\*). David has 4 grandchildren, Lindsay (27), Madeline (14), Garrett (12) and Gavin (10).

David's life and career in construction carried him around the country and overseas. He found himself on jobs in Illinois, Alaska, New Jersey, Michigan, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, California, Nebraska, North Dakota, Guyana (South America), Dominican Republic and Jamaica, among other places. He was very proud of his overseas work and spoke of it often. He was said to be a charitable person in countries where the people were less fortunate. He had a big heart in that regard and spoke of purchasing a wheelchair for an unfortunate soul in need, and supplying a Christmas complete with Santa and gifts to children in an orphanage overseas. Throughout his life's travels, he accumulated and maintained many valuable and lasting friendships. He loved his friends dearly and spoke fondly of them often.

David flirted with death many times but managed to narrowly survive several heart attacks, a quadruple bypass surgery, a motorcycle accident, his divorce from Teresa, and the death of his bird, "Cookie", each of which nearly resulted in his demise.

David had a terrific, if not somewhat twisted, sense of humor. Those who knew him well can vouch for that and will understand why this obituary is written in this fashion. He loved to laugh. He loved to make others laugh. I kind of think he would want it this way. He could really tell a story. He could really tell a joke. He could really rub some people the wrong way. But, he was true to himself. You always knew what you were going to get. A tough-looking, tough-talking big guy with a huge heart that would do anything in the world for his friends and family.

Those who knew him well (and liked him) will dearly miss his wit and sense of

humor. Others, maybe not so much. Everyone who remembers Dave is welcome to celebrate his life in their own way. Raising a glass of their favorite drink in his memory would be quite appropriate.

David's body will be cremated in accordance with his wishes. Services will be held at Addison Funeral Home in Spring, Texas on Friday August 20th, 2021 at 3:00pm. Receiving of family and friends will begin at 2:00. The virus situation is relatively severe in this area currently. Any who attend would be wise to wear mask, etc.

In lieu of flowers, David would hope that you do an unexpected and unsolicited act of kindness for some unfortunate soul in his name. Otherwise, a donation to Shriner's Hospital will do just fine.

\*may contain misleading or inaccurate information

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Family and Friends

AUG **20**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home  
18630 Kuykendahl Road  
Spring, TX 77379  
(281) 350-0998  
addisonfh@yahoo.com  
<https://addisonfuneralhomes.com>

## Memorial Service

AUG **20**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David Wolford*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *I met Dave when he had a 6 month job in Toronto, Ontario, Canada about 15 yrs ago! We spoke on the phone for about a year before then! Dave was a pure gentleman; soft spoken, kind, considerate! We kept in touch on the phone every few months to catch up on life! I will definitely miss our conversations and his happy go lucky voice everytime we spoke! You're an Angel in Heaven Dave! Rest easy my friend, you'll never be forgotten! 💖*

Lynda Gallagher - January 27, 2022 at 05:44 PM



*I just found out about Dave when I had his Christmas card and birthday card returned today! I'm so sorry! Condolences to his family and friends! Very sad! 😞*

Lynda Gallagher - January 27, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ *To my former brother in law. Dave wolford.  
Rest in peace, my friend.  
We have shared alot of laughs and I will remember you fondly.*

joanne - August 26, 2021 at 07:24 PM

ES

“ *My sincere Condolences thoughts and prayers are with you and your sweet family Michael in this time of grief I wish I could be there to comfort you as you grieve. Words can't describe how sorry for my dear friend I call him so often, now he is not there anymore, when I need a good silly laugh I would call him to hear something rotten, I must say tho we've been together 9 beautiful years is was great plenty memories I have to cherish David.. you will be miss by many my dear friend, RIP my friend..*

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**Esther** - August 20, 2021 at 01:29 PM

ES

*Happy Birthday in Heaven My dearest sweet friend.. I miss you so very much.. i miss talking to you and to hear that laugh.. RIP <3*

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**Esther** - December 29, 2021 at 08:28 PM

ES

*Another year gone by you are missed very much my dearest and adorable friend.. RIP.. <3*

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**Esther..** - December 19, 2024 at 04:22 PM

ES

*Happy Birthday to you my dear friend, today I remember your Bday.. December 20 th..i really miss hearing your voice RIP my sweet friend..*

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**Esther..** - December 20, 2024 at 07:38 PM

ES

*December 8th marks another year since you are gone my dearest friend, I miss you dearly RIP you are remembered by many..*

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**Esther..** - December 10, 2025 at 08:01 PM

ES

*December brings your Memory I know your Birthday will be here soon, Sleep in heavenly Peace my dear Friend..*

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**Esther..** - December 10, 2025 at 08:07 PM

EW

“ *Elijah & Liz Wolford purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Wolford.*



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**Elijah & Liz Wolford** - August 19, 2021 at 11:07 PM

