



David Luther Alvis

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David Alvis, 67, of Columbia, passed into the hands of the Lord on Friday, July 31, 2015 at his home. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at Linn Memorial United Methodist Church in Fayette, Mo. Visitation will be from 5-8 PM Tuesday August 4, 2015 at the H.T. May and Son Funeral Home In Columbia.

David Luther Alvis “the III,” is known to many as Buzzard and Uncle David; he joined us on March 15, 1948, to David Alvis Jr. and Margaret (Banks) Alvis, and departed this world on Friday, July 31, 2015. As the only boy growing up in a house with four female siblings, David learned the love of family and what it means to be a protector. His love of football began at home as he learned quickly not to mess with his sisters. David’s speed and quickness led to several records set on the track and football field at Fayette High School and Central Methodist University.

Knowing the importance to fight for our freedom, David enlisted in the Army on October 3, 1968 to fight in the Vietnam War; the Marines knew his leadership potential and that is where he finished his 13 month tour. One of his veteran acclaims includes the Navy Accommodation Medal of Valor.

When David returned from War, he started his family with Wanda (Wright) Alvis, with whom he wed before his tour, in Fayette, MO.

Moving to Columbia grew his love of sports. David started his amateur career in softball and football where he made life-long friendships. As a widower, David met Sybil Schumacher in 2006 while revolutionizing tailgating at a MIZZOU football game and married in 2009.

David Alvis III never knew a stranger. If you wanted to have a conversation, sometimes too honest, you could have that with David. He may not remember your name (“Hey guy!”), but he knew everything about you. David has been described as caring, worrisome, ornery, hilarious, lovable, and determined, but he will always be remembered as a friend, uncle, husband, and father.



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Over the past few years, David grew to enjoy his spiritual uplift by playing his gospel music loud on Sunday mornings. Once he was filled up and ready for his next journey he would be content to turn it off.

David is survived by his wife Sybil Alvis, his sisters Janice Eubanks, Lealure Tindall, and Sharon Alvis, his children Rhonda (Mitchell) Jackson, Chris (Rozanne Baker) Broemer, and Tim (Shannon) Alvis, his step-children Shannon (Adam) Shafer and Patrick (Lauren) Schumacher, his grandchildren Cedric Alvis, Na'drea Broemer, Tiana Reeves, Nadia Broughton, Aria Baker, Anna Schumacher, Jerica Jackson, Aiden Alvis, Nolan Shafer, Addysen Alvis, Kyah Baker, Charlie Shafer, Marlee Schumacher, Carter Shafer, and McKenna Schumacher, and one great-grandchild Francisco Javier III. He is also survived by a plethora of nieces, nephews and cousins that have not been forenamed. David Alvis III is preceded in death by his grandmother, parents, wife, and twin sister Diana.

“It started with seven and ended with 97.” David Alvis III has been a patriarch for this family, and his reputation will be survived by all the lives he has touched.

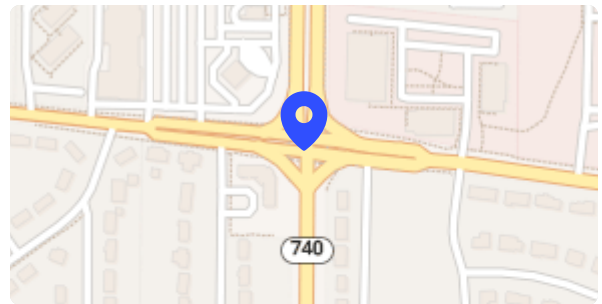


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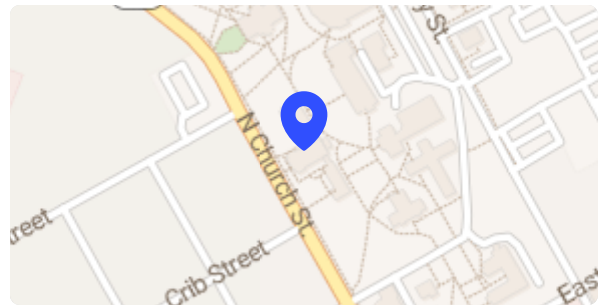
Visitation

- Tuesday**, August 4, 2015
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- H.T. May & Sons Funeral Home**
Columbia MO 65203



