



David Meadows

January 13, 1959 - December 7, 2023

David "Animal" Meadows

David passed away peacefully at home, with his wife at his side, on December 7th at the age of 64. He was born in Missouri but his family moved to Bowie when he was a toddler and he spent most of his childhood in San Simon and Lordsburg. As an adult, he lived in Colorado but he always found his way back home to the desert that he loved.

David was a unique person whose sweet soul was cherished by those who loved him. Named Animal by his sister, he was a gentle giant, sometimes stumbling over his own feet and taking wrong turns, but his true spirit always shone through in the end and he was forgiven. He was kind and compassionate to everyone and all the sick or orphaned kittens in the neighborhood somehow found their way to him and he'd tuck them under his beard and carry them home to Denise so she could make them well again.

Dave never met a stranger in his life because everyone was a friend within minutes. His was a trusting soul who always thought the best of everyone. He was a workaholic and often held two or three jobs at once, but he always found the time and energy to help anyone who needed it. He loved rock and roll and if you heard Santana blasting down the street, you knew Dave was close by. He also loved cars, especially if they were loud and fast. David lived his life at full volume and we loved him for it. His laugh could resonate blocks away and the thing he loved most in life was making other people happy.

He is survived by Denise, his wife of 30 years, and his sister, Deb (and Bruce) Roberts, his daughter Samantha Ridenour, whom he loved as his own, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. He was predeceased by his father and his adoptive mother, Rev. Howard and Jewel Meadows. There will be a private interment of his and his father's ashes at the San Simon cemetery at a later date.

Tribute Wall

RG

“ David was an awesome person. He was always willing to help when other's were to busy. R.I.P. Art Gonzalez and family

Rose Gonzalez - December 11, 2023 at 09:42 PM

CL

“ David was my first boss at the truck stop. He was very kind to me, and I enjoyed all the years and different places I got to work with him. I'm going to miss you, Furball.

Chris Lentz - December 11, 2023 at 02:02 AM

HL

“ Henretta Lackner lit a candle in memory of David Meadows



Henretta Lackner - December 10, 2023 at 02:02 PM



David you were the best you became like a brother to us. Always there for what ever we needed . I will miss seeing you. It say to know your gone I know your in a better place. I can see you causing on you bike up in heaven. Rest in peace my dear awesome brother. Sending you lots of hugs.

Francisca Guzmam - December 12, 2023 at 12:08 PM

NH

“ I can still see David as a young man walking down the street carrying and listening to his boom box. He always had a smile and a greeting. As his health started to go down hill, he still had the greeting and asked if we would pray for him. I believe what the Bible says about heaven and know David is healthy, happy, and loved. He doesn't need his boom box because the heavenly choir is singing.

Norma Helton - December 09, 2023 at 10:27 PM

HJ

During the years that Mary and I were teachers at San Simon School (1999-2007), David was a friend who always cheered us up with a good story and a friendly smile. God Speed ! David

Harrison Johnson - December 10, 2023 at 02:04 PM

CF

“ *David rest in peace and comfort! You were a one of a kind and will be missed!* ”



Chuck and Pati Fickett - December 09, 2023 at 06:59 PM