



David W. Paulson

October 20, 1959 - September 1, 2011

David Wayne Paulson passed into the next realm on September 1, 2011 at the home of his parents surrounded by family. His strong body and equally strong mind were ravished by a virulent form of cancer that quickly consumed him. Wanting to live, he endured radiation and chemotherapy and all they entail while facing the inevitable with sweet grace and manly grit.

He was born October 24, 1959 in Wallace, ID and moved with his parents to Soap Lake at age 2. He attended Soap Lake Schools graduating in 1978. A good athlete, he played school sports, football being his favorite. After high school graduation he went to Alaska and worked on a crabbing boat. Upon his return to Soap Lake he went to work at Lakeview Country Club with Adrian Burd, who became his good friend and mentor. When Mr. Burd retired David was hired as green's superintendent, nurturing the new nine to maturity, as well as competently maintaining the old nine. He worked in this capacity at Lakeview County Club for many years.

An avid reader who always had a book at hand, he also wrote poetry and prose. Being well read, he quickly became a favorite of his literature professor while attending Big Bend Community College. Quiet, introspective and unpretentious, he had a diverse group of friends, being equally comfortable discussing literature and philosophy with professors or teaching a new hire how to mow greens.

David loved the gold fields in Nome, Alaska, spending time there working as a mechanic and mining for gold. The remote beauty of the area, the lure of gold

waiting to be found, and the camaraderie of other miners made the experience meaningful to him.

He was a true "Mr. Fix-It" keeping things operational at his parent's home. His natural mechanic ability led him to an affection for older model VW's, his camper van being his latest acquisition.

Searching for the answers to life's riddles he began to practice meditation and attended several sessions at Northwest Vipassana Center in Onalaska, Washington, and Mumbai, India. At the time illness struck, he was employed at NWVC, finding the quiet, peaceful atmosphere much to his liking. Practicing meditation was helpful to him in dealing with his illness.

He is survived by his two sons, Eric and Ian, a source of pride and love; a beautiful granddaughter, Evelyn, whom he hoped to see grow up; his parents, Kaye, the mom he teased and taught, Rich, the dad he so admired; Dan, the brother bonded since birth; and his sister in law Carrie, cherished for her capable, caring ways.

At his request, there will be no public memorial service. A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake.

Godspeed, dear David, Godspeed.

Tribute Wall



“ Christmas eve and going through old photos from my cannery days in Alaska. When I went to look up Dave on Facebook I was so sad to find this instead. I knew him as brave and kind and genuinely dear. My condolences to all family & those who were close to him. The world is less bright knowing he has left it.##imported-begin##Susan Bainter##imported-end##

December 25, 2012 at 06:09 AM



“ Davd, go in peace..your new life has just begun!

Rich & Kay,

My sincerest condolences, David was a good man a better human being. He will be missed by all.

Sincerely and respectfully,

George Jackman##imported-begin##George Jackman##imported-end##

September 14, 2011 at 10:01 AM



“ Rich, Kaye and family.
Dave was a good friend and I'm sorry for your loss. Your family introduced me to the game of golf and i have enjoyed it very much. Dave was always a good at helping me out. I know he is in heaven getting the greens ready for the rest of us when we get there. Dave my you rest in peace!!##imported-begin##John Edwards##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 09:01 PM



“ Rich and Kaye,
I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was a good guy and a great friend during our many years working together at LVCC. I just want you to know I am thinking of you and your family.
With Love,
Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa Kriete Voss-Hamilton##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 02:50 PM



“ Dave was a very good friend of mine at Wilbur Middle and High School. Many good memories for many fun years. Also, spent a lot of time around his brother, Dan and Dave's mom and dad at the Wilbur Golf Course. My clearest memories was Dave enjoyed life. He laughed. He lived for adventure which, at the time, seemed to be behind the handlebars of his motorcycle with me hanging on. His family will be in our prayers tonight.##imported-begin##Bill Rozier##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 02:31 PM



“ Dear Kaye and Rich:
I am so sorry about your loss of David. He was a good and kindhearted man. I enjoyed getting to know him while at Lakeview and have good memories of visiting with him. My heartfelt sympathy to you and all your family. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Edna Hanstead##imported-end##

September 11, 2011 at 11:42 AM



“ Dear Kaye, Rich and Family,

Such a sad time as we know. Dave has gone on and the suffering is over. Dave was a nice person and always so pleasant when we saw him on the golf course. He was a conscientious worker and spent many hours on the course. We are thinking of you and available if you want some mental support.

*Our love,
Dick & Suzy##imported-begin##Dick and Suzy Meldrum##imported-end##*

September 11, 2011 at 11:12 AM



“ We always enjoyed David. He was the best greenskeeper Lakeview ever had. We will miss his quiet demeanor and subtle sense of humor.

The "heavenly fairways" will always be in excellent condition with both David & Ade attending them.

Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Rich & Lu Allgood##imported-end##

September 10, 2011 at 01:40 PM



“ I have many great memories of living on the golf course and of the Paulson Family. Dave was always sweet and kind to me and always took the time to say hello, He will forever be alive in the memories of all that loved him.##imported-begin##Jennifer Farris (O'Bleness)##imported-end##

September 10, 2011 at 01:25 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss, our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. We know he will be missed.##imported-begin##Tom & Pauline McIntosh##imported-end##

September 09, 2011 at 06:32 PM



“ David. A wise, intelligent, creative being. You will be greatly missed, dear friend.
My deepest sympathy to the family at this time. The love you have shown Dave through his illness I'm sure was much appreciated by him.
To Dan, Carrie, Eric and Ian: Stillwater spoke of you often. Thank you for the time spent with you all.
Rich and Kaye: Thank you for always welcoming me in your lives and home. David knew he had a good set of parents and would share happy memories with me all the time.
I'm so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Dottie Phillips##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 12:49 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of your families loss ,our thoughts and prayers are with you##imported-begin##Debbie Hitzroth##imported-end##

September 05, 2011 at 07:19 PM



“ To the Paulson Family... I was so sorry to hear about Dave. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Darla Ruffin Mast##imported-end##

September 04, 2011 at 01:18 AM