



David Alan Merrill

October 21, 1953 - February 8, 2022

David Alan Merrill, 68, passed away on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, in Roswell, New Mexico. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with David's family at www.andersonbethany.com

A Memorial Service will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 2:00 PM.

On October 21, 1953, David was born to Jacquelyne Evelyne Mervin and Harold Newell Merrill in San Jose, California. David was raised in Mountain View, California, and Denver, Colorado. He had a wide variety of talents and abilities. David taught college-level art and did public relations work. David worked for channel 4 in Colorado and the Shriners, including performing as a 10 ft. tall clown and "Uncle Sam" in Denver parades and other events. He was a carpenter with his father Harold and Uncle Bud, building, fixing, and flipping homes. David was also a truck driver, painter, artist, and cartoonist for a local newspaper with a weekly weather character "Lil Colfax". A talented woodcarver.

David loved traveling, fishing, hunting, surfing, rock climbing, snow and water skiing. He especially enjoyed cooking and he was good at it. He enjoyed the simple things as well, sunsets, the moon, birds singing, and loved dogs, but he especially loved his grandchildren.

David lovingly cared for his father Harold, making his final eight years fun and adventurous. While a prankster, he believed laughter was the best medicine. David is survived by his significant other, Carole; daughter, Mariah and

husband Michael; grandchildren: Galen, Carys, and Milah; daughter, Risa and husband Kevin; granddaughter, Karina; stepdaughter, Rhonda and husband Rusty; grandchildren: Alyson, Maegan, R.J., Harvey, Isabelle, and Samuel; stepson, Matthew; grandchildren: Matalyl and Colton; also his niece Tammy who was (more like a daughter) and husband Tom; their children: Joshua and his wife Arielle, Jessica, and Katy; grandchildren: Charlotte, Branson, Beau, Shylah, Addison, Harper, and Theodore; brother, Darrell and wife Kristi; sister, Lynn (Pinky); many, many other family members who were near and dear to his heart; as well as an incredible number of friends, some life-long! And finally, his beloved dogs: Jiggs, Sugar, and Colfax.

David was preceded in death by his parents: Jacquelyne and Harold; grandparents; brother, Harold Daniel (Danny); and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

David's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
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Roswell, NM 88203
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Tribute Wall

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“ I met David about half way through my high school senior year. Dave always had a smile on his face and always made me laugh. He helped bring me out of my shell, as I only had a couple of friends before I met Dave. I also met his family and became close friends with him and family. I will never forget Dave and all of the great times I had with him. Thinking about you Dave. RIP

Roger - January 04, 2024 at 08:29 AM

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“ Roger lit a candle in memory of David Alan Merrill



Roger - March 02, 2022 at 09:30 PM

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“ Dave was my brother-in-law. He had a fantastic laugh and always seemed to be smiling. He was always very kind to me and my husband. He and my sister Carole graciously came to Denver in 2010 and were a tremendous help with my wedding. Dave took some really nice pictures for us. He gave good hugs and I will really miss him. Our condolences to the entire family.



Shanda Salazar - February 22, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Alan Merrill.*



February 22, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *Tammy L. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of David Alan Merrill.*



Tammy L. - February 21, 2022 at 11:24 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of David Alan Merrill.*



February 20, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ *David was my cousin. His parents were my favorite Aunt & Uncle as a child. I am very sorry that I lost touch with all Merrill cousins as years past. Norma Jean Merrill Lemke*

Norma Jean Lemke (Merrill) - February 18, 2022 at 06:39 PM