MH

“ *I did not know this gentleman but felt compelled to let the person that wrote his obituary know that after reading that most unusual and entertaining account of this man's life I felt as if I knew him. More obituaries should be written in this manner. A wonderful tribute!*

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**Mary Jane Hardy** - August 19, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



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**Addison Funeral Home** - August 18, 2021 at 02:25 PM

CC

*I was fortunate enough to have known Dave for many years. The absolute best o bit ever and Dave would have been proud of it.*

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**Charles Clarkson** - August 19, 2021 at 06:39 PM

BP

*I am so sad to see that Dave has passed. I met him when he was living and working in Maine. He was so awesome to work with and we had many adventures. I feel honored to have had him in my life. My condolences to the family. ❤️🙏*

**Bambi St Pierre** - May 23, 2022 at 09:15 PM

ES

*Another year has passed August bring sadness to me every year we were best friends and been together for 9 long beautiful years it was the best time in my life being with you my adorable friend you always made me laugh even when you make me mad. You were such a good soul on this earth, You will be forever in my heart I miss you dearly my loving and dearest friend sleep in heavenly peace. You are missed by many. . 🙏😭*

**Esther** - August 17, 2024 at 01:49 PM

EW

*Yup.*

**Elijah Christopher Wolford** - March 04, 2025 at 09:33 PM

MD

*I was so sad when I heard that Dave had passed away. I worked closely with Dave on several projects and he would keep me in stitches. He had so many jokes...could have been a great standup comedian. Love and miss you brother.*

**Mark Dodge** - August 02, 2025 at 11:09 AM

ES

*Today mark another year since you're gone my friend. I really miss you. Sleep in heavenly peace I miss so very much, and to hear your voice especially your laugh RIP 🙏❤️.*

**Esther** - August 07, 2025 at 01:17 PM

CB

“ Chuck & kim blum purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Wolford.



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**Chuck & kim blum** - August 17, 2021 at 03:23 PM

DY

“ I met Dave in 2009, and my life brightened. I always said he could be a grizzly bear on the outside, but, on the inside, he was a teddy bear. He was so funny, thoughtful, and smart. And could he ever tell a story! He had a memory like an elephant & his stories always included the location and year. He valued his friends like gold and treasured his family. My life won't be the same and I will miss him, his humor, his chuckle, and the way he treated me. The only comfort is that he is at peace now and free from his health issues. To his family and dear friends, I offer my condolences for your loss & prayers for comfort at this time. Love you, Dave!

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**Debbie Young** - August 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM

EF

“ Esther Morisa Fleming lit a candle in memory of David Wolford



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**Esther Morisa Fleming** - August 16, 2021 at 09:37 PM

ES

*You will be forever in my heart*

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**Esther** - August 17, 2024 at 01:59 PM

ES

*Another year and another month, May your sweet soul RIP 🙏*

**Esther** - August 17, 2024 at 02:07 PM

ES

*You are remember On your birthday today is December 21st 2025, RIP my friend..*

**Esther** - December 21, 2025 at 10:37 PM

EF

“ *David you will remain in our hearts forever. I will miss hearing your voice and that laugh that we do when you tell me silly jokes.... RIP my dear friend, You will be missed by many.. (Esther..*

**Esther Morisa Fleming** - August 16, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ *Will Dave my friend I am sure going to miss you I have my good memories it's over that can never be taken away*

*Priscilla*



**Priscilla Ville** - August 16, 2021 at 09:05 PM

EW

*My condolences to his family and extended family as well.*

*ECW*

**Elijah C. Wolford** - August 16, 2021 at 11:39 PM



“ Priscilla Ville lit a candle in memory of David Wolford



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**Priscilla Ville** - August 16, 2021 at 09:03 PM

RN

“ Dave was the best Friend a person could ever have, I loved being around him and had more fun than you can ever imagine. He will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace Brother Miss you and Love you.  
Raymond Norregaard

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**Raymond Norregaard** - August 16, 2021 at 08:58 PM

ES

Hey Raymond I remembered all the long distance rides we did together buddy, Dave was just a wonderful guy.

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**Esther** - August 17, 2024 at 02:01 PM

JE

“ Dave loved to tell people that he had lost his father at Pearl Harbor. Dave was born in 1949.

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**John Erickson** - August 14, 2021 at 05:26 PM

JE

“ David was an exceptionally good friend. He brought laughter and joy to all the people who grew up with him and who knew him after he left school. I've known David a long time. I really regret not seeing him more after he left Salem, Illinois. Me and my brother Jim will miss him. RIP Dave. John Erickson

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**John Erickson** - August 14, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ *So sad to hear of Dave's passing. My condolences to the Family. I will miss talking to him. Rest in peace Dave.*  
*Mary Cowan*

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**Mary Cowan** - August 14, 2021 at 04:09 PM