



David Luther Boliek Sr.

November 12, 1943 - December 24, 2018

David Luther Boliek, Sr., age 75, of Perryville, Arkansas, passed away Monday, December 24, 2018. He was born November 12, 1943, a son of Luther Gerberding Boliek and Katherine Wright Boliek. He was a Journalist / Reporter.

Dave left behind his wife of 11 years, Missy Boliek. They loved each other like people should be loved. He loved his kids, grandkids, family, friends, employees, church and community so much. His journalism career was leading him towards a network TV news career. He chose to stay in local news because he didn't want his kids to leave their hometown. He had a soft spot for older dogs with disabilities and would rescue and adopt one when he could. When he passed away he was surrounded by people that loved him more than he will ever know. Dave died a very lucky man. He left this earth a little better than he found it and he consciously lived his destiny as a storyteller. And he was a really good one.

He is survived by his wife, Melissa Belk Boliek of Perryville; sons, David (Haden) Boliek, Jr. of Fayetteville, North Carolina and Mark (Jill) Boliek of Durham, North Carolina; daughter, Mary Alice Boliek (Bryan Bell) of Durham, North Carolina; stepson, Nathan (Tiffany) Willenberg of Little Rock; and seven grandchildren. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Shelor Robin.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 29, at the Methodist Church in Perryville with Rev. Chanda Adams officiating. Burial will be at Hope

Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends one hour prior to services, at the church.

Cemetery Details

Hope Cemetery

Perryville, AR 72126

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Perryville United Methodist Church
123 Cross St.
Perryville, AR 72126

Funeral Service

DEC 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Luther Boliek Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Dave and I met when I was a cub reporter in the capital press corps in the late 80s and remained friendly ever after. He was a serious reporter who didn't take himself too seriously, which was a rare combination. In the annual press corps skit, he did a wickedly hilarious impersonation of then-Rep. Harry Payne -- now my husband of almost 25 years.*

While covering one of his last hurricanes at WTVD, Dave let his beard grow and Harry and I gave him all kinds of grief about it. He replied that he had taken a poll and 90 percent of viewers hated the beard, 10 percent liked it, and one guy was just happy he could grow hair somewhere on his body. So sorry the universe has lost his intelligence and wit.

-- Ruth Sheehan

Ruth Sheehan - January 02, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ *I feel grateful to have worked with Dave Boliek at WTVD. His humor and his drive for excellent journalism imbued his manner. Yes, there were many days when we struggled to find stories - not every day has “action news” bursting forth. That didn't stop Dave's creativity, in finding gems from North Carolina lives to share with viewers. He is missed by so many of us, who were fortunate to work with him. My sincere condolences to his family and many friends.*

- Hope Marston (early 1980s at WTVD)

Hope Marston - December 29, 2018 at 03:06 PM

FT

“ *May God Almighty provide your family comfort in your loss but peace in the realization that He has welcomed Dave into his eternal home.*



Frank Timberlake - December 29, 2018 at 11:03 AM

JC

“ *To the Family: May your hearts be warmed by the love we all felt for Dave. For my friends: When I joined the cast at WTVD 11 News, Dave Boliek was one of the "adults in the room." We were ten-to-fifteen years older than almost everybody else! He had a strong sense for what people cared about and wanted to hear and see on "the news!" He was no softy, but he was always kind and fair to me. That's what I will always remember about Dave. Rest in peace, My Friend, until we meet again! Say hello to Stogner for me!*
Janice Crump, WTVD 11 News - Raleigh

Janice Renae Crump - December 29, 2018 at 08:54 AM

VC

“ *Missy We are so sorry to hear about your loss.*
Verna and Sam Corder

Verna Corder - December 28, 2018 at 08:39 PM

RA

“ *Randy Austin purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David Luther Boliek Sr..*



Randy Austin - December 28, 2018 at 03:59 PM

MN

“ *Miriam Thomas Norris lit a candle in memory of David Luther Boliek Sr.*



Miriam Thomas Norris - December 28, 2018 at 01:14 PM

MN

Missy, you don't know me-- but I know you made Boliek very happy in the last years of his long, accomplished life. I worked with your husband for most of his time at WTVD-TV in Durham, NC. I admired his commitment to a career he was clearly 'meant' for; he was an excellent writer-- one of the very best in the business! I know you will miss his wit and warmth. I wish you God's grace and comfort in the difficult days ahead! My best wishes for peace and blessings, dear lady. Sincerely, Miriam Thomas Norris, Raleigh, NC

Miriam Thomas Norris - December 28, 2018 at 01:28 PM

TT

“ *Missy, we are so saddened for your loss dear friend. I will miss seeing Dave's posts about dog. He always made me belly laugh. Prayers for you and your entire family. With our deepest sympathy, Steve and Tammy Cole*



Tammy Taylor-Cole - December 28, 2018 at 08:57 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Luther Boliek Sr..*



December 27, 2018 at 07:56 PM

KR

“ Missy, so sorry to hear the sad news, Comfort and peace I will pray for you and the family. Thanks also for being a friend to Ms Alice.

kathy rankin - December 27, 2018 at 12:34 PM

QT

“ QTL/ExplorNet purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of David Luther Boliek Sr..



QTL/ExplorNet - December 27, 2018 at 07:37 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David Luther Boliek Sr..



December 26, 2018 at 06:55 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of David Luther Boliek Sr..



December 26, 2018 at 05:27 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of David Luther Boliek Sr..* ”



December 26, 2018 at 05:22 PM