



David Wissel

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On November 5, 1957, David Alan Wissel was born to “Bud” and Sue Wissel joining his three-year old sister Suzanne. Seven years later, Rebecca arrived completing the family. David spent his entire school life in Spring Branch ISD beginning at Bunker Hill Elementary and finishing at Memorial High School where he played varsity basketball for a time. Then a Christian friend asked him to join his church league team, and here he found the faith he had been seeking for some time, was baptized and began worshipping with the Memorial Church of Christ.

He earned his electrical engineering technology degree from Texas A&M University, College Station (1980) and was involved with Aggies for Christ. Here he met Melanie Carter who was teaching middle school while finishing her master’s degree.

Simultaneously, he was employed by The Texan Restaurant as a waiter where he impressed her by making elaborate salads and even a flaming dessert tableside. (He received a good tip for his efforts!)

After graduation he began employment for Western Geophysical Co. where he operated a seismic data acquisition system in the Rocky Mountain area. This fulfilled a dream to work in the beauty of the western mountains.

He had never forgotten Melanie, and in 1983, they married, moved to Denver and honeymooned in New Zealand and Australia. That first year he traveled 10 months out of their first year of marriage, so he changed jobs to work for Geophysical Services Inc. as field service engineer/instrument engineer in the Chinese Gobi Desert. His rotating work schedule allowed Melanie to join him for travels in China/Japan or come home to College Station for a month at a time. When the year was up, David and Melanie moved to Lewisville, TX near Dallas where he continued to travel to troubleshoot problems overseas but could spend more time with his family.

In 1987, a son Jared was born, and 15 months later Jessica arrived making him a delighted, proud daddy. A year later, he was delighted to hire on with the international branch of Compaq which was a job he loved. As an electrical engineer, he designed and integrated mobile communications devices within notebook and tablet systems. He still sometimes traveled overseas to make the design changes and debug problems and spent some time in Nice, France where Melanie visited.

In 1991 the family relocated to Houston. He continued his love of basketball by adding a hoop at the new house to teach his kids and attending their middle school and high school games. He enjoyed classical and classical rock music (especially Rush), and living in Houston allowed him to take his family to the occasional symphony concert or Rockets game downtown.

David continued on with HP when Compaq sold and finally retired in 2014. The next few years, he was free to dabble in whatever caught his interest ...gardening, designing and building projects, genealogy, cooking, riding his Harley (a favorite!), trip planning, deeper Bible study and wife spoiling. Such fun years!

David, though private, was a fiercely loyal friend, a good provider for his family, and an amazing handyman. He was the master of what he called "useless trivia" which his family wishes he had used on Jeopardy. David had the ability to talk knowledgeably on almost any subject. Throughout the years, David took care of those he saw in need with a special soft spot for those older or widowed, and always had a good measure of generosity. He was especially good to care for his mother throughout her life doing whatever was needed. He was a bit stubborn, but knew how to play with his kids and create the best of times. Most important, he was always true to his beliefs and to his God.

David loved his family deeply, a love that is shared and returned. He has always been proud of the legacy that he leaves behind in his children and in who they are. To him, they are his finest accomplishments.

David was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Melanie Wissel, and his sisters: Suzanne Bonneaux and her husband Paul, and Rebecca Yousaf. David is also survived by his children: Jared Wissel and Jessica Barton and her husband Eric. The immediate family will get together in lieu of a funeral. Cremation was under the care of Magnolia Funeral Home and the family will scatter the ashes.

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to David's family and friends during this difficult time.

Tribute Wall

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“ Your dad has a special place in my heart. I was his stylist for many years, recommended to me by a friend of his at compac in 1992. I was 20 year old new stylist and was thrilled that someone had recommended me! He became a loyal client. Followed me around to a couple salons in the next 18 years. Always looked forward to seeing him ride up on his Harley and our conversations. I know a lot about Melanie, Jared, Jessica and eventually Eric without ever meeting you. Even after his bouts w cancer we made due with what he had left. I used to trim his full beard til he had to shave it off due to one whole side missing hair! One day he texted and said he had no hair but would see me when it came back. I had reached out several times through email to see how he was doing and can send u his responses if you wish, they were always so kind and positive. I have been thinking about how he was the last several months and decided to google.
My heart is sad.
My prayers are with you all.
Remember to be the things you loved most about the people who are gone.

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“ My dad was always appreciative of the time David took to talk with him. David's attention to him made dad feel noticed and not forgotten.

I was always happy to see what David had cooked for our Ladies' Book Club. He never sent anything that wasn't enjoyed by everyone.

So very sorry for your loss here, but rejoice with the angels that David is home.

In Him, Jill Parsons

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