



## David Edward Briggs

*September 11, 1951 - April 5, 2020*

David died peacefully, with his wife of 46 years by his side, on April 5, 2020, in McKinney, Texas.

David leaves behind his wife Pat, his mother Bertie Briggs, mother-in law Elaine Wilson, two brothers: Ed Briggs and spouse Laura Briggs, Ken Briggs and spouse Scott Clark, sister Karen Howell, son Bryan Briggs, daughter Genevieve Stefiuk and spouse Mike Stefiuk, two grandsons: Matthew and Luke Stefiuk, four step-grandchildren: Paul, Ryan, Alyson, and Anna Stefiuk, as well as nieces, nephews, and other family members. He was preceded in death by dad Edwin Briggs and brother Cecil Briggs.

David was born in Ocala, Florida and spent many of his early years in Florida and Texas before graduating from Knob Knoster High School in Knob Knoster, Missouri. Then, he received an appointment to The United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Soon after his arrival at West Point, David met Pat on a blind date arranged by Pat's brother. David graduated on June 6, 1973 and was married to Pat on June 7.

David served in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with son Bryan and daughter Genevieve being born during his assignment there. He served in the Berlin Brigade in Berlin, West Germany. In 1980 he left the military to move to the Dallas area and attend Dallas Theological Seminary. David served as an interim Pastor, church chairman, and teacher at Grace Church in Lucas, Texas. David worked at various companies including Texas Instruments and Raytheon.

David was kind, generous and outgoing. He was a devoted husband, father, son, brother and friend. He was a peacemaker who brought calm, stability and wisdom to situations. David had natural musical ability and a beautiful singing voice. He shared his love of music with Genevieve, who filled his life with amazing melody. He loved listening to her play flute and she cherished the sound of his laughter.

David was hard working, loyal, honest, and competent. Bryan shares these qualities with his Dad, especially the loyalty and competency. They also shared a love of reading.

David's health had been compromised for almost 10 years before his death, and he lost many physical and mental capabilities. However, he retained his good nature, his love of family, his sense of humor, and his boyish smile. His is loved dearly and missed sorely.

David's life verse: Philippians 1:21 "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

A private graveside service is taking place on April 10, 2020. A memorial service is tentatively planned for September 12, 2020 to celebrate David's life.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to a charity of your choice or to Real Options for Women in Allen, Texas, 972-424-5144.

## Memorials

*We've lost touch in recent years, but ya'll have remained close in heart. We are saddened to have just heard of David's passing, but what a valiant fight he gave!! So many great memories we'll forever cherish. May God give you and the kids His comfort and peace until the day when we all see Dave again! With our love and prayers-*

**GUS AND CINDY GUSTAFSON, NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

*Pat, I'm so sorry. I've been wondering about you guys and didn't know Dave had passed. I have the fondest memories of him. Prayers to you all.*

**BONNIE PHILLIPS , NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

*Sad to hear of your loss of David, he was in my class(Terry), sounds like he had a wonderful, fullfulling life until the illness came along! A man of God and know that he has joined his Heavenly Father! Our thoughts and prayers are with you now. In love and sympathy! The Fuller's*

**TERRY AND THERESA FULLER, MAY 5, 2020**

*I had the privilege of working with David during our careers. I've never met anyone that I held in higher personal or professional regard than David. His wit, intellect, honesty, judgement were a benefit and joy to all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.*

**BUZ CALDWELL, APRIL 14, 2020**

*As our Post's Honor Guard Commander, it's an Honor to provide our services for a Veteran and their family; it's Thanks to ALL of those Veterans that we can*

*still continue to enjoy our Freedoms today. Our entire Honor Guard prays for David and his family; we hate to see our Veteran's called up by God, but we do our best to send them home to the Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

**FLETCHER SHARP AMERICAN LEGION POST 321 HONOR GUARD COMMANDER, APRIL 12, 2020**

*I'm so sorry for your loss. I felt like I knew him when I never met him but from what I do know just by listening to you and Miss Elaine talk about him he was a great husband, father and a fine man. God Bless his soul!! May He Rest In Peace!!*

**LORI ROMERO, APRIL 11, 2020**

*Our sincere condolences to the Briggs' family. David was a good hearted and caring person that loved others and was devoted to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will truly miss him and wish there were more people like David in this world.*

**JOHN AND DORITA WILSON, APRIL 11, 2020**

*What a privilege to know David and call you both friends all these years.*

**LOUIS & CARY LEVINSON , APRIL 10, 2020**

*David your impact on this world has ended. You will be missed. But you have ventured to your next home where we will meet again someday. Fairwell for now my dear brother. Love you and miss you.*

**KAREN HOWELL, APRIL 10, 2020**

*A wonderful life of accomplishments. I will miss your wisdom and bright spirits.*

**MELANIE SCHULIN, APRIL 10, 2020**

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you Pat. David was a wonderful godly man who always brought joy to a room or made you feel like family. He will be missed but we treasure the memories of our times together.*

**LARRY & LAWANNA MCPHERSON, APRIL 10, 2020**

*Rest In Peace David, you will be forever missed. You will always be my Coca Cola buddy.*

**JUDY COREY, APRIL 10, 2020**

*I worked with many exceptional men and women during my 40 plus year*

*career. However, David stands out from all those exceptional individuals. He had the highest level of integrity, ethics, loyalty and pure honesty of anyone I have ever known. He also demonstrated great patience and understanding when dealing with those who disagreed with him or had an inferior degree of intelligence or perspective. I often discussed my ideas and opinions with him in order to make sure I was balanced in my perceptions and perspectives. He always provided excellent feedback and in many instances provide a degree of humor to balance the discussion and ensure a factual but emotionally balanced opinion. I will miss my friend, but I know he is happy in his new place and is probably laughing at all our daily struggles with issues of insignificance and irrelevance in the grand plan for all of us.*

**CECIL LILLARD, APRIL 10, 2020**

*Thinking of you all at this difficult time. He was a great guy.*

**WYNNE DAWSON , APRIL 10, 2020**

*Be at peace my friend.*

**CAROLYN PUTNAM , APRIL 10, 2020**

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