



## David Allen Houck

January 3, 1956 - October 17, 2012

David Allen "Dave" Houck, 56, of Rock Island and a former longtime Rock Island resident, passed away on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 in Rock Island, following a 5 month battle with cancer.

He was born on January 3, 1956 at Phoenix, Arizona to the late Elmer and Barbara Ann (Mougler) Emerson. At an early age, he moved with his family to Washington and they settled briefly in Chelan and eventually ended up in Wenatchee where David's life would be changed forever. Richard and Mary Houck opened up their hearts and adopted him as their own. David attended Wenatchee schools and Wenatchee High School. He entered the U.S. Navy in November of 1973 and served aboard the N.A.S. Memphis. He received his honorable discharge in January of 1975. Upon returning to Wenatchee he worked a variety of jobs that included, the U.S. Forest Service, Keyes Fiber and Hannah Mining prior to continuing his education at Wenatchee Valley College. He received his Associate degree in Auto Body Repair and opened his own auto body repair shop in Rock Island, known as Dave's Auto Repair in the early 1980's. He operated his shop until the late 1980's, when he started J & M Trucking Company in Rock Island. He hauled fruit locally as well as hay cubes in large shipping containers throughout the northwest states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho to the shipyards. He operated J & M Trucking until 1995, when he moved to the Austin, Texas area. He went to work for Ranger Trucking, where he hauled heavy equipment to various job sites. He later went to work at Wheeler Paving hauling their heavy equipment to job

sites. He continued working at Wheeler Paving until ill health forced him to retire. He returned to Rock Island on September 29th.

David especially enjoyed his family, being a dad, cars, fishing, barbeques and his friends.

He is survived by the love of his life and best friend, Gwen Houck, four children, Jennifer Houck and husband, James Voss, Rock Island, Michelle Houck, Tacoma, David A. Houck Jr., Cedar Park, Texas and Jacob John Houck, Leander, Texas; his adoptive parents, Richard & Mary Houck, Wenatchee; four brothers, Terry Emerson, East Wenatchee, Andrew Houck, Seattle, Ken Houck, Austin Texas and Danny Clevenger, Yakima; one sister, Melinda Houck and her husband, Renn Cone of Wenatchee; six grandchildren, Marella Houck, Tacoma, Kayla and Chelsea Houck both of Rock Island, Aleah Houck, Tacoma, Joshua McVay and Michael Houck both of Rock Island. He was preceded in death by his birth parents, Elmer and Barbara Ann Emerson.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Rock Island Community Church on October 27, 2012, 1:00pm. Thoughts and memories can be left for his family on his online tribute at, [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com). Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Nearly three years ago, I was having heart problems. I had to have cardiac catheterization. My cardiologist feared there may be something seriously wrong with my heart. David was the first one I called, letting him know what was going on. He assured me that everything was going to be O.K. David offered me those same encouraging words when he was diagnosed with cancer. While I cried on the other end of the phone, David assured me that he was going to be O.K. He said to me, "Don't worry sweetheart, I'm not going anywhere." I will never forget, when David's friend Bill called me with the sad news. He called to tell me that David had lost his battle with cancer. I started having issues with my heart again. This time was different. This time, a broken heart that only God and time can heal. For now, I take comfort in knowing that real healing will come when we are all re-united with David in God's beautiful Heaven. A place where there are no tears, no pain and no broken hearts.

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**Susan Piskorik** - November 08, 2012 at 12:56 AM

TF

“ You'll be Loved and missed always.  
Trey, Brandon, Renee, Harlee, and KaeDyn  
Piskorik



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**The Piskorik Family** - November 07, 2012 at 02:33 PM

TF

“ David,

*We will miss your smile, your laughter and your sense of humor. Rest in peace.*

*With love,*

*The Emerson Family*



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**The Emerson Family** - November 03, 2012 at 10:16 AM

MA

“ *Uncle Dave you will be missed so much. .. We will always share our special day together. Our birthdays... I will miss joking around with you about having to come back to Washington to get a great hair cut, from me! You will be missed greatly*

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**Maryann** - November 02, 2012 at 04:28 AM

SP

“ *I miss the simple things I use to do with David. I miss having coffee with him, even if it was 4:30 in the morning. I miss that familiar knock at my door. With that boyish smile he would ask me, "You have any coffee made?" I would reply, "Are you kidding me, do you have any idea what time it is?" He would laugh. I really miss that. I miss him so much. If Love could have saved you...you would have never died.*

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**Susan Piskorik** - November 01, 2012 at 12:19 AM

BM

“ David,  
You were the kind of friend you don't ever forget. You had a way about you that over flowed that church. I was honored to see the people you had touched along lifes path. Your service was absolutely wonderful brother. You were surrounded by people who loved you and we are definitely gonna miss you. To your lovely daughters, Gwen, DJ, Susan, and your parents, thank you for being there for David. We love all of you as our own family.

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**Bill Moriarity** - October 31, 2012 at 07:10 PM

BA

“ Dick, MaryJane, Melinda.....Bob and I are so saddened by your loss. Please know that we are thinking of you all.....

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**Bob and Carolyn Anderson** - October 29, 2012 at 04:28 PM

G(

“ David its been 18 years since I saw you last and I hope my son was there to greet you. You were a great person and it looks like you had a great life and family wish we could of stayed in touch. Peace to all of you and god bless.

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**Glenna Sutherland (Dodson)** - October 28, 2012 at 11:12 PM

KF

“ Dave, it's been over 20 years since I last saw you. You've had a good life--I see you've left a wonderful family and good friends. It was a pleasure to know you.  
G-d Bless.

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**Kyle Flick** - October 27, 2012 at 02:06 PM

CH

“ I rember the time you and joe painted a car you both were all blue from head to toe

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**cheryl** - October 27, 2012 at 11:37 AM

SL

“ Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy. (Isn't that a beautiful idea?)

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**Susan (Houck) Learn** - October 26, 2012 at 11:56 PM

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**Susan (Houck) Learn** - October 26, 2012 at 11:53 PM

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“ May God's hands hold you tight and help you through the grief of losing a loved one from this earth. Disciples of the Lord are guaranteed to see each other again. May each one of you be able to claim that guarantee so that you have the hope of being together again some day in the "Father's house where there are many rooms"...John 14:2. May the peace of the Lord be with you and comfort you. So sorry about your loss. Cousin, Trina

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**Trina Houck** - October 25, 2012 at 11:56 PM

JV

“ Dave, you will always hold a special place in my heart. I will never forget the time at the pond when we were all down there rippin around on four wheelers and having a blast. We sure miss you dad

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**James Voss** - October 20, 2012 at 01:36 AM