



## David Roy Cummings

March 27, 1958 - February 16, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of David R. Cummings announces his passing on Saturday, February 16, 2019, after a long and courageous fight with cancer.

David was born March 27, 1958, in Midland, Michigan, to parents Ira James and Phyllis Cummings, who preceeded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Cummings; son, Chris Cummings and wife, Tina; son, Michael Jeffcoat and wife, Liana; daughter, Jennifer Harvey; daughter, Melissa Maroni and husband Chris; brother Scott Cummings and wife, Terri; brother Kevin Cummings and wife, Liz; twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

David moved 'home' to Lake Jackson, Texas, at age 6. After completing an Associate's Degree at San Jacinto College, he moved to Huntsville to attend Sam Houston State University, where he obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

He met his wife, Marilyn, while attending SHSU in 1994. They fell in love over a shared interest in softball, karaoke and slow dancing to Garth Brooks songs. They married in 1998 and decided that Huntsville would be their permanent home.

David worked in the technology field for 20 years at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Windham School District and Sam Houston State University, while earning lifelong friendships and respect in the field. While his career was very important, his life was ruled by love and devotion for his family and friends. David was a blessing, deeply touching many hearts over the years. He also touched the lives of many others in Huntsville, picking up the dinner tab for first responders and leaving large tips folded into small triangles for the wait staff.

He will be most remembered for his love of Game of Thrones, World of Warcraft, Mexican food (but no tomatoes), and a nice, chilled glass of Merlot.

Memorial services will be Friday, February 22, 2019, at 3 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations in David's memory to the American Cancer Society at <https://donate3.cancer.org>, or to the American Cancer Society, Attn: Donations, PO Box 42040, Oklahoma City, OK 73123

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **22**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David Roy Cummings*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Marilyn,  
We are so proud of your love story with Doc. We always knew you loved each other no matter what. So sorry for your loss. We are praying for everyone touched by his passing.  
--Jim, Renee, April, Jonathan, Joshua & Josiah--*

**Jim Neace** - February 22, 2019 at 09:39 PM



“ *Marilyn,  
You and your family are in the thoughts and prayers of many at SHSU and all of those lives that you and David have touched. David is one of the sweetest and considerate individuals I have worked with at SHSU. He made a personal impact wherever he went and whomever he spoke with. He made a difference in my life and is a role model for all of us. I will miss him and will continue to keep you and all his family in my prayers.  
Mark Adams*

**Mark Adams** - February 22, 2019 at 12:28 PM

DC

“ Thank you, David, for loving my sister, Marilyn, unconditionally. Thank you for all the joy & laughter, for always encouraging and supporting her in all her dreams. For embracing all of us (family & friends) with love, wit and kindness. For the wisdom and strength you brought into her life. For always challenging her (and us) to be something more. For sharing your wonderful family with her. Thank you for the peace, love, joy, kindness, compassion, wonder and adventure which was all a part of you. My only regret is, living so far apart that I wasn't able to get to know you even better. However, it was never hard to see that wonderful and special person inside. You are loved by SO many, and will be sorely missed. Rest and peace, in His arms, until we all meet again. Love, Your Sis, Darlene.

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**Darlene Cabrera** - February 22, 2019 at 07:22 AM

DV

“ David and I were classmates in Jr. High and High School - he was a year older (including our time in the Brazoswood Buccaneer Band). He had a sharp wit and a smirk that could make you laugh or crazy. I got to work with him later in life when David came to work in my division at TDCJ. I am unable to be with the family and friends at the Memorial Service, but send my love and prayers for all of you. He will be missed, but we will see him again one day.

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**Donna Mills Vallie** - February 21, 2019 at 09:02 PM

DH

“ David will be dearly missed, but at least now he has no pain. He was an angel that came into Marilyn's life and they fit together like a glove. He enabled her to feel safe, secure, and protected. He was her partner and HE LOVED HER DEARLY. For those things, I am so grateful. He enhanced her life and they had many adventures together. He will live on in those wonderful memories that she carries in her heart. Bear Hugs and Kisses! Debbie

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**Debbie Heydn** - February 21, 2019 at 02:20 PM

CC

“ *David and I were classmates as kids in Lake Jackson. I remember him as a smart good guy. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

**Cathy Crabtree** - February 21, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of David Roy Cummings.*



February 21, 2019 at 09:32 AM

YF

“ *Your Google PRY Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David Roy Cummings.*



**Your Google PRY Family** - February 20, 2019 at 03:51 PM

TS

“ *Marilyn, I am so sad to hear about David. I know that he brought happiness and confidence into your life. You are stronger and better knowing this wonderful man and you will be fine. Please remember that you are loved by so many and we are here when you need us. Love Terri Stevenson Smith*

**Terri Stevenson Smith** - February 19, 2019 at 04:52 PM

LC

“ We met while David was receiving chemo treatment and I was so impressed with how much positivity Marilyn and David expressed. Marilyn was always by David's side. My thoughts and prayers are with David's family and friends and especially Marilyn at this trying time.

