



David Wayne Overbay

October 25, 1955 - May 27, 2023

David Wayne Overbay, 67, passed away on May 27th, 2023, at Magnolia Senior Living at Loganville. David battled rheumatoid arthritis which kept him from working and remained at his home until his passing in the hospice care center.

David was born on October 25th, 1955, in Kingsport, Tennessee to Bernice Elizabeth Peters (Overbay) and William Alexander Overbay Jr. David also went by “Dave” to some family and close friends. However, to those closest to him he also went by Dad and Papal.

David graduated from Sullivan West High School in Kingsport, Tennessee in 1973. Directly after high school, David served in the United States Air Force as an Electro-Mechanical Team Chief until May of 1977. Shortly after leaving the Air Force, he became employed by DataCard Corp in Colorado and worked for them until 1995 as a Senior Customer Engineer. David then went to work for Plasticard as a Senior Service Technician until 2001 at which time, he was approached by DataCard Corp who hired him back in the position previously held but this time in Atlanta, Georgia until 2017 when he retired.

David worked very hard for his family. In his words, “I worked my hardest until I could not. My work was a reflection of my love, it was the language (Acts of Service) to show the ones I love how much I cared for them.” Per David’s

wishes, there won't be a memorial service, instead, he stated that "I wish for my family/friends to remember me (David) like I was before I became ill. I wish for all to love one another like I loved them and better through their actions."

David loved to travel and took many trips around the United States with his family during his lifetime. He often spoke fondly of his 3 daughters (Kira Amanda Overbay, Courtney LeAnne Bentley [Mitch Bentley], and Aubrey Renea Braden Gutierrez) and his grandchildren (granddaughters Kylie Anne Bentley & Madi Kate Bentley, and grandson Braden Valentino Gutierrez) and all the joy they brought to his life. He was an avid movie lover and frequently quoted lines and phrases from Star Wars and Star Trek.

David married Sheila Joyce Conkin Overbay on September 1st, 1991, and they shared 31 years of marriage together. Sheila's happiest memory of David was during the honeymoon in Hawaii. She also enjoyed many of his travels including work trips to Arizona where she was able to share seeing the Grand Canyon for the first time. Courtney's earliest memories also included the trips to Arizona where she unintentionally learned the art of sun-worshipping. While living in Colorado nestled outside the Rocky Mountains, Kira, his youngest daughter, was born and the estrogen bandwagon grew even larger. Kira's earliest and fondest memory was getting to swim with her dad and the dolphins at Discovery Cove when she was 8 years old. "Just keep swimming and totally dude" was a phrase that existed in her early vocabulary, and she offered these words of encouragement to her dolphin companion, Tyler. Aubrey's earliest memories are returning to Kingsport, Tennessee to visit David's sister, cousins, and father to attend an event called FunFest. Although Aubrey became accustomed to traveling and vacationing as well through the many trips with her father, her father could always tell when the vacation was ending based on Aubrey's "cheery" disposition near the end of the vacationing period. One of the fondest memories for all was when the family visited Disney World and a time when all the family was together enjoying a meal at

El Tequila. His life partner, Sheila, was always an Overbay and only forgot she was an Overbay on one occasion when the family was in a line waiting to get in outside a pizza parlor. They were unaware of an exhaust duct directly above them that was discharging an unknown gas that they were breathing in. Once inside, they were asked for their name and this mysterious vapor had someone delayed their brain functions limiting knowledge of what their last name was. David Overbay asked for everyone to help Sheila remember the “good stuff” about the life he shared with her.

David’s best friends included Renae June Overbay Cook, Jan Steadman Gragg, and Carl Bilich - all of whom he valued and wanted to be mentioned. A friendly competition existed between brother (David) and sister/best friend (Renae) that involved any innocent bystander they could corner. They would playfully tell stories to other family members and friends about the people they encountered whom they would challenge to identify who was older between the siblings. This went on for many decades and was always an entertaining and amusing conversation piece. Renae was there to comfort and take care of her brother during the latter part of his life bringing him one of his favorite prepared cuisines from PAL’s – their legendary hot dogs! Renae was not only his sister, she was his closest friend. Jan was his closest confidant and Carl worked with David for several years in Colorado.

David was preceded in death by his mother, Bernice Elizabeth Peters Overbay, and his father, William Alexander Overbay Jr. David is survived by his loving wife, Sheila Overbay, children Aubrey Braden Gutierrez (Omaha, NE), Courtney Bentley (Irwinton, GA), and Kira Overbay (Grayson, GA), sister Renae Overbay Cook (Kingsport, TN), nieces Elizabeth Cook Kinney, Andrea Chase Maxwell, Julie Grimm Kumar (Kingsport, TN) and nephew Josh Grimm (Gate City, VA). David was loved and appreciated by many family members and grandchildren.

Prior to his last days and per his wishes, David accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. AMEN. Cremation has already taken place and please reach out to Sheila Overbay and Renae Cook to provide any sentiments.

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And these words I command you this day shall be upon your heart;

Deuteronomy 6:6

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved his church and gave himself up for her.

Ephesians 5:25

The righteous man walks in his integrity; Blessed are his children after him.

Proverbs 20:7

So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13