



David Edward Durbin "Durb"

May 28, 1954 - April 3, 2023

David Edward Durbin "Durb" of Atkins, lost his 9-year battle with cancer on April 3, 2023, at his home in Atkins and was welcomed into the arms of our Lord. He was born in Morrilton, Arkansas, on May 28, 1954, to Henry Edward Durbin and Iva Jean Jackson. He was a devoted, hard-working husband and father who loved his family, friends, and his Lord. He is preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents- Carl and Fatha Jackson and Wiley and Delphia Durbin.

David is survived by the love of his life, Maribeth Jackson Durbin, and his son, Phil Merriott of Jonesboro, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bill and Donna Jackson, niece Tia Smith, Eric, and Jaxon, nephew Chance Jackson, Caitlyn and, Rowan (soon to be born). He is also survived by his uncle B.L.

Chambliss, aunt Von Jackson, first cousins; June Combs, Gary Jackson, Larry Jackson, Kay Jones, Rita Dutton, Kim Randolph, Duane Jackson, Myron Jackson, Terri Brooksher, Sherry Evans, Carol Wadley, Mary Brannon, and Craig Chambliss, and other extended family members and close friends.

David will be greatly missed by his furry friend, Graycie the cat.

David was a faithful, loving husband to his wife, Maribeth, and they recently celebrated 34 years of marriage.

David was a man of faith and was a member of the Blackwell Baptist Church. He joined in 1964 and was baptized into the church. In recent years he attended the Atkins United Methodist Church with Maribeth. David was in Automotive Sales and Services, owned Durb's Auto Parts in Atkins, and was

the former manager of the Agri Co-op supply in Morrilton. He was a member of the Dardanelle Model Railroad Club. He was a model train enthusiast and enjoyed spending time with his railroad buddies, riding trains, and working on his train layout. David also loved hot rod cars and watching drag races and stock car races. He was very generous and was always willing to help anyone who was in need. He adored children and big dogs and loved life in general. He lived life to the fullest and courageously fought cancer without complaint. Memorials may be made to the Blackwell Baptist Church, c/o Kim Russell, 695 Hwy 64, Atkins, AR 72823, or to Arkansas Hospice, 220 John Babish Lane, Russellville, AR 72801.

Quotes found in David's Bible

- "Fear is the opposite of Faith."
- "When you are afraid, the best thing to do is "Pray.""
- "The right train of thought will take you to a better station of life."

Psalm 35:9 "And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; it shall rejoice in His salvation." (KJV)

Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Harris Chapel with Rev. Michael Blanchard and Bro. Eric Smith officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday, prior to the service.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1830 Highway 113
Morrilton, AR 72110

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Funeral Service

APR 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FM

“ Prayers for Family and Friends, may God be with each of you in your time of Sorrow!

Frances Mahan - April 07, 2023 at 01:12 AM

TB

“ Durb was part of our regular Saturday night running bunch in Morrilton back in the day. He was always fun loving and kind, never met a stranger, and never in any trouble making. I lost track over the years, but glad I found him in FB and reconnected for the past several years.

RIP Durb... Prayers for the family.

Terry Beeson - April 06, 2023 at 11:16 AM

CB

“ Maribeth,

I'm so sorry to hear of David's passing. May GOD Bless you during this time of sorrow.

Christine Brown

Christine Brown - April 06, 2023 at 08:27 AM

BC

“ Durb was a good friend. We recently spent time together seeing his train layout. Its something I will never forget. See you on the other side my friend.

Brian Cooper - April 05, 2023 at 10:38 PM

MH

“ We played cars trucks in the dirt about 60 years ago and worked together in later at auto dealer ships, great guy and a long time friend.

Milton Haley - April 05, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of David Edward Durbin "Durb".



April 05, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of David Edward Durbin "Durb".



April 05, 2023 at 04:12 AM

LP

“ I met David and knew immediately he was a great Christian man. He was hilarious and had a huge heart. He helped anyone he could and never felt sorry for himself. He loves Maribeth with his entire being. What a blessing it has been that he called me 'friend' and 'sister'. Thank you for sharing him with us, Maribeth.

Lynn Pruss - April 04, 2023 at 10:51 PM

CW

“ I’m David’s cousin on his father’s side. Some of my fondest memories of years gone by are when we would spend the night at the Durbin’s house in Atkins beside the railroad tracks. During the daytime, David and I played cars in a big sandbox beside the house. When we went inside for the night, we would play with his horses. At bedtime we slept on the floor in the living room. Inevitably, David would wake and run to the window every time a train ran by. I think he was born with a love of cars and trains, and he never lost that love.
Carol Wadley

Carol Wadley - April 04, 2023 at 10:42 PM

DM

“ He was one I have the sweetest and kindest man, I knew. He was so friendly and always willing to help you. I love to hear him laugh and smile. We are so sorry, know that we care & the family is in our prayers.

dorothy james millikan - April 04, 2023 at 09:45 PM

DD

“ David was a wonderful neighbor i loved sitting in their screened back porch and talking with them love them very much see you in Heaven my friend.

Debra Daniel - April 04, 2023 at 08:24 PM

JP

“ David was one of a kind, If he knew you, he never failed to speak, I'm forever grateful for knowing hm.

Jerry & Jettie Parrish - April 04, 2023 at 07:47 PM

SJ

“ We loved David like a brother! He had the best heart of anyone I’ve ever known. I know he is rejoicing in Heaven! We’ll join him someday in Gods time.



Sandy Jackson - April 04, 2023 at 07:31 PM

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“ I’ll never forget David leading singing at Blackwell Missionary Baptist Church. My favorite hymn he would sing was, “I bowed on my knees.”



Haley Raney (Russell) - April 04, 2023 at 06:57 PM

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“ David loved trains and I remember coming to his house and going to his train shop and seeing all of his projects he had created with his trains. I’ve never seen anybody who loved trains as much as David did. I’m going to miss David so much but David you won your race and now you can rest. I love you so much and one day we will see each other again.

Amber myers (Jackson) - April 04, 2023 at 06:32 PM