



David Howard Cordell

December 17, 1955 - April 23, 2023

On Sunday, April 23, 2023, David Howard Cordell, loving husband, brother, father of four, and beloved grandfather of twelve passed away in Buford, Georgia at the age of 67, with his wife Cynthia (Cyndi) at his side, following a three-year battle with cancer.

David, the son of Thel Burton Cordell and Edna Bayne Sullivan, was born in 1955 in Huntington Park, California, the youngest of four children. Raised by both his father and mother, as well as his “second parents” Ken and Grace Williams, David enjoyed a childhood of outdoor mischief, camping, and trips to the beach while tormenting (and being tormented by) his three older sisters Nancy, Shirley, and Millie. Following missionary service for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Italy, David met and married his eternal love, Cynthia JoAnne Klenk, in 1978 in the Los Angeles, California LDS Temple. They raised three sons, Jared, Donald, and James, and one daughter, JoAnne, building a family that would span three generations before his passing.

A graduate of Bell High School in Southern California, David went on to study Economics at Cerritos Junior College and California State University, Dominguez Hills, graduating in 1984 and starting a career in printing ink sales. A lifelong learner, David could read multiple books a week and passed along his passion for reading and obscure trivia to his children.

Despite a love of West Coast sunshine, David's career took this Southern California native to Oklahoma, Ontario Canada (twice), Illinois (twice), New Jersey, Indiana, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, and Florida, before he finally returned to Southern California to help care for his mother- and father-in-law through their last years. Knowing his life would not be complete without one more move, David and Cyndi relocated to Georgia months before his passing to be near their son James and his family.

Second only to David's love for and commitment to his family was his faith, serving devotedly throughout his life in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. David's time as the Bishop of the Round Lake Ward in Illinois was a spiritual highpoint as he served the families in his congregation.

As locational stability was never a Cordell strength, family get-togethers provided an opportunity to convene far-flung grown children, and an increasing brood of grandchildren, for evenings of conversation and laughter. Never one to hide his opinions or shy away from a conversation, David's dry humor and sarcasm ensured lively family gatherings with none spared from a loving barb or witty retort. David's humor only slightly masked his immense pride in his family, with conversations consistently turning to his children's and grandchildren's most recent accomplishments. In his final years, David most looked forward to opportunities to hug and play with his grandchildren.

For forty-five years David was accompanied by his best friend and loving wife, Cyndi, as they navigated life's challenges and shared in its joys. Never wavering, Cyndi remained by David's side to the end, caring for him as cancer and Alzheimer's slowly sapped him of his strength while savoring each blessing that came from their last moments together. While David is now released from the challenges of this life, Cyndi looks forward to their eventual joyous reunion in the next life where he is now free from pain (but has

resumed being a pain to those around him).

David was preceded in death by his father Thel, mother Edna, and sisters Nancy and Shirley. He is survived by his wife Cyndi, sister Millie (Terry) Cangelosi, brother-in-law Bob McGlynn, children Jared (Stacey) Cordell, Donald (Kimberly) Cordell, James (Alie) Cordell, and JoAnne (Tyler) Wallo as well as 12 grandchildren (Cohen, Carter, Mariah, Landon, Claire, Lacey, Kailey, Elise, Kyra, Kian, Adeline, Janelle). His funeral will occur on May 6 at the Flowery Branch, Georgia Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, followed immediately by his interment at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens.

In Lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to:

The Humanitarian Aid Fund of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at: give.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/humanitarian-aid or
The American Cancer Society at: donate.cancer.org

Those unable to attend are welcome to join the livestream at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@hamiltonmillward6223>

Cemetery Details

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens

5979 New Bethany Rd
Buford, GA 30518

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
4735 Cash Road
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Interment

MAY 6 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JU

“ Cyndi...Dave and I are so sorry to hear. He was sooo smart and witty and funny... I so enjoyed sitting next to you guys at Marla and Penti's wedding (whom I'm sure he's catching up with as we speak...:) we laughed And I had found a fellow Republican!! Hahahah Cyndi I love you... your kind heart shines three your amazing children and the friends along the way who have never forgotten either of our wonderful wanderlust Cordells. Love to you all. Xxxxxxxxxx Dave and juli Genoa

juli - May 30, 2023 at 12:35 AM

JG

“ Elder Cordell was one of the finest missionaries in the Italy Padova Mission and we remained in touch over the years. I was his mission president. In my mind's eye I still see him as a young vibrant missionary, yet he has left us and will rest for a little while. I am sorry he had to suffer so much. To his dear wife Cyndi and his entire family, please accept our sincere condolences. John and Vicki Grincerì

John A GRINCERI - May 08, 2023 at 04:17 AM

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“ Aziano Cordell was a great example and hard worker in the Italy Padova Mission. It was a privilege to have served with him. -Eric Selin

Eric Selin - April 30, 2023 at 07:40 PM

KT

“ David was a member of our Bell High School Facebook page that I created 10 years ago, and every time he left a comment or post, it was either witty, humorous or wise. He encouraged others with his wisdom and made many smile with his sense of humor, and we will truly miss his presence! Fly high Eagle And Brother Cancer Warrior! Until we meet again! Kay Thornton-Marquez, Class of '75

Kay Thornton-Marquez - April 27, 2023 at 01:58 AM

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“ We will always cherish the time that you and Dave were living so close to us in Florida! We only regret that we did not make more time to spend with you when we had the chance. My parents also send their condolences and have always talked about what a great guy Dave was, grateful to have met him in this life. Jordan and Lydia look forward to coming for the funeral to see everyone and celebrate his life. I will unfortunately have to miss as my friend is coming from Utah to visit that week. We will have to make a trip with all of us to visit you later. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We love you!

Alexa Thomas - April 26, 2023 at 11:46 PM