Service

- Wednesday**, August 5, 2015
- 11:00 AM CT
- Linn Memorial United Methodist Church**
409 N Church St, Fayette MO 65248



Cemetery Details

- Fayette City Cemetery**
Fayette MO 65248





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BH

Brenda Hinton posted:

Condolences to Rhonda and Cedric and the rest of the Alvis family. We will continue to pray for peace and strength during this time. Brenda and Randy Hinton and Robert Logan

August 5 at 7:29 AM

MJ

Marla Johnson posted:

We were so sad to hear of our friend and Taylor's Uncle David passing. As we continue our vacation, our thoughts will be with you. Love always Rhonda, Tim, Cedric and the rest of the family. May God keep you all safe in His arms. Marla & Taylor

August 5 at 7:09 AM

YI

Your Friends At Infomc sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Alvis family.

August 5 at 4:14 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Alvis family.

August 4 at 6:00 PM



DF

Donna Freelon posted:

We are very sadden of the loss of David Jr, I have a lot to memories going to Fayette visiting Big Momma's house. We are sending our condolences to all of The Alvis family. May you find strength in the Lord in your time of weakness. God bless Leroy and Donna Freelon

August 4 at 2:52 PM

NF

Nick & Christie Rohde & Family sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Alvis family.

August 4 at 1:47 PM





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Bill & Sarah Shiflett posted:

Our condolences to the Alvis family. You are in our thoughts and prayers and David is in our hearts. Bill & Sarah Shiflett

August 4 at 11:40 AM



Jamold Little lit a candle in honor of David .

I was lucky enough to have known Mr. Alvis - he always had a kind word. He treated me as if I had known him my whole life. I wish peace and comfort to the family during this difficult time. -Jamold Little

August 4 at 11:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Blooming Garden Basket to the Alvis family.

August 4 at 9:19 AM



The Hickem Family lit a candle in honor of David .

August 4 at 5:23 AM



Mina Gravds lit a candle in honor of David .

August 4 at 3:40 AM



MG **Mina Graves** August 4 at 3:42 AM
Mina Graves and family



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Sylvester Briscoe posted:

Fill in then close ranks USMC. - Sylvester Briscoe

August 4 at 3:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Blooming Garden Basket to the Alvis family.



August 3 at 4:10 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Alvis family.



August 3 at 12:04 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Alvis family.



August 3 at 11:01 AM



Donita Riley-Jones posted:

I have nothing but fond memories of David Alvis, who I always affectionately called "Daddy". He and Wanda treated me like one of their own during my college years at Mizzou and beyond. Not to mention the whole Alvis family embracing me as well. There was the tailgating at the Mizzou Football games, Sunday afternoon BBQs after church, Friday happy hour at Heidelberg's for wings and margaritas, trips to Fayette, dinner at Aunt Diane's, watching Timmy and then Cedric's football practice and games, and going with him and Rhonda to buy to her first new car - that white Ford Fiesta!! "Daddy" always had a way of making me laugh all the while giving me a hard time! The love that he and Wanda showed me was overwhelming and I am so blessed to have been a part of their life! Daddy Dave's favorite question to ask me as a native of Kansas was "What's the best thing to come out of Kansas?" He would chuckle and say..."Interstate 70"!! That's how I remember David Luther Alvis. I will miss you! I wish you could have met my husband, you would have loved him! Now Go Make God laugh!!-Donita Riley-Jones

August 3 at 10:47 AM



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From All Your Friends @ Vu Clarksville Tn sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Alvis family.

August 3 at 9:19 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Alvis family.

August 3 at 8:58 AM



Arnold Baker (Mts) sent a virtual gift in honor of David .

August 3 at 5:43 AM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Alvis family.

August 2 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Alvis family.

August 2 at 11:57 AM



Bridget Vaden Gooden posted:

Rhonda and I became friends while I was at Mizzou, and her family instantly became mine. Dave and Wanda treated me like their own and I loved them so much for that! I have so many fond memories of my time in Columbia, many of which include the Alvis family. Thank you Rhonda and Tim for sharing your parents with me, and so many others. My heart is heavy, yet my life is better today for knowing them. Rest well David Alvis. Please kiss Wanda for me!

August 1 at 2:53 PM



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The Jim And Bertha Pieper Family. sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Alvis family.

