



David Michael Nave

September 11, 1946 - August 27, 2016

David was a husband, father, brother, son and grandfather. He was loved by all who knew him. His passing has left a hole in all our hearts.

Born to David and Ann Nave in Glendale, California he was the second of three children that include his sister, Sandra Kohler from Upland, California and Cathy Skinner from Copalis Beach, Washington. He was married to his wife, Patti for 43 years.

David worked at Brown's Shoe Fit Co. in Visalia, transferring to the area from San Luis Obispo in 1983. He later took a management position at KART in Hanford, which later became MV Transportation. David was a Lions Club Member since 1983. He loved bad golf, camping, and building contraptions. He loved spending time with his grandson, Evan.

A self-proclaimed "Workaholic", he loved his job, his family and his home. David was larger than life.

We will miss his sense of humor, his silliness and his endless unfinished projects.

Memorial Service will be held at Salser & Dillard in Visalia, September 14th, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to autismspeaks.org

A memorial service will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel.

A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Memorial

SEP **14**. 12:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 635-1144
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<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

Tribute Wall

GG

“ 10 years, Been awhile my friend. I always think of you when I come to Hanford and see your buses, I pray your wife and the rest of your family are well and have some kind of Peace.
Rest well my friend and may Our Lords Perpetual Light shine upon you always.

Gloria Gonzales - March 30 at 01:56 PM

KB

“ Grandfather to six, you are still so greatly missed by Renee, Dylan, and Henry (who, sadly, never got to meet you in person). We love and miss you 8 and a half years later...
You'll always have a place in my garden with Paisley. I miss you both. Thank you again for being my Dad.
I can still hear your laughter.

Kristen Bullock - February 19, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ My condolences to his wife. When I first started into the transit business, I had the opportunity for Dave to be one of my mentors. He showed me the ropes of transit and how to be a good boss. He was there anytime I needed help. Enjoy your coffe and continue your funny jokes. Thank you and rest in paradise.



Viviana Alapisco - September 14, 2016 at 08:29 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Michael Nave.*



September 13, 2016 at 05:53 PM



“ *From the MV Business Development Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Michael Nave.*



From the MV Business Development Team - September 13, 2016 at 01:28 PM



“ *My dearest Patti, Dale and I send our sincerest condolences for the loss of your sweet "Dave.. You and your family are in our hearts and prayers.. We hope to see you on Wed.. God bless!! Dale and Carole Moeller*

dale & carole moeller - September 12, 2016 at 11:31 PM



“ *Dave was an awesome BOSS he had a great sense of humor, he loved singing he will be missed very much!!*

yolanda figueroa - September 12, 2016 at 05:22 PM

RB

“ *Some great memories of a great man. What a sense of humor! You will be missed.*

Russ Brashear - September 12, 2016 at 12:44 PM



“ *Punky Reese lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave*



Punky Reese - September 11, 2016 at 11:04 PM



“ *Donnie Willa Cole lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave*



Donnie Willa Cole - September 10, 2016 at 12:46 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Michael Nave.*



September 07, 2016 at 07:22 PM

EB

“ I worked for the same company as Dave, and soon became friends. We once took a road trip for work. From Denver back to Visalia. Somewhere in Colorado, an older Gent was down on his luck and Dave went out of his way to talk to the gentleman and make sure he had something to eat. Dave was a good friend and a great guy. Dave, you were the best. Ed Brdnarczyk.

Ed Bednarczyk - September 07, 2016 at 04:00 PM

AG

“ Its taken me forever to be able to write on this beautiful tribute wall but first and foremost I send my condolences to Patti his wife who he loved dearly and talked about on the daily and to his children I am so very sorry for your loss Dave was the best boss ever I was his payroll clerk in the Visalia division he became our GM about 1 month after I took the position and I cant begin to say how much he showed me he was so smart and so full of life he will never know how much he showed me and how much I looked up to him and how much I appreciate all his fast tricks on excel I am going to miss his yelling from his office oh hells bells something's not rite as he screams for me to come check the miles or his singing my mamma don't like you and she likes everyone and most of all his guitar playing all around great person he will never know how much a appreciate all that he thought me and I will forever be grateful his memory will live on here at Visalia division rest in paradise Dave Nave.

Ashley Gonzalez

Ashley Gonzalez - September 07, 2016 at 02:06 PM

JS

“ On behalf of MV Transportation, Division 222, we send our deepest sympathy to Dave's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jim Schultzman

Jim Schultzman - September 06, 2016 at 01:05 PM

LP

“ *Dave, I can't believe you're gone. This news was such a shock. My condolences to your wife and family. Knowing you will never walk into anymore meetings with your coffee in one hand and a joke ready to go, is such a shock to me. I'm so glad that we all took a picture together in February, I will forever cherish them! You were an amazing mentor to anyone who crossed your path, me included. Thank you for your friendship the last 10 . You are greatly missed and I can't wait to see you again!*

Leslie Pedrosa - September 06, 2016 at 12:10 PM

RM

“ *Rick Mullins lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave*



Rick Mullins - September 05, 2016 at 07:12 PM

SG

“ *Will always remember those oatmeal raisin cookies we fought over, a wonderful man with a heart of gold. So sorry for your loss Patti , will keep you all in my prayers.*

sue gosvener - September 04, 2016 at 08:06 AM

GR

“ *Dave was a great mentor and awesome boss. He loved to sing, play his guitar and make people laugh. You will be remembered by millions.*

Grace - September 03, 2016 at 07:21 PM

KR

“ *Kelley Roberson lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave*



Kelley Roberson - September 03, 2016 at 06:06 PM

SM

“ *Patti and I have been friends since we were teenagers. I will miss Mike with all my heart.
My thoughts and prayers are with you now and always.*

*Love,
Sharon Matson*

Sharon Matson - September 03, 2016 at 05:18 PM

DM

“ *Darlene Maciel lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave*



Darlene Maciel - September 03, 2016 at 10:37 AM

DM

“ *You're life was a blessing you're memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure.
I am so so sorry for your loss.*

Darlene Maciel - September 03, 2016 at 10:35 AM

DC

“ *Danny Cadena lit a candle in memory of
David Michael Nave*



Danny Cadena - September 02, 2016 at 09:26 PM

KB

“ I love you so much, Dad.

When I was too young to even remember it, you chose to be my Dad and by doing so, gave me a life I wouldn't otherwise have known. I have so many thoughts going through my mind of being raised by you; wooden stilts -personally handcrafted by you in our garage, Old Spice, Popeye, George of the Jungle and The Little Rascals every Sunday morning, PVC pipe and duct tape, boxes of See's Candy and brand-new slippers every Christmas Eve when you'd get home from work, Christmas morning in Mission Viejo when you gave a hearty "Ho Ho Ho!" from the bathroom -so that I'd know that Santa had just left our house, the smell of your office at work -it smelled like you, Donut Day, our conversations on drives to Hanford -just you and me, your love of golf, watching you with my newborn babies -you were so afraid to hold someone so fragile, but you did it so lovingly, our dance at Rob's and my wedding..... & Coffee, coffee, coffee -a love that we shared, once I was a parent myself.

Above all else, I remember and will cherish forever the care, comfort and "I love you's" that you gave to me and The Greatest Gift; YOU as my father. I would give anything to share just one more cup of coffee with you. I miss you so incredibly and I feel utterly broken without you in this world.

I love you, Daddy.

Kristen Nave Bullock - September 02, 2016 at 08:58 PM

SL

Patti, my heart is so with you and your lovely family at this time and love you so much and I am here for you, for anything , just call. Mary and family and I send our prayers and love to you all. Michael will be deeply missed. I love you sis.

The Lord Bless you all abundantly and hold your hands and walk with you during this time. Amen

*Love,
Sharon de Lautour*

Sharon de Lautour - September 07, 2016 at 05:39 PM



To Patti and the family you had a great husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, always remember him for all he was, and I wish all of you good luck and may God bless and keep you all close together and you are in my prayers. Love you all. Peace and Love, Willa McDuffie Cole!

Donnie Willa Cole - September 10, 2016 at 01:53 PM

EG

After trying to touch base with my old high school best friend, I end up here to find out that Dave is gone! We had so much fun in high school and jr. college! We both married very young and started our families. As life would have it, we grew apart geographically as well as emotionally. Luckily, both of us reconnected for our 20th high school reunion and promised each other Not to lose touch. Alas neither of us did that and now, too late, I find that Dave passed away several years ago! To his lovely wife Patti, my heartfelt sympathy! To his children and grands, know that he was a wonderful friend of mine for many years and my heart aches now realizing he is gone!

Ed Grant - January 27, 2022 at 07:18 PM

KB

“*Kristen Nave Bullock lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave*



Kristen Nave Bullock - September 02, 2016 at 08:47 PM

KM

“*My sincere condolences to Dave's family and friends. I will always remember Dave as a truly good man who always made me smile. He will be missed.*

Karen Monson

Karen Monson - September 02, 2016 at 08:08 PM

SB

“ *My condolences to the Nave family.*

Dave, the time has come for you to put down the tools of work and pick up your guitar and play in Heaven's Band.

Sharon Bennett - September 02, 2016 at 03:44 PM

SR

“ *Dave was not only a Great boss but also a Great friend he helped everyone no matter the situation. Dave you will be missed tremendously for your laugh great sense of humor and your singing may you rest in peace.*

Stacie Rodriguez - September 01, 2016 at 10:38 PM

EA

“ *I want to give my deepest condolences to Dave's wife and family and to all who knew Dave. I have had the pleasure to work with Dave for the last 13 years, we both started in 2003 and Dave played a vital role in helping me develop our notification form for our DOT testing program. He always showed his gratitude and appreciation to me and my team and truly was one of the "hardest workers" I know. We are so honored to have known him -I have heard so many wonderful things about Dave and how helpful and motivational he was to those who worked with him every day, he will truly be missed.*

Thoughts and prayers,

Esther Avalos

Esther Avalos - September 01, 2016 at 05:19 PM

JD

“ *Jill DeHart lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave*



Jill DeHart - September 01, 2016 at 03:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Michael Nave.*



September 01, 2016 at 03:55 PM

JF

“ *Dave, I will miss your smile and laugh! :{ It was some time after we had emailed back and forth that I got to meet you and figured out what your emoji meant! A signature mustache for sure!*



Jane Flory - September 01, 2016 at 03:33 PM

BG

“ *Becky Gay lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave*



Becky Gay - September 01, 2016 at 03:19 PM

RK

“ Robert Kroll lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave



Robert Kroll - September 01, 2016 at 03:18 PM

TK

Had the pleasure of meeting Dave through my wife Terrie Kroll at a few Christmas dinner they had over the last few years. Dave and I would sit together and talk about our music and passion for playing guitar. although I only meant him a few times you just seem to walk away thinking he was a friend forever!

Terrie Kroll - September 01, 2016 at 03:31 PM

RF

Dave was an awesome guy. His love for life and people inspired me every time we were together. Those of us who had the privilege of working with Dave will always remember the zeal and commitment he had for his staff and overall workplace. His humor and sarcasm...:-)....are parts that made him so enduring to so many of us. We will miss you my brother!!

Rich Frost - September 01, 2016 at 08:47 PM

TS

“ Terrence L Strong lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave



Terrence L Strong - September 01, 2016 at 03:10 PM

TS

“ Dave was a true friend that I have known for over 10 years. When Dave was in the room you know he was there, he demanded your attention no matter what. He will be missed tremendously, GOD allowed me to see him in February and talk to him on the phone few weeks ago and I am thankful for that. Rest in Paradise my friend until we meet again.

Love you,
T. Strong

Terrence L Strong - September 01, 2016 at 03:09 PM

JB

“ Jennifer Brabham lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave



Jennifer Brabham - September 01, 2016 at 03:00 PM

EH

“ On behalf of the entire MV Transportation, Division 240 family we send our thoughts and prayers to David's family and loved ones. We are so sorry for your loss.

Ed Howard - September 01, 2016 at 03:00 PM

SM

“ Shannon Morgan lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave



Shannon Morgan - September 01, 2016 at 02:57 PM

CL

“ *Dave was a wonderful person. I'm thankful to have met him. He was always positive and full of life. I enjoyed his humor. I'm very sorry for your loss. It is a loss to anyone who met him. Cherish your memories, I'm sure you have many!*

Love, Carol Lindsay, MV Safety Manger, Lodi, CA

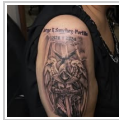
Carol Lindsay - September 01, 2016 at 02:55 PM



“ *Claudia Güereca sent a virtual gift in memory of David Michael Nave*



Claudia Güereca - September 01, 2016 at 02:55 PM



I hope that our Lord brings you and your family the much-needed peace during this sad time. My condolences to you and your family.

Claudia Güereca - September 01, 2016 at 02:57 PM

MB

“ *Melody Brager lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave*



Melody Brager - September 01, 2016 at 02:51 PM

KV

“ Karen Varner lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave



Karen Varner - September 01, 2016 at 01:52 PM

ER

“ First and foremost I will like to say my condolences to his wife and family ... Dave was and will be the best boss I ever had period. He was a kind hearted person with a huge heart . I will always remember his singing and his signature laugh. Thank you Dave



esmeralda rubio - August 31, 2016 at 11:35 PM

DV

“ Diana Velazco-Denham lit a candle in memory of David Michael Nave



Diana Velazco-Denham - August 31, 2016 at 06:15 PM

DV

“ I had the honor to work with Dave and will miss him dearly. I will miss his laugh, singing, and silliness. He was a down to earth boss and caring friend. Rest in peace my friend. You will always be remembered.....miss ya!

Diana Velazco-Denham - August 31, 2016 at 06:13 PM

SB

“ Sharon Bennett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Michael Nave.



Sharon Bennett - August 31, 2016 at 02:38 PM

EG

“ I only had a short time to work with Mr Dave as I used to call him, but since day one he was more than a boss he was a friend funny caring and a very wise man. Always used to tell me Elena when you are ready to come back you have a job here. Mr Dave you are going to be truly missed.

Elena Gallardo - August 31, 2016 at 02:37 PM

RR

“ Dave was a GREAT friend, person, worker..... I had the pleasure of knowing Dave for the past 3 years working with Transit. He was full of energy, knowledge (all kinds), full of humor, and always had a great big smile on his face! He was always talking about his family, you could see it in his eyes how he loved them all, wife, children, grandchildren, with a passion! A funny memory I will not forget ever, Dave invited me to a golf tournament MV had sponsored a team. Work came up and I could not attend, so I sent Dave my regrets, but told him I had one of my best friends fill in for me. Well right next morning Dave sent me an email with "Wow, the game was like "Star Trek, we were in places we had never been before! We didn't know how to play, we were so close to the greens, not even funny!" Dave was excellent at all he did, professional work, great ethics, dressing up, getting things completed and final! To all of his family, my saddest and most sincere sympathy! Dave, you will be GREATLY missed "buddy"!

Roy Ramirez, Friend

Roy Ramirez - August 31, 2016 at 01:01 PM

TK

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Dave for the last 17 years through our job with MV transportation. He was my friend I went to for everything. He was always there for so many of us helping solve a problem or just sharing stories about our grandkids and life.

I knew of a time when after his work day he would go over in the evening to COS college and take a computer class and piano class too! I didn't know where he got all his energy from. I knew he had passion for playing his guitar and it was not uncommon to step in his office in Hanford and behind the office door he would bring out the guitar and strum a few notes for you. Dave was always a sharp dresser I thought from his trouser socks that might have airplanes or something silly on them to his pressed dressed shirts to his ties he was full of charisma and loved by so may of us. My prayers our with you and your family during these next several days and all of you draw close together as a family to hold each other through this most difficult time.


Terrie Kroll

Terrie Kroll - August 31, 2016 at 08:51 AM

AD

“ There are people that comes into our lives and leave and nothing is said. and there are people that come into our lives and leaves and nothing can be said. i will miss you my friend.

Alan Denham - August 31, 2016 at 08:11 AM

 Peggy
Munoz

“ *My love and condolences to Patty and your family Dave was a wonderful boss I will truly miss him he had a great sense of humor my prayers will be with you*



Peggy Munoz - August 30, 2016 at 07:24 PM