



John David Atwood

July 8, 1952 - November 1, 2016

DAVID ATWOOD, age 64, passed away peacefully with his sister by his side in Orlando on November 1, 2016. Born in Mobile, Alabama, David grew up in West Palm Beach, Florida, where he attended and graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1970. David enjoyed the outdoors and loved collecting snakes and various unusual insects. He went on to work as an entomologist upon graduation from the University of Florida. David made central Florida his home and changed careers to become the Director of Information Services at Seniors First in Orlando. Although working on computers was his job, his true love was photography. Over the years, David captured many beautiful photographic images of wildlife and natural scenery. David is predeceased by his parents, Johnny Carroll and Eleanor (Rogers) Atwood; his grandparents, Wade Rogers, Sr., and Bennie Ruth Roberson; John B. Atwood and Lennie Hartfield. He is survived by his wife, Denise LaBrecque, his sister, Rita (Atwood) O'Malley and brother-in-law Tom O'Malley; niece, Erin O'Malley; nephew Patrick and his wife Amanda O'Malley and great-nephew Benjamin Thomas O'Malley; aunt, Kathy Neves, and many first and second cousins, as well as other family and friends.

David's family is honoring his request for no formal funeral service. His family will hold a celebration of his life at a later date.

The family thanks the doctors, nurses and staff at ORMC CICU for their

wonderful care of David and the compassion shown during this difficult time.

Contributions in David's memory may be made to The Hubbard House (The Hubbard House, 29 West Miller Street, Orlando, Florida 32806, or online at www.getinvolvedorlandohealth.com), a home-away-from-home for families of patients during troubled times of illness and injury, or to a charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

SV

“ *The Bible give us the hope of seeing our dead love loved ones again at john5:28 where Jesus said "all those in the memorial tomb will hear his voice and come out. Revelation21:3&4 says that death will be no more neither would would mourning, nor outcry be any more.*

SV Orlando

SV - February 27, 2017 at 10:03 PM

DK

“ *David was a kind and caring co-worker at Senior First. I worked with him for about 15 yrs or more. He was always thinking of others. I remember his great sense of humor and he always had a quirky way of looking at things. He will be missed by many I know.*



Danette Klemens - November 09, 2016 at 04:52 PM

SF

“ *My memories of David are when I was young. We loved to swing on our grandmothers' front porch and talk. When Mom and Dad decided to go visit Uncle Carol in Miami the trip seemed like it took forever. It was the first time I had ever seen the beach and the ocean. When we arrived at there house it was wonderful we all gave hugs. Then David told me his snake had escaped and was loose in the house. I had the best time helping him search for that snake. It was a wonderful visit for me. David and I liked animals and nature. I am sorry I didn't get to see him sooner.*



Stephanie Fairchild - November 05, 2016 at 01:47 PM

CE

“Cherry and Kenneth Edwards purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John David Atwood.

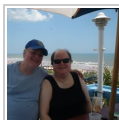


Cherry and Kenneth Edwards - November 05, 2016 at 12:30 AM

PA

“David was a wonderful person. We tried to stay in contact with each other after high school, but of course, both of our lives were too busy. We did reconnect a few years ago through the Palm Beach High School site. It was good hearing from him. He loved his wife and spoke highly of her. He also loved his dogs! When we were very young, he wanted to show me something in the "water catchment area". That was not the name of the area back then. But, trust me...it was all woods. Long story short...his car got stuck. I didn't know how we were going to get out of there. Then, we heard some dirt bikes. The guys heard us and rescued us and took us out to the main road; and also got the car out of the mud. It was funny. Shortly after that, I moved to California and lost track of David. He took some amazing photos and gave me a few, which I treasured. I'm sure he will be missed by his wife, his sister and his niece and nephew. My deepest sympathies to all the family. Patsy (Martin) and Art Apicella

Patsy Martin Apicella - November 04, 2016 at 03:28 PM



Sorry to hear of David's passing. Worked with David for over 22 years. He was a great co-worker and supervisor. He will be missed. My condolences to his family.

Mike Jacobshagen - November 09, 2016 at 03:23 PM

KA

My prayers and sympathy to all of David's family and friends. We worked together for 18 years and he had a great heart and care for others.

Katharine - November 09, 2016 at 09:09 PM



My thoughts and prayers are with David's family and friends. We worked together for 8 years. David was one of the first persons to welcome me to SF and he made sure I had everything I needed for my job. He was so good about bringing me info on migraines or any other ailments that I had. He gave me a relaxation tape to listen to on the way to and fro work. He will be missed. Very sweet man.

Maura Hassey - November 10, 2016 at 09:58 AM

JW

David and I were cousins. Our moms were sisters who were very close. We would go to church together and sometimes meet at our house for lunch. It was amazing how our mothers could feed 8 or 9 people with a small roast or a couple cans of tuna! That's probably because we didn't "biggie" size back then! David was interested in snakes, insects, and any creepy thing that crawled around outside. He had plenty of those since we had woods at the back of our property. I remember many times staying overnight in my aunts house thinking one of David's snakes would crawl into bed with me. It was no surprise that he majored in Entomology in college and was off to South America to work with a group studying fire ants. David and I lost touch during his college days but I was thrilled when my husband and I received his wedding invitation. I worked feverishly on long pink gowns for my girls and we all attended the wedding in Gainesville. He looked so handsome with his beautiful bride Denise. We lost touch again for quite sometime but his sister Rita would keep me informed of what was going on in his life. About 15 years ago I visited him and Denise when they lived near Clermont. It was a fun time in my life because they both treated me like a queen! We had long discussions in the kitchen while David cooked. He loved to cook and would bring chocolate covered strawberries to Denise and me while we floated in the pool. They had no idea how therapeutic those times were for me! As life happens we got caught up in our work schedules and didn't see each other until we decided to surprise Rita with a birthday lunch in West Palm Beach. Rita was definitely surprised and we had such a good time! Fast forward in time... I was devastated to receive the call from Rita that David had a heart attack and was in ORMC. I was so glad I was able to meet Rita in Orlando so she didn't have to make those hard decisions until Tom could join her. I only wish David could have heard us talking about old times. Maybe he did. That is something we will never know but I was so glad I was able to hold his hand and tell him I loved him one last time. I will miss you my sweet caring cousin.

Janet Wloch - November 12, 2016 at 07:49 AM

KL

I miss David so very much. He was a guiding light to a troubled teenager. My other Dad. Miss you!

Kallie Lewis - November 04, 2018 at 07:58 PM