August 1 at 7:05 AM



Teresa (Williams) Brooks posted:

Prayers of comfort to the family of David Alvis. David and Wanda lived close to my family, growing up. I babysat their kids and their kids babysat mine (thank you Tim for taking great care of Kierra after school). May the legacy of Mr Alvis continue in the lives of his kids and grandkids. We love you Rhonda and Tim! Phil and Teresa Brooks, Washington, Michigan

August 1 at 5:24 AM



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Heather Anderson posted:

Smile. When I think of Uncle David, I smile. When I remember our time together, I smile. When I think about what he brought into this world, I smile. See, Uncle David was no ordinary Uncle. He had that sparkle in his eye, that lilt in his laugh and that extra tug in his hug. He could light up a room and light up my Aunt Sybil's heart all at once. He brought LIGHT everywhere. He was a joy. My time with him was limited, but when we were together, we would giggle like naughty school children with an inside joke. As soon as we were questioned about what we were up to, we would smile. He understood me. He accepted me. He loved me. I treasure that about him. His ability to make people feel comfortable in their own skin. He made so many people that I love happy and feel treasured that we can't do anything but SMILE when we think of him. He is going to be missed but he leaves so much good behind. There are so many memories to cherish and stories to tell about Uncle David. I'm grateful that his suffering is over and that he can now truly rest. That doesn't take away the sadness I feel at the loss of his physical presence. But it's up to each one of us to keep smiling when we think and talk about him. That is what he would want. That is our tribute to him. I love you Uncle David. I am smiling through my tears. You will be missed but not forgotten. Thank you for the laughter and the hugs. Te quiero mucho. -Heher

July 31 at 4:03 PM



Katherine Starks Lawrence August 2 at 5:51 PM

We are sorry to hear about David via facebook. I saw him last year when Rhonda drive him to Springfield, IL. We send our condolences--Larry Lawrence, Nicole Lawrence, and Katherine Starks Lawrence (sister of the late Wanda Alvis) as well as Charles W. Starks, Sr. and Betty J. (Wright) Starks.



Noel Montano August 1 at 3:17 AM

Uncle David, I meant.



Noel Montano August 1 at 3:15 AM

Beautiful. Thanks for sharing. Your Uncle Davis was a special man.



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MW

Mary Wright posted:

David was marry to Wanda my niece.He will be miss like family.All the Alvis is like family to me.when I work in Columbia and the weather was bad I would go to my second home.aunt Wanda and uncle David.I remembered one time Madison want to something and I said no.I think she was 2.she said I'd call my uncle he do it and he did.she has her driving lessons when she was about 4.So when she oldest to drive she would said I already know how my uncle David taught me.So now she is almost 20 she a pretty good driver.Xmas I thought she was in Columbia.no she was in Chicago.I miss my gossip paw.his twin pass away less then 6 months ago and now he going to be with her.I think I got more family in heaven then on earth.I'm be thinking the ones he left behind.his daughter,sons and grandchildren.his wife.

July 31 at 3:27 AM

RM

Rachelle Meyers August 2 at 1:20 AM

Tim, I am sorry for your loss. Your dad was uplifting to so many of us. He made you the man you are. A good man. :) a good friend. Just know your momma and dad are together again. ;) Rachelle Meyers

JP

Jim Pieper August 1 at 5:47 AM

David was a friend and I will miss him, this is truly a lose to us all.

SK

Skip August 1 at 5:00 AM

I'm sorry but there are No words I know that can do Justice to this MAN. HE WILL ALWAYS BE SITTING ON THE BARSTOOL NEXT TO ME.

PK

Paul Kuhn August 1 at 3:25 AM

I can truly say David was one of the good guys and will be missed. He was a gentleman and a friend.Paul Kuhn

RW

Ron Carol Wright August 1 at 1:24 AM

I road with David in our Van 4 for years while at Enterprise. As we got to know each other we became good friends, with much respect for one another. Our days consisted of discussing the topics of the day both good and not so good. We spent some time away from work indulging in our favorite beverages sharing the stories about us, our children and especially our grandchildren. I am grateful he chose me to share his personal experiences, and me likewise, as we enjoyed the interaction, whatever the topic would be. He has been missed in our company and will forever be remembered, as David my friend in Van 4. Our prayers are with you.and your many family members. Love Carol and Ron Wright



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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