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David John Henson, born October 10, 1959, passed away on July 19, 2023, after bravely fighting stage IV pancreatic cancer. His eyes were a deeper shade of blue than the open water, where he felt most at home on a sailboat. He was an artist, and his beloved wife Tina was his muse. He often said that Tina saved him from despair and renewed his spirit. She remained at his side until he drew his last breath. At the center of his loving, generous heart, he carried his dear daughters, Caroline Henson and Katherine Sauné (Dee). David's paintings are beautiful, but his daughters are his masterpieces. Caroline deployed her medical expertise and her abundant compassion to assist him through his most difficult days of illness. Katherine brought him sunshine, laughter, and tenacity.

David's creative legacy continues through granddaughters Remi and Riley Sauné, and two more grandbabies on the way. Together with Tina, David was raising nine-year-old granddaughter Bridget. He was her "Pop," and she was his "Rascal." Every day after school, he picked her up at the bus stop. He was proud of her, and she brought him great joy.

David was a loyal and devoted friend. He leaves behind many who will always remember his kindness, his sense of humor, and his calm, reassuring presence. Many say he was their best friend. Many say he was the best man they knew. One friend, Jay Lanners, described David as the tie that binds. He brought friends together and kept everyone close when they might have otherwise drifted apart. He loved his LSU Delta Tau Delta brothers. He loved his colleagues and customers in the furniture and real estate business, his fellow artists and sailors, his old Dive Shop buddies, his St. Martin's high school friends. His circle of love was boundless.

Pastor Jay Hogewood, David's steadfast friend, brought communion and God's peace to David's bedside at the hospital and shepherded his family through grief on the morning David departed. Pastor Deirdré Allen visited and prayed with David and his



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family and lifted up everyone with her compassion and presence. Hospital chaplain Mike Binning often brought communion to David and family members staying with him at the hospital. His ministry was a blessing and a comfort. Bruce Amoroso came to the hospital, cut David's hair, and made us all laugh, which was also healing ministry. They all helped us see that David's strength would be renewed, and he would soar on eagles' wings.

Many will mourn David's passing, including his mother Joan Karr Henson, his father John L. Henson and stepmother Joellen Henson, his brother Dirk S. Henson (Jodi), sister Kristin H. Tankersley and her husband Will Hill, who was as close as a blood brother, his cherished cousins, and his nieces and nephews, who called him "Super Dave."

A memorial to celebrate David's life will be held at St. John's United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on Saturday, August 5, 2023, at 1:00 with a reception to follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those who are moved to do so make contributions to St. John's United Methodist Church, 230 Reneé Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, or to the St. Tammany Art Association, 320 N. Columbia St., Covington, LA 70433.

We will carry him with us. We will carry him in our hearts.



Events

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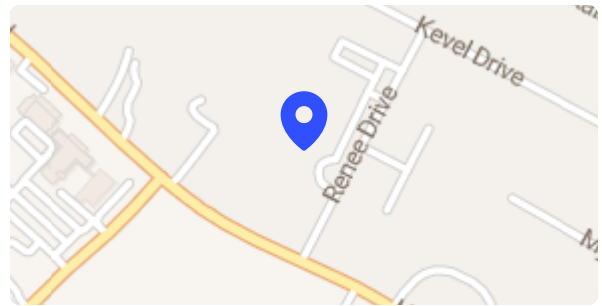
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, August 5, 2023

 1:00 PM CT

 **St. John's United Methodist Church**
230 Renee Drive, Baton Rouge LA 70810





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Bobn Lanzner posted:

Tina, Please accept our sincerest condolences upon Dave's passing. Having worked with David in the furniture business for many years was always a pleasure. David always had time to chat and he'd kindly laugh at my dumb jokes. A true gentleman heaven looked smilingly upon him. May he rest in peace. Bob Lanzner & Family

August 4 at 11:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Henson family.



August 3 at 1:31 PM



Rob Wester posted:

I want to extend to you Tina and your family my deepest sympathy for your lost. David's memory will be forever in my heart. His uncommon professionalism, his compassion for others, and uncanny sense of humor will be truly missed. David's exceptional sole is now being cradled in the arms of the Lord.

August 3 at 1:21 PM



Jeff Santanello posted:

David was such a wonderful person with a big smile and a kind heart. His ability to bring happiness to others will be dearly missed. May his memory continue to bring comfort and warmth to all that knew him. May God rest his beautiful soul.

July 30 at 12:28 PM



Crissi McDonald posted:

We send our love and deepest condolences to David's family. We're so sorry for your loss. Mark Rashid and Crissi McDonald

July 28 at 7:13 PM



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CB

Cindy Bolton posted:

My heart is sadden that I will not be greeted by David's smile at High Point showroom. He was a great rep but also a great friend. My prayer's to the family. (death leaves a heartache no one can heal. But Love leaves a memory no one can steal) Hold on to your memories. David, until we met again. Blessing Cindy Hurwitz Mintz Furniture

July 26 at 8:59 AM

MW

Michael Weinstein posted:

David Henson to me was a renaissance man. He was an artist, a sailor, well traveled, a great home furnishings rep and a realtor, a father and devoted husband. Most of all he was a good friend, a kind person, and always made me laugh and smile. David I'll miss you.

