



David Merrill Garrison

September 17, 1967 - August 26, 2019

David Merrill Garrison of Marietta died August 26, 2019 after a 10 year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by family at the time of his death. David was born September 17, 1967 and was 51 years old.

He is survived by his three daughters, Merrill Garrison, Hope Garrison, and Sadie Garrison, his former wife and mother of his children, Ashley Napier, mother and step-father Carol and William (Bill, Jr.) Callaway, his father and step-mother Robert (Bob) and Lu Garrison, his brothers Jeffrey (Jennie) Garrison and John (Veronica) Garrison, his step-sister Lisa (Al) Stone, his step-brothers William (Bill, III) (Karen) Callaway and Jack (Michelle) Callaway as well as numerous and much loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

David graduated from the Darlington School. He attended the University of Georgia where he was a member of the Chi Phi fraternity, and he graduated from Kennesaw State University. He was the founder of the Great American Soup Company ("Soups On") and was in entertainment management. David had a bright, creative mind and was involved in many entrepreneurial ventures during his lifetime.

The family would like to specially thank Dr. William Jonas and his team of health and office professionals at the Piedmont Cancer Institute and the staff at Piedmont Hospital for their kind and capable care of David.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, September 5th at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel at Mayes Ward Funeral Home, Church Street, Marietta, Ga. Visitation will be at 1:00 p.m. prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3380 Chastain Meadows Parkway Kennesaw, GA 30144 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Mayes Ward-Dobbins Historic Marietta Chapel
180 Church Street, Marietta, GA, US, 30060

SEP **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - September 04 at 02:16 PM



“ David and I met 18 months ago while attending a life's skills seminar. During the enrichment workshop breaks, we began to exchange each other's life envisions and how to better serve mankind by putting to work all the precious qualities, great hearts, and incredible intelligence God gave us. After this meeting, we became very good friends. Each time we met, we discussed projects that would make our communities a better place to live. He wanted to spread not only his ideology, but also his message and understanding of serving the greater community . His motto was: "To serve the less fortunate with 360 degrees of absolute compassion and pure integrity." He made it his personal goal. Many of our dreams and personal experiences discussed served as the basis of numerous projects, timelines, and actions.

For example, he fought restlessly for the approval of medical marijuana in Georgia, a solution for the opioid epidemic, and the management for the number of young teens overdosing in the State of Georgia. He got involved full time in an evidence based research project that was determined to provide comfort to cancer patients by providing free meals and transportation to those suffering of cancer, other terminal illnesses, as well as providing a more pleasurable environment to the most needy Georgians. He then began participated in a movement to sway politicians from Georgia and D.C. to fund a more effective drug and alcohol rehabilitation program in Smyrna, Georgia.

In his loving memory, we continue to pursue and accomplish his dreams of these projects, and we will not stop until we persevere. His vision of serving humanity will remain always in our hearts and that of his closest friends.

David's most admirable traits, as we can all remember, were his incredible sense of humor and wittiness, as well as his creative and brilliant mind. His legacy is most notable by how he has affected all our personal and professional lives.

Again, in the words of Mr. Garrison, "No matter what trials and tribulations you experience... life must continue."

In the greatest of sincerity and condolences, we are sending comfort and strength to

his daughters, his parents, his ex-wife, his other family members and friends.

Lucy & Sebastian Roman, and Rosario Chiok

Lucy Roman - September 05 at 01:41 AM

“ 126 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - September 04 at 02:08 PM

“ God's purpose for mankind was to live forever in perfect health and perfect conditions. His purpose will be soon realized (Rev 21:4). Hope this provides comfort in these difficult times.



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“ David and I went to high school where I started to get to know him. However, it was post college when I really got to become good friends with David. I enjoyed his competitive spirit, his entrepreneurial sense, his witty and intelligent mind, but most of all his heart. He was a great person, a great friend and I know how much he loved his ex-wife, daughters and friends. I'll miss his speedy chatter and his kind heart...love you David!



Enryk O'Callaghan - September 02 at 10:48 AM

“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Merrill Garrison.



August 29 at 09:33 PM



“ Anna Edmondson lit a candle in memory of David Merrill Garrison



Anna Edmondson - August 28 at 07:49 PM



“ Abbey Woodard Family lit a candle in memory of David Merrill Garrison



Abbey Woodard Family - August 28 at 04:55 PM



“ Denise Cowden Brilliant lit a candle in memory of David Merrill Garrison



Denise Cowden Brilliant - August 28 at 04:09 PM



“ Tom McLennan lit a candle in memory of David Merrill Garrison



tom mclennan - August 28 at 02:36 PM



“ Helena M Agronow lit a candle in memory of David Merrill Garrison



Helena M Agronow - August 28 at 01:37 PM



“ Tom Brown lit a candle in memory of David Merrill Garrison



Tom Brown - August 28 at 09:56 AM



“ Chad Pendley lit a candle in memory of David Merrill Garrison



Chad Pendley - August 27 at 05:13 PM