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**Lana Crowson** - February 19, 2019 at 03:35 PM

KT

“ Meremo -  
I am in joy knowing that Doc is now free - free of pain, free of cancer. I am devastated knowing I will never experience the fun, the magic, the compassion he bestowed on those he called friend. I remember the day you two were introduced and always spoke of the love we witnessed spark to flame. Our hearts go out to you and the family as you celebrate his many triumphs and legacies. Those that knew him will be forever changed. Celebrate that. I miss the songs, singing with him and knowing that every time I saw him, I would get the best hug ever. We love you so very much.  
Kim and Pete Theodorsen

*I hear them saying you'll never change things  
And no matter what you do it's still the same thing  
But it's not the world that I am changing  
I do this so this world we know  
Never changes me*

*What I do is so  
This world will know  
That it will not change me*

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**Kim Theodorsen** - February 19, 2019 at 10:31 AM

JE

“ *Doc is alive in all the lives he touched. We love you both and praying for you. Mike and Jean Kohler*

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**Jean** - February 19, 2019 at 07:44 AM

JM

“ *Doc was our “computer guy” in the Old Wal-Mart building when I (Joy) worked for TDCJ. We were blessed to see he and Marilyn marry. I was diagnosed with a brain tumor shortly after I started working. Doc gave me a dream catcher, which was a special treasure. A friend and co-workers daughter was diagnosed with a brain tumor a few years ago. I gave her the dream catcher and told her of the special man who gave it to me. Another legacy of the love David “Doc” shared, which will live on through the lives he has touched. Our prayers and hearts are with you, Marilyn. Joy and Will Matchett*

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**Joy Matchett** - February 18, 2019 at 08:24 PM

JS

“ *Justin Skains purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of David Roy Cummings.*



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**Justin Skains** - February 18, 2019 at 05:31 PM

DE

“ *Marilyn, I am so sad to see this. You two were so much in love...it showed every time I saw you together. I did not know he had cancer...such a tough battle. I know you will miss him, but he will be a great angel forever!! Love, Dee Everett*

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**Dee Everett** - February 18, 2019 at 05:12 PM

LL

“ To the family of Mr. David, he was such an awesome, funny man, and loyal Bearkat. He was my go to guy in IT, always providing a good laugh and the solution to my problem. I will miss working with him tremendously. Sending many prayers to his family!

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**Laci LeNorman** - February 18, 2019 at 04:01 PM

WS

“ With Love, Linda and Scott purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Roy Cummings.



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**With Love, Linda and Scott** - February 18, 2019 at 01:01 PM

TF

“ The Kimich and Failla Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Roy Cummings.



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**The Kimich and Failla Families** - February 18, 2019 at 12:34 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of David Roy Cummings



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**M. Hyvl** - February 18, 2019 at 10:23 AM

KR

“ *What can is at here...the world lost a great man but heaven gained another Angel. Marilyn I am so sorry for your loss and want you to know I am here if you need me.*

*-Kenneth ray*

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**Kenneth Ray** - February 18, 2019 at 09:52 AM

KR

*What can I say here...sorry shouldn't have typed this message on my phone.*

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**Kenneth Ray** - February 18, 2019 at 09:53 AM

CB

“ *Marilyn, God grant you the peace that only He can give at this time. I am very sorry for your loss. David's enthusiasm and quality of work was an example for us all.*

*Chester Bammel*

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**Chester Bammel** - February 18, 2019 at 09:35 AM

CJ

“ *We will never forget the kindness that David showed Kane at Jim's funeral. That meant more to Kane than you will ever know. Many prayers and hugs from us.*

*Kevin, Cheryl and Kane*

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**Cheryl Krenek Johnson** - February 18, 2019 at 09:08 AM

RM

“ *Marilyn, I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember you both when we worked in the old Walmart building. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of the family.* ”



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**Rhonda Mauldin** - February 17, 2019 at 09:44 PM

CM

“Wow...I am heartbroken to hear one of my mentors, David “Doc” Cummings passed yesterday. His wife Marilyn is the reason I am in the IT field. She took the time to teach me and led me down this path. Doc took me under his wing too and helped lead me to where I am today...He taught me so many things...How to give compliments, show extra kindness, and the realization that sometimes the kindness we give to others are the only good things they see...“Make their day!” He was at times really hard to work for because of his high standards, expectations, and specific ways of doing things...and with that he sure made me grow! He and Marilyn have been such an inspiration in my life. I have prayed for the complete lovey dovey relationship they have for one another... Building each other up, singing, laughing, and sharing....Wow, Amazing, are such understatements! Doc thank you for believing in me and pushing me every day to do better than yesterday. You made a difference in my life and showed me that is what truly matters in life.

*I love you Wolfman!!!*

*Wish I would have kept in touch better! Rest High!*

*Prayers for his family! May The Lord wrap His Loving Arms around you....May He give you Peace, Comfort, Love, Strength, and Understanding during this time of great loss. In Jesus Name, AMEN!*

*Love you Marilyn!*

*Sincerely,*

*Cherie*

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**Cherie Moser** - February 17, 2019 at 09:23 PM

NV

“Sorry to hear about your loss.

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**Norma Vazquez** - February 17, 2019 at 08:23 PM

NS

*So sorry for your loss, may God give you peace and comfort.*

**Noma Sylvester** - February 17, 2019 at 10:06 PM

LG

“ *Marilyn, I'm so sorry for your loss! I know he was the light of your life! I'm sure he fought valiantly with you by his side!*

*I loved his smile... it always went straight to his eyes! And his laugh was contagious! He was a wonderful person!*

*Only God can give you the sustaining comfort you need today, tomorrow, and until you see him again.*

*With love,  
Linda Green*

**Linda Green** - February 17, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ *Marilyn—I am so sorry to hear of the loss of David. I did not know that he had been sick with cancer. I can relate to how hard it is to lose a husband like that. You two always looked so happy! If you ever need someone to talk to just let me know.*



**Mellicent Wiley** - February 17, 2019 at 07:15 PM

MH

“ *Lit a candle in memory of David Roy Cummings*



**M. Hyvl** - February 16, 2019 at 05:45 PM