July 25 at 3:34 PM

CR

Charmaine Roy posted:

First I would like to give thanks to the almighty God for he has truly gained a special angel.....David will truly be missed. My deepest condolences to David's family may God continue to pour his blessings on you. I met David through the furniture industry and must say he was one of my most finest representatives. I considered him a friend, so humble, polite and caring. I last spoke with David in May and he told me of his illness, I told David I will be praying for him, and then we disgust God's will and let Thy way be done in Jesus name. I feel blessed to have met such a gracious and caring friend. SPEAD YOUR WINGS AND SOAR HIGH YOU DESERVE IT.....Charmaine Roy Hurwitz Mintz Furniture Metairie La.

July 24 at 4:30 AM

SE

Sheldon Eisenberg posted:

David always looked at life with a laugh and a smile. When we met many years ago it was at a sales training meeting in Washington DC. David who was new to the company at the time thought it quite humorous that he was paired to share a room with another salesperson named Shelly (actually Sheldon) a guy. He thought in his usual sense of humor what a nice company to pair him to share a room with a woman. Love David and will miss him!! Shelly (Sheldon) Eisenberg

July 22 at 11:29 AM



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CR

Capt Jim Montgomery, Uscg (Ret) posted:

One of the most caring members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I can truly say I remember him daily when I'm in the back yard and see the canoe I got from him waiting for a ride in the river. We are sad, but heaven is rejoicing his arrival.

July 22 at 8:50 AM

MB

Mike Binnings posted:

I only knew David a few short weeks at STPH. Many times I was able and blessed to bring him communion along with any family there at that time. Reading his obit answered my questions as to who was this individual who blessed me with his presence. He had a magnetism that was so spiritual, friendly. Just after a few days I felt as so many before have posted..my NBF. His wife, sister, BiL, children, etc were so carrying and giving to what he wanted; which was to go home! Bless David and the family....I am overwhelmed...Chaplain Mike.

July 22 at 7:24 AM

JG

John Green posted:

Lt. Henson. Flying in formation.....put out his hand, and touched the face of God

July 22 at 6:40 AM

CE

Colly Ewing posted:

David was one of the first people I met at Delta Tau Delta on a hot August night in 1982 and was one of the key reasons I wanted to join the fraternity. He was a great pledge educator, fraternity brother and friend. We lost touch for over 30 years but when we reacquainted it was like no time had passed. He was a true gentleman and solid Christian who deeply valued his family and friends.

July 21 at 6:27 PM



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Dan Powell posted:

Where do I start in describing David? He was faithful to his friends and family . He always had that smile that we loved so much. He had me in stitches most of the time and told stories better then Mark Twain. We were not only close friends but he called me his BFF (I think he had several BFF) 🤪 We roomed together at markets for many years, he was Felix Unger and I was the slob Oscar. Lots of stories I could tell about that. We both were opposite politically too I think! We respected and loved each other too much to bother with that. It breaks my heart that I won't be able to pick up the phone and call him. I wish Tina and her family the best and I pray for them. David was extraordinary and the world truly lost a gem. I miss you and love you David ! peace in heaven Dan Powell and family

July 21 at 2:06 PM



Bobbi Marino July 23 at 1:28 PM

I hadn't seen David or Tina in the years since they left St. John's but I can vividly remember what active forces they were in our church. Beautiful words have been said about David and I can truly concur with all of them. His beautiful smile and calm demeanor was the outward expression of a strong Christian man, a loving husband, and a wonderful father. Oh, my, how he loved Tina and how he received her unbounded love in return. David was active in many areas and missions at St. John's. I NEVER saw him without a smile on his face or a twinkle in his eyes. God and heaven has received an angel from earth! Tina, I pray for you and your family in this time of your grief. 🙏 You will always have many friends from St. John's!



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Jimmy Gentry posted:

I worked with David and a finer man was never born. The world has lost a true gentleman. I will always consider him a friend. My sympathies to the family. May God give you peace. Jimmy Gentry

July 21 at 8:44 AM

JS Jacques Senac July 27 at 10:54 AM

So sorry to hear this, prayers are with the family. David always showed up with that smile. 30 years in furniture, I always remember how he could enter a room and jump right into a conversation and add value. True professional is right on target. A sales leader and friend.

DK David Koehler July 26 at 12:43 PM

David was an amazing person and I was privileged to work with him the past nine years. He was the definition of a true sales professional. He was a man of deep faith, and I will remember him for the love he had for his family, the passion he had for the furniture industry, the professionalism he displayed every day and the kindness he extended to everyone around him. I was blessed to know a man of such character and integrity. Rest in peace my friend...we will miss you dearly.

MP Martin Ploy July 26 at 8:11 AM

David was a gentle man with a big heart. He was always willing to support philanthropic causes, even if he couldn't give a lot, he gave from his heart. As a furniture representative he was a true professional...he had the respect, trust and admiration of all that he worked with. I feel blessed and very privileged to have had the opportunity to work with David, and to be able to call him friend. May the Lord shine His perpetual light upon him. Martin Ploy 7-26-23

RA Randy Anderson July 24 at 7:06 AM

David has been a dear friend and fellow representative in the furniture industry who will always be remembered for his love for others, a profound sense to serve in the most honorable way as a man of faith and an exceptional gentleman. I pray that the family will be comforted by the knowledge of his freedom from suffering in eternity. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss and encouragement to continue the loving mission exemplified by David's walk here on earth.

CM Charles Monzella July 22 at 12:27 PM

I did not know David and you do not know me, but I went to Bessemer High School with his parents, John and Joan. John and I graduated in the same class. From the lovely obituary, David sounded as if he was a wonderful person. That is not surprising to me; he apparently inherited many of his parents' traits. I want to extend my condolences to the family. Charles Monzella, Westfield, NJ



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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