



## David Akridge

February 27, 1955 - August 20, 2014

David Akridge, age 59, of Little Rock, passed away, Wednesday, August 20, 2014. He was born February 27, 1955 in Toledo, Ohio, a son of Donald Eugene Akridge and Earlene Adams Cheek. David worked thirty seven years at A T & T and was a member of Bigelow Baptist Church. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Donald Ray Akridge.

Survivors include his step father, Ralph Cheek (Grace) of North Carolina; brother, Lonnie Akridge (Katie) of Bigelow; step brother, Gary Cheek (Vicki) of Little Rock; step sister, Dawn Pugh (Randy) of North Carolina; sister in law, Vonda Akridge; several nieces and nephew, as well as a host of friends and his cat, Lucy.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 23, at Bigelow Baptist Church with Bro. Cary Condray officiating. Burial will be at Volman Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Memorials in his honor may be made to the Bigelow Baptist Church, Clothes Building Fund, P.O. Box 155, Bigelow, Arkansas 72016.

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Akridge*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *I have many precious memories of our growing up years. I love and will always miss him. Love and prayers for comfort to be found in the arms of our very loving God.*

**Allena Dixon** - June 29, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ *I knew David from working at AT&T and asking for him to be our server at the Butcher Shop. Saw him a few times in the hospital, even brought the Bed Head manipulator to spike his hair. David had such a dear, sweet soul and a killer smile. I am so very sorry for your loss and pray God wraps his comforting arms around you!*

**Debra Christenson** - June 29, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ *my deepest sympathy to the family of David i can truly say we had our ups and down but i could truly count on him in times of need,there is probably going to be a rise in unemployment dillard's is going to miss him too cause he shopped there everyday...(smile)*

**cynthia walker-woods** - June 29, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ *Praying for the family. I have worked with David for many years. He was a very sweet person and will be missed by his AT&T family.*

**Judy K Smith** - June 29, 2018 at 08:00 PM

SA

“ *My heart and prayers are with you all. So sorry. We know he has his place in Heaven now and not suffering anymore. God Bless you all.*

---

**Shirley Adams** - June 29, 2018 at 08:00 PM

SH

“ *David and I worked together for many years. He was so funny and made work a much better place. He was one of the sweetest men I have ever known. His heart was as big as the world. He will be missed by so many people, because he had a huge family at AT&T. RIP my dear friend, until we meet again.*

---

**Sharon** - June 29, 2018 at 08:00 PM

PL

“ *Rest in peace David. Such a good friend. You could always make laugh.*

---

**Pam Lawhon** - June 29, 2018 at 08:00 PM

SP

“ *David you will be missed greatly! When I first relocated here from St.Louis, he was one of the first to welcome me. He always asked about my daughters...he would say How's them girls? He was consistent, never wavering in his friendship and showed a genuine concern for others. I am glad I had the pleasure of knowing him.*

---

**Shannon P.** - June 29, 2018 at 08:00 PM

JS

“ Although I did not get to know David on a personal level, I knew him as a co-worker, an excellent server at the Butcher Shop and I can say friend. David worked more so with my sister Chenzia Hall who extends her condolences also. He will be missed by a lot of us. I pray for the strength of the family and friends and may the God of Peace provide you a Comfort during this time.

*Blessings to you all*

---

**JACKIE SLOAN** - June 29, 2018 at 08:00 PM

DL

“ David will surely be missed at AT&T RM 440! but his BIG SMILE will continue on in our memories.Love sincerely,Dee Long-AT&T co-worker

---

**dee long** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

JF

“ David you were an absolute gem and a total joy to be around. I will always enjoy the memories of you and the crew. My heart goes out to your family. You will be greatly missed.

---

**Jacklyn Fratesi** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

TR

“ My heart is broken to hear of the news of David's passing. David could light up any room. I will never forget his laugh and positive attitude. He was truly an incredible and sweet person. The world is a little darker; but, heaven is a little brighter. I will miss you my friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

---

**Tracy Rios** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

CS

“ I am so sadden my the loss of a dear and gentle friend. I talked to David in June and July was not aware that he was ill. He was such a private man.

I will miss going to concerts with him and receiving text messages from him. He always asked about my sons, especially my oldest. I am so sorry he didn't get to retire and enjoy some free time. He had mentioned to me in a text that he was ready. He will always be in my thoughts and I will see him again.

My prayers go out to his family and friends we have all lost a very special person.

RIP David...I love you, Carole

---

**Carole Stickford** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

LW

“ I am going to miss meeting you in the hall at work and the dry humor you would share with me about issues going on that day. So sorry to lose you, prayers to your family.

---

**Lisa Watkins** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

RP

“ Seems like I've known David a lifetime even though it was a only about 30 years. That's just the kind of friend he was.....never known a more thoughtful & caring man. He was one of a kind & I loved him dearly. Prayers to the family. RIP sweet David.....you will be missed.

---

**Rebecca Platt** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have not seen David for a very long time. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Praying for your family

---

**Pauline Hormann** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

JC

“ I am so sorry for the loss of David. He was a wonderful person very kind. I worked around David for many years. We both moved to Tulsa for a while. I am praying for all of Davids family and friends. He will be remembered.eandjc

---

**Judy Henley Clements** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

JC

“ David was such a great person. We had many laughs over the years. We clicked. We both went to Tulsa with our jobs. Made it back to Lr. David will be missed. So sad and so young. Praying for his family and friends.

---

**Judy Henley Clements** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

MB

“ Worked with David off and on for over 20 years !  
Such a good friend and sweet person .

