



## David L. Foster

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David Leonard Foster was a loving husband, father, uncle, brother, and friend. He was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He moved to Winter Haven, Florida when he was 14 years old. He attended Winter Haven High School and graduated in 1977, later attending Polk State College. He began working at Walt Disney World in 1980, where he met his wife, Tawnya. They were married for 33 years and have 1 daughter, Darby. Dave worked as a manager in all 4 theme parks in several departments of Walt Disney World, starting with Jungle Cruise, and including Innoventions, Watercraft, Monorails, College and International Programs, Transportation Operations, Kilimanjaro Safaris, Custodial, and Sunset Operations. Dave worked for the mouse for 27 years until he began his own pool servicing company, Poolology, Inc. He worked until he was forced to retire due to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

When Dave wasn't busy working for the mouse or operating a pool company, he was a passionate car man. He was an active member of the Porsche Club of America and DeLorean Owners Association. Through these organizations, he had the opportunity to drive and even race across the United States.

Dave has touched the lives of many people and will always be remembered for his impact on so many. He was a family man who is gone too soon.

There will be a celebration of Dave's life held Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 11 AM at First Baptist Church of Orlando, Henry Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Orlando - Henry Chapel  
3000 S. John Young Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 425-2555  
[http://www.firstorlando.com/Church/Directions\\_Campus\\_Map.aspx](http://www.firstorlando.com/Church/Directions_Campus_Map.aspx)

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ I first met Dave in 1996, when I started with the College and International Programs Office. Of course, as you know, Dave was full of Love, Laughter and Life! He always had a story for everyone. He was immensely proud of his Canadian Heritage. His love for his Family was tremendous. His laughter and smile will not be forgotten.

God Bless,

*Karen Kispert Stevenson*

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**Karen Stevenson** - October 31, 2016 at 06:37 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of David L. Foster.



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October 30, 2016 at 10:09 PM

LS

“ I met Dave while working at Disney. He was on Main Street and I was in Guest Relations. After talking we realized we lived in the same town and would car pool to work with Jeff Cannon and Jo Ellen Riley. He also had a huge crush on a fellow Tour Guide named Tawnya. He wanted us to put in a good word for him. The rest you know is history... Several years later we worked in Water Craft together. As life does, jobs change and people move away so I had not seen him until we ran into each other at a Disney Reunion a few years ago and he still was the same Dave, sweet, funny, and loving...He will be missed by so many, but he left a special place on all the hearts of those who knew him and called him friend. Prayers to you sweet Tawyna and your beautiful daughter Darby...

Laurie Jennett Spang - October 27, 2016 at 09:04 AM

JS

“ Dave and I met in Watercraft. He was an outstanding manager. Dave was always out in the operation piloting our crafts and visiting with us to learn how to better the operation and learn more about each of us. I treasure our times together. I last saw Dave on the dock of the Contemporary Resort maybe 5 or 6 years ago. He really was excited about his new adventure. RIP Dave. You will be missed. You are now with other love ones in a reunion

Jim Stearns - October 25, 2016 at 03:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David L. Foster.



October 25, 2016 at 08:39 AM

DT

“ David was a wonderful caring person when going to WHHS. Prayers go out to his family at this time of their sorrow. He will be greatly missed.



Donna Trask - October 22, 2016 at 01:32 PM

PS

“ I worked with Dave when he was a Water Craft Lead. I also had the pleasure to work with him when Animal Kingdom opened. He was one of the Supervisors at Safaris. He touched many lives and will very much missed.

Patty Stewart - October 22, 2016 at 12:45 PM

KM

“ In the summer of 76, my parents decided I needed a break from my boyfriend and sent me to Canada with the Fosters. No family since has shown me such unconditional and encouraging love. I didn't think I would make it through the summer but thier friends became my friends (especially the Byers, Nancy and Karen). They took me to the beautiful farm on Ottawa, the lovely smells still linger, to the Ashram in Toronto to speak with the gurus and Jack and to the mountains for the hike of my life. They were to me what my favorite quote has been ever since "character is how you treat those who can do nothing for you". I told David most of this a year or two ago, I wish it had not taken so long. The Fosters . 💕💕

Karen Miller - October 22, 2016 at 08:07 AM

SF

“ We loved Foster, He was always looking out for others and see who was missing from the park on Saturdays. He was at Lake Eola, one Saturday, and gave my husband a call and said the Fann's are missing , can y'all come out to the park today, I'm missing the Fann's. We are thankful we got to see him our last visit a few summers ago at Lake Eola.

*Was a wonderful visit with Dave and Tawnya. We love you, Foster, you are missed!*

*Sherry and Adore Fann*

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**Sherry Fann** - October 21, 2016 at 01:54 PM

DD

“ The crew at Hamme-Head Patented Performance would like to offer their most sincere sympathies to Dave's family. We loved seeing Dave every year at the Orlando Pool Show. He was a loyal customer, was always a joy to talk to, and his natural enthusiasm and warm smile was truly contagious. We will miss him.

*Peace to his family and friends in their time of grief,  
Dan, Jack, Dean, and the staff at Hammer-Head*

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**Dean Dietrich** - October 21, 2016 at 12:39 PM

BF

“ David was an awesome guy at WHHS and always was a gentleman. Will pray for his family at their time of sorrow.



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**beverly Putnam finch** - October 21, 2016 at 11:34 AM

MA

“ *Estimada familia Foster lamento mucho el dolor por el que como familia todos están pasando pues sé que no es fácil sufrir la pérdida de un ser querido pero me gustaría compartir con ustedes unas consoladoras palabras que se encuentra en (2corintios 1:3,4) allí Jehová, que es el Dios de todo consuelo y el padre de tiernas misericordias ,nos consuela en toda nuestra tribulacion. Entonces vemos que Jehová se interesa personalmente porque estemos bien y hasta nos ofrecer la esperanza de volver a ver a nuestros seres queridos que están descansando en la muerte mediante la resurrección . Espero que estas palabras les sirvan de aliento.*

*Acompañados en su dolor  
Madelyn de Collado.*

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**madelyn** - October 18, 2016 at 10:49 AM

KS

*Dave and I were co-workers at Disney World. He was motivated, interested in others and always working to make things better for himself and his co-workers. As he rose through the hourly ranks and into management his reputation as a hard worker and a compassionate manager grew, and his positive influence under the most trying circumstances made him the guy that you always wanted in your corner. God bless you and your family, Dave - you have gone to your reward and those that you have left behind are better for having known you.*

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**Kenny Stewart** - October 21, 2016 at 05:01 PM

JB

*I will never be able to go to Cedar Point again without feeling a little sad. Oh how you loved those coasters. I have seen him stand in line for two hours to ride the dragster and about time for him to get on the ride shuts down. He would go back later and stand another two hours to ride it. He grilled me the best wings and steak on the grill. Super griller. Never stopped running. He could go and go and go even more. Will miss you David. Will miss cooking for you and making that fudge you loved so much. Will miss the trips here with you, Tawnie, Darby, & Paris. Will miss seeing you sit by the pool during the mornings with your cup of coffee just staring at the pine trees for you said it reminded you of your home in Canada. Will just plain miss you.*

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**Jackie Brainard** - October 23, 2016 at 07:59 PM

KG

*Tawnya and Darby, I want to say that Dave will be so missed. He always found a way to win a person's heart and set up residence there forever. I always looked forward to praise and worship time, because that meant Dave did one of my favorite things ever, Music..... Dave had the kindest heart and his love of God was unmeasurable. What a good man, what a great loss. Trenton and I love the Fosters and always will...Dave, Trenton and I will miss you.*

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**Kimy G** - October 24, 2016 at 06:39 PM

SH

*So sorry to hear about Dave's young passing. I met Dave at Camp Mini Yo Wee in Huntsville Ontario Canada. He was fun to be with and had an infectious laugh. I'm only seeing this now and just found the notice while surfing the internet. My condolences to the family. I'm sure you are missing him right now. Sharon Puccini (Hildebrandt)*

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**Sharon Hildebrandt** - September 10, 2017 at 05:42 PM