



David Law

March 3, 1961 - October 14, 2025

David Law, 64, passed away in Montgomery, Texas on October 14th, 2025.

David was born in Tucson, Arizona in 1961, the second child and only son of Bernard and Lissy Richins Law. He was an alumnus of the University of Arizona with degrees in math, physics, and astronomy. He worked for the United States Navy and Marine Corps as a chief scientist for the Department of Defense, primarily at Quantico in Virginia. Among his professional achievements, he was most proud of being project manager at the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency, or DARPA, in Washington, D.C. He was instrumental in the design and creation of scientific and technological systems, such as a specific periscope still used by war fighters today. In his retirement, he worked for ManTech as a consulting scientist. He made many cherished relationships during his time at Dahlgren, Quantico, DARPA, and ManTech that he found intellectually enriching.

David was a devoted husband to Gaye and loving father to Rebecca and his late daughter Gracie. He was an active participant in Rebecca and Gaye's love of musical theatre, often running the sound system and building sets for the musicals Gaye would costume and Rebecca would perform in. He shared the stage with Rebecca once as Grandpa George in Willy Wonka, helped Gaye cart costumes and equipment all over Virginia, and filled every car ride with song. David attended every recital, dance competition, and performance

either of “his girls” contributed to. He was married to his beloved wife for 31 years, no couple loved each other more than Dave and Gaye.

David was a friend to many in Fredericksburg, Virginia, often referred to as “Papa Law” by the kids at Christian Youth Theater and Chancellor Baptist Church. He hosted many card games at his home, and Frisbee or basketball tournaments in the church parking lot. He took several adult dance classes and performed as Pontious Pilate for a church Easter service. He was an avid collector of antique guns and loved to show them off at the gun range. David also loved to travel, taking trips all over the world for work, and bringing Gaye on many road trips across America. He would often stop at used book stores to search for Andre Norton books, as he was a huge science fiction lover. As self proclaimed Star Trek fans, or trekkies, David and Gaye collected an entire Christmas tree’s worth of Star Trek ornaments. David could quote every episode of The Big Bang Theory and found a kindred spirit in Sheldon.

David looked forward to becoming a “gray-beard” at work, having earned the respect and admiration of his peers. What he didn’t know is that he already had. David was intensely kind, dangerously smart, fiercely protective of his loved ones, funny in times of hardship, and one of the best men God ever made.

He is survived by his loving wife, Gaye Law, and his daughter Rebecca Law, his sister Cathy Westervelt and her husband Richard of Tucson, Arizona, two nieces, Lisa Holdaway and Bernadette Law, and numerous cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Lissy Law, and his second daughter Grace Ann Law.

David will have a memorial service in both Texas and Virginia. The Texas service will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, Texas on October 25th at 11 a.m., and the Virginia service will be held on November

1st at Falmouth Baptist Church at 3 p.m., with a reception at Riverside Center for the Performing Arts at 5 p.m.

Memorial service will be live streamed at the time of service October 25th using the link below.

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Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W
Willis, TX 77318

Memorial Service

OCT 25. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W
Willis, TX 77318

Memorial Service

NOV 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

Falmouth Baptist Church
302 Colonial Ave
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Reception following service

NOV 1. 5:00 PM (ET)

Riverside Center for the Performing Arts
95 Riverside Pkwy
Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Tribute Wall

TT

“ Tracy & Jami Tafolla purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Law.



Tracy & Jami Tafolla - October 31, 2025 at 10:57 AM

KH

“ Kirk and Tracy Hymes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Law.



Kirk and Tracy Hymes - October 29, 2025 at 12:14 PM

DJ

“ *My friend, my colleague, my mentor.....*

The angels have taken you from us all too soon. Know that your kindness, guidance, and wisdom have touched each one of us. Know, too, that you have been an inspirational role model in so many ways and your time on earth will have an immeasurable impact, now, and for generations to come.

You will always be remembered as a dedicated and loving son; an adoring and affectionate husband; and a proud and doting father. You brought laughter, joy and happiness to your family.

You'll never be forgotten, Dave...all of us will carry you safely tucked away in our memories and our hearts. Rest in peace, my friend. Let your soul soar in the heavens and one day we'll join your glorious flight.

Douglas & Patty Jerothe - October 24, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Law.*



October 20, 2025 at 11:27 PM

CR

“ Claire Rounkles & Kara Rounkles purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Law.



Claire Rounkles & Kara Rounkles - October 20, 2025 at 08:39 PM

PH

“ Sending sincere condolences on behalf of his colleagues in the UK MoD. We saw him far too infrequently, but when we did, it was a privilege and an education. He'll be greatly missed.



Prof. Martin Hubbard - October 20, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ I did not personally know him, did meet him at the theater where Rebecca and Gaye worked with my son Andrew. Always here to talk if you need anything ear Dottie.

Dorothy Prowant - October 18, 2025 at 12:08 PM

JR

“ Another angel entered Heaven when Dave arrived. He was an angel here on earth too. He spread joy & laughter wherever he went and always offered a helping hand. His love of life & of his love for Gaye was awesome. He will certainly be missed. I thank God for precious memories and knowing we'll meet again. No more sorrow, no more pain.

Jocelyn & Greg Rose - October 18, 2025 at 07:24 AM