---

**Martha Barger** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

BP

“ Seems like I've known David a lifetime even though it was only about 30 years.....that's just the kind of friend he was. One of the most thoughtful & caring men I know. Always there with that awesome smile & silly laugh of his. He was one of a kind & I'll always cherish time spent with him. Prayers to the family.....hope you can find comfort in knowing that he was loved by so many. RIP David.....keep smiling.

---

**Becky Platt** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

LR

“ My prayers are with the family of this wonderful man. I knew David for several years and had the pleasure of working with him. A very gentle soul, and soft spoken man. He was a great listener and true friend. I will miss you terribly. May you now find rest in the arms of Jesus.

---

**Linda Ruth Robinson** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

JA

“ David was always a pleasure to work with! He always had a big smile for me when I would see him after my ATT days. He will be missed. So sorry for this loss.

---

**Judi Akin** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

RS

“ Very sorry for your loss. Will be thinking and praying for you.

---

**Ruben Santiago** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

NR

“ David was a fine person. He always had a friendly smile and kind words. He will be missed.

---

**Nancy Reynolds** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

VI

“ David, we had a lot of good laughs together. I am so glad I knew you, you brought joy to everyone you were around. I'll miss you.  
Vicki

---

**Vicki** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

BF

“ I remember running into David and he told me I resembled Eric Church cause I was always wearing my camo hat. He was always smiling. I didn't know him personally but seemed to be a joy to be around.

---

**Barrett Finch** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

LE

“ From the L.W. Egger family, our condolences to the family.

*David's grandmother and my grandmother were sisters so we were around each other at family gatherings and holidays. I remember eating sugar cookies with David and my brother Rick at Grandmother Emma Egger's house when she baked..*

---

**Larry Egger** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

JP

“ Having not spoken to David for a few months, I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of his passing. David will always be remembered as a fun loving, free spirited guy that was not afraid to be himself. Thanks for the many memories and fun travels, my friend.

*You will be missed.*

*Love*

*Jason Potter*

---

**Jason Potter** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

GM

“ David and I were old friends, even when we lived in different states we would keep up with each other, but that was the kind of friend David was, once you were his friend that was it until the end. We had ups and downs but every friendship does, that just means I will always have a funny story to tell from when we were young and from when we were older. I will have some sad moments, but I choose to celebrate all the great times and funny times and crazy times, because he would not want us be sad. Rest my good friend! You will not be forgotten! Guy Mayhan

---

**Guy Mayhan** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

CH

“ TO THE FAMILY,

*GOD pulled a flower when he called David home. His smile and laughter will surly be missed. Praying for your peace and comfort during this time.*

*Chenzia Hall co-worker and friend*

---

**Chenzia Hall** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

RP

“ What a great friend. You will be missed by so many. Your smiling face and jokes where always a bright spot in the day. Rest in Peace my friend. I will truly miss you.

---

**Ron Pack** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

JP

“ I've known David for many years and have great memories of him coming down to visit for the weekend and our travels together. We have not been in close contact recently, so I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of his death. I wish I'd been able to say goodbye. David was a great friend, free-spirited and fun guy. I will always cherish the memories of time spent with him. My thoughts and prayers are with all who knew David.

---

**Jason Potter** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

IB

“ David was a true treasured friend. I loved him dearly. He will be forever missed. May all he loved find comfort in this time of great loss.

---

**Ina Baker** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

CH

“ I am so sad to hear of Davids passing, I will miss talking to him. Prayers to his family.

---

**Christi** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

SH

“ Dearest David -  
I just found out - and I miss you already!!  
Tulsa would not have been the same without you!! Thanks for the memories!!!  
Wild Child

---

**Sydney Holmes** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

JB

“ David was such a gentle soul with a kind heart and a smiling face. My heart was saddened when I heard of his passing.

---

**Joyce Brewer** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

BC

“ I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. I had not seen him since I retired 2 years ago but I will always remember his contagious smile and kind words that he had for everyone. When I first moved to Little Rock almost 30 years ago, David was one of the first people I remember from work. His face always lit up the room. God Bless you all at this difficult time but know he was loved by many and will never be forgotten at AT&T.

---

**Barbara Cooper** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

RT

“ David was an upstanding you man. I was sorry to hear about his passing. May God be with his family member and Lucy.

*God Bless!*

---

**Rosie Thompson** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

MM

“Wow, I wondered why I haven't heard back from David in several months after emailing and calling his number several times. I called on his Birthday too but I didn't hear anything back. David always remembered to send me holiday cards for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. I complained once because he'd fill the card with glitter or small cellophane cutouts of stars and animals. Then when I opened the card they'd always fall out on my shoes. I learned after a while to open with caution. I'll truly miss seeing those cards and cellophane stars. I've met David 35 years ago in 1980 while stationed at Little Rock AFB. I was only there 5 years but we've stayed in touch ever since. I remember a time we were going camping with friends with Guy, Bob, Steve. David was late arriving then we found out why. He had been bashed; his lip was swollen and now bandaged by a medic. He was alright but still came to the campsite despite his bruises and obvious discomfort and being shaken to be with friends who loved him. I remember David loved cloth shopping. I think he had more clothes in 5 years I lived in Little Rock than I would probably own in a lifetime but he always looked good and it made him happy. I used to kid him about working two jobs, ATT and The Butcher Shop so he could buy that new outfit in Dallas. :) We were both in our 20's then and we had a great time. David loved rum and cokes (with a cherry of course). I had never had one before that time but now even today if I ever go to dinner with friends it is my favorite beverage. We once went on a road trip to Memphis and I'll never forget we were trying to sing Somewhere over the rainbow in synch with Sam Harris from Star Search. As hard as we tried we could never quite get the timing right. LOL Here's to you my friend! You will be missed dearly!!! Sam Harris - Somewhere over the rainbow! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZyjSuOrRBwHugs>, Mike Mallette

---

**Mike Mallette** - June 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM