



David Elliott Brown

January 27, 1950 - June 12, 2013

David Brown of Washougal, Washington died suddenly from a heart attack on June 12, 2013. The youngest of four brothers, David grew up in NE Portland where he attended Kennedy Grade School and Grant High School. His love of outdoors led him to his lifelong career as a professional geologist. His career took him throughout the West and ranged from geothermal research and exploration, to environmental remediation, gravel and mineral mining and prospecting. While working at the Department of Oregon Geology & Mineral Industries, Oregon began its extensive Geothermal program. This became a foundation for his life-long love of Geothermal Exploration. He made a major scientific contribution by mapping a key fault that provided the evidence for earth movement along the west side of the Cascades. A prolific writer, too many technical reports were published by him to list. David was also owner and part-time winemaker of Champagne Creek Cellars of Roseburg, winning numerous awards throughout the country. As a youngster David learned to sail on the Columbia River; a passion that he carried throughout his life, racing and cruising on the river, Puget Sound and the Caribbean. He also fostered his Scottish heritage by piping in the Clan MacLeay Pipe Band, marching in over 20 Rose Parades and other events throughout the United States and Canada. Gardening started at the age of six, growing sunflowers and continued throughout high school working on farms culminating in growing hot peppers that terrorized family and friends. Another passion that he carried from his childhood was his undying belief in Santa Claus, which he has

passed on to his friends and relatives. David is survived by his wife Janiece and daughters Meagan and Sarah, whom he loved with all his heart. He is also survived by two brothers, Tim and Duncan. His brother Stuart preceded him in death earlier in June. A Celebration of his Love for Life will be held for David on Saturday, June 29th at 3:00PM at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, WA. We invite you to share memories and stories in the hospitality room, where hors d'oeuvres will be served, immediately following the service. Rememberances can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or through his wife.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:31 PM

RS

“ David was a splendid and resilient man who overcame adversity with good humor and a warming smile. He was always ready to help a friend without regard to his own circumstances. He was a "stand up guy" whose example I try to emulate.

Robert S Simon - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I am so sorry about your loss. I have fond memories of David as a fellow piper in the Clan MacLeay Pipe Band. I will be thinking about David today when I take my daughter to Highland Dance lessons, as David had done with his own daughters.

Bill Cunningham - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Janiece and family, So sorry for your loss. David talked lots about his family and loved you all very much. It was my privilege to work with David for over 15 years on various projects for our company. He was truly a gifted and talented man who will be greatly missed by the gravel mining industry. I have fond memories of the many, many hours we spent together. God bless you in the days ahead and our thoughts and prayers are with you. Wayne Kalbfleisch

Wayne Kalbfleisch - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ You have Marianna and my sincere condolences for your loss.

David & Marianna Day - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I had the opportunity to work with David at David Brown and Associates, many years ago. He was a very positive and fun individual and I am sure will be missed by many. While sharing the last name, we are not related!

Patrick Brown - June 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Janiece, we are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts go out to you and your family.

Margo Stark and Jerry Best - June 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We are sorry to hear of David's sudden passing. Our hearts go out to to you. All our you love from you your oldtime across the street the neighbors.

Rick and Linda Simonson - June 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Though we only went to school together for a short while I will always remember the debates we had. I am sure you are doing that where you are now. Miss you already.

Melodie Tyree - June 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Janiece- Mel and I are so sorry to read of David's death. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We really enjoyed the time you were here and have thought of you often through the past few years.*

Mary Sykes - June 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Janiece, Our hearts are filled with sadness at the loss of your beloved David. You are in our thoughts and we pray your pain and sadness will be replaced with happy memories. Janiece, David lived a blessed life having had you by his side. We love you. Steve and Linda*

Steve and Linda - June 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *This breaks my heart. My memories are too many to list. Dave's family and mine were friends from my parent's sailing days, he and I were high school classmates, & he told me many times that I broke his heart. Well, big guy, I guess we're even now. All my love to his wonderful family. An hour in heaven before...we all know the rest.*

Martha McCready - June 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *We in the Clan Macleay Pipe Band were sorrowed to hear of Dave's death. He was a member for a very long time and the source of many of our favorite stories. He will be long remembered.*

Michael - June 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Janiece and Family: David was a true gentleman with a wonderful spirit. We know your hearts are heavy having David and his brother both leave us within days of one another. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers as you move through these difficult times.*

Ed and Suzanne - June 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *David: Our huge Scot, pipes and a kilt and ever generous with a dram of single malt with a hint of smoke, followed by a session of your quick wit. Will miss you buddy, Tom*

Tom Burns - June 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM