



David Lee Houk

January 26, 1961 - December 17, 2016

David Lee Houk, 55 of Springfield, MO, passed away Saturday, December 17, 2016 at his home.

David was a hard-working, loving; husband, father, papa, son and brother. He loved to bowl, fish, hunt, go on float trips and shoot fireworks, although, he most of all enjoyed having a good time with family and friends around the fire. He was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan and loved NASCAR racing. He was a regional manager with Truck Movers, and loved his work family as his own.

The past four years David fought a valiant fight against cancer, never losing his fighting spirit and positive attitude. David will be most remembered for his boisterous laugh and big bear hugs.

David is survived by; his wife, Michelle Houk of Springfield; parents, Roy and Sharlene Houk of Stockton; sister, Debbie Houk (Becky Pittman) of Ottawa, KS; brother, Don Houk (Jami) of Lee's Summit, six Children, Melissa Beard (Scott) of Oak Grove, MO. Janis Czirr (Mark) of Kansas City, KS. Katelyn McClain (Preston) of Jefferson City, MO. Rachel Houk (Joseph Douglas) of Seligman, MO. Russel Houk (Kera) of Marshall, MO. Melissa Hembree (Danny) of Sartell, MN.

Twelve Grandchildren; Haven Jarman(12), Riley Beard(10), Carlos Echaves(9), Lillian Czirr(9), Jackson Douglas(8), Makenzie Houk(6), Carly

Beard(6), Jackson Czirr(5), Noah Hembree(5), Adrienne Houk(5), Karsyn McClain(4), Carter Beard(3); nephews; Drew Houk(17), Chase Houk(17), Cole Houk(14); niece: Presli Houk (9). David was preceded in death by; paternal grandparents, Walter and Beulah Houk; maternal grandparents, William and Lula Carter; grandson; Caleb McClain (2000-2016)

Funeral services will be held 2:30 PM Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at the Butler Funeral Home, Bolivar, MO with visitation starting at 12:00 noon to service time at 2:30 PM. Burial will follow service in the Alder Cemetery, Stockton, MO.

In Lieu of Flowers and greenery the family would like donations to be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital or Salgi Esophageal Cancer Research in honor of David.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Lee Houk*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *David Lee Houk*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *White Mum and Light Blue Hydrangea Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of David Lee Houk .*



December 27, 2016 at 03:11 PM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear this. Dave was always so sweet and jovial. He will be greatly missed.*

Ashley Johnson - December 21, 2016 at 02:00 PM



“ *He was fun to be around and really loved life we will miss him. Praying for your family.*

Melva Hardesty - December 21, 2016 at 01:06 PM

TA

“ *Very sad to hear David lost the battle, but I believe he won the victory! I had the pleasure of working with David on a few weekends and spent one memorable evening in a sports bar hearing him sing. I've only known a few people in my life with the same explosive friendly personality as David and what a joy he could bring into a room! Praying for his family and friends in thier time of grief. However, I think David would want you to be happy for him. God bless.*

Tim Arnold - December 21, 2016 at 11:56 AM

LR

“ *Roy Lee:
I cannot imagine what it would be like to lose a child. I know the hurt is great. Virgil and I communicate by email and I shared with him your loss. Gaylen and I will be thinking of you during these difficult days.*

*LeRoy Roberts
Raleigh, NC*

LeRoy Roberts - December 21, 2016 at 09:43 AM

 Sherry
Jacobson

“ *God Speed our friend.*

We will miss your vibrant personality along with our fire pit nights, massive spreads of food and BBQ's, road trips, and your unbelievable fireworks extravaganzas! Our puppies are going to miss their "boyfriend" too.

A St. Jude's Childrens Hospital memory donation was made by the "Damn Neighbors": Rick and Sherry Jacobson, Paul and Karen Doelger, Jerry and Wanda White, Diane Smith, and Cathy Nicholson.

*With fondest memories,
Rick & Sherry Jacobson
(and Lexilu & Cocopuff too)*

Sherry Jacobson - December 21, 2016 at 09:15 AM

TQ

“ *I've known David for years. I remember him calling to chat while on the road. He enjoyed making us all laugh. I don't think he had a grumpy bone in him. He was always smiling and cracking jokes. Sometimes we'd grab a bite to eat before he headed out again. Go figure, he really did like the wings at Hooters.*

Tracy Quaschnick - December 21, 2016 at 08:53 AM

JF

“ *We have many wonderful memories of David, especially with his fireworks! He had a personality that lit up the room. We will miss him.*

Love to the family, Tom and Jan Furr

jan furr - December 21, 2016 at 06:08 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lee Houk .*



December 20, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Lee Houk .*



December 20, 2016 at 12:06 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lee Houk .*



December 20, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *Christoper Pettigrew and the crew of Phoenix purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Lee Houk .*



Christoper Pettigrew and the crew of Phoenix - December 20, 2016 at 10:55 AM

TW

“ David has been a life long friend of mine and is probably the only reason I am still working in the trucking industry. I was most definitely not a truck driver but David always made me believe I was. David and I drove and worked together at TruckMovers many years and I will always cherish all of the memories from my time spent with him along with all that he taught me.

I too was fortunate to be called "little buddy" as many where because everyone that met him was Davids friend. David was the most positive person I have ever met, and he would do anything for anybody, wether you were a long time friend or he had just met you for the first time.

I loved David with all my heart and pray that I told him that enough so he truly knew how I felt about him. I will miss you my friend.

Todd Ware - December 20, 2016 at 10:41 AM



“ David would brighten a room just by walking in, whenever he would come in the office you would know he was there before you saw him with that big laugh and loud voice. He made sure to go around and say hi to everyone, giving a handshake or hug to all he knew. I was always happy to run into him out on the road when working, I learned a lot from him in regards to trucking and even got a quick driving lesson once (SHHHH).

He will truly be missed but will be remembered in our lives forever.

Chuck Williams - December 20, 2016 at 10:11 AM

OJ

“ Our sincere sympathy Reed and Sarah Jenkins purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of David Lee Houk .



Our sincere sympathy Reed and Sarah Jenkins - December 20, 2016 at 08:49 AM

FR

“ Being at a loss for words, Dave will always be with me where ever I go. That way, WE can always continue to "GET ER DID"... RIP my friend.....

Frank - December 20, 2016 at 07:14 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lee Houk .



December 20, 2016 at 06:33 AM

BS

“ I had the privilege of working with David a number of times, in a number of different places for Truck Movers. And an even bigger privilege of having him as a friend. I know he will be missed by all who loved him. He was a great person. My deepest condolences to all of his family and friends. David, you will be greatly missed.

Brandon Standridge

Brandon Standridge - December 20, 2016 at 06:33 AM

TC

“ *Tim Warrenfeltz and crew. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Lee Houk .*



Tim Warrenfeltz and crew. - December 19, 2016 at 09:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Lee Houk .*



December 19, 2016 at 07:37 PM

MH

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Craig Ludwig (Buffalo Hub) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Lee Houk .*



Mr. and Mrs. Craig Ludwig (Buffalo Hub) - December 19, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Lee Houk .*



December 19, 2016 at 05:18 PM

AD

“ Al and I started driving for Truck Movers a little over 6 years ago, and we were fortunate to have David as our trainer. From the first time we met David we felt like family. We will miss him coming over for dinner and drinks whenever he came to Laredo. We were honored to go on a cruise this past January with David and Michelle, the fun and laughter never stopped. David we will miss you dearly. Al and Dianna

Allen & Dianna Dexter - December 19, 2016 at 04:09 PM

CT

“ My favorite thing was David's big bear hugs. No matter what kind of day he was having, he was always so nice and made you feel like you were amazing. Seriously one of the kindest men I've ever known. He will be greatly missed.

Carrie Taylor - December 19, 2016 at 02:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Lee Houk .



December 19, 2016 at 02:10 PM

DS

“ There are people you meet in this world that simply make you a better person for just knowing them. David is one of those people. Never a bad thing to say. Always uplifting and for sure always sharing some much needed laughter. David you will be surely missed and I am thankful to have known you. My deepest sympathy goes out to all of David's family.

Dan Schreier - December 19, 2016 at 02:03 PM

CN

“ *Rest in peace, David. Your earthly battle is complete. You lived and loved big. Cindy Nuelle, classmate*

Cindy Nuelle - December 19, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lee Houk .*



December 19, 2016 at 12:31 PM

FS

“ *You will be truly missed my dearest friend David, you always knew how to make people laugh and smile. you always knew the right thing to say when I was down and sad. You were a true warrior my friend, Never giving up. My heart hurts for Michelle as she won't have that smile to wake up to. But, in the end my friend you are no longer in pain. So, my prayers and thoughts are with your family during this sad times, hoping they can find peace and comfort and strength in each other. Fly high and Rest In Peace . And as I sit here I raise my Crown and Coke in Honor of you, my Friend! You will forever be in my heart, sending my love.*

faith shobe - December 19, 2016 at 12:15 PM

SB

“ David had a way of lighting up any room he entered and putting a smile on everyone's faces. I loved the days he came into the office. He'd walk around and hug anyone who said hello to him and talked to every single person as if they were a dear friend. He will truly be missed. My family and I offer our sincerest thoughts and prayers to all of his loved ones.

Stephanie Boothe - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Lee Houk .



December 19, 2016 at 11:23 AM

KU

“ Kalmar USA purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Lee Houk .



Kalmar USA - December 19, 2016 at 10:52 AM

KD

“ Don, Jaime and all family, may perpetual light shine upon Dave We are thinking of you and praying for you. Sending love, Kenny and Melissa Decker

Kenny and Melissa Decker - December 19, 2016 at 10:26 AM

AW

“ David thank you for just being a true friend. You made it a point to come to Laredo a little while ago to help me and the safety Department out. We shared some laughs and we got a chance to talk about my son. I never forget the words you told me "know matter what to keep my head up through it all". Those words meant a lot your. Your laughs and smile will be truly missed. Most of all Thanks to his family for sharing Dave with us.

Amos Wells - December 19, 2016 at 10:16 AM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss! Dave always made a point to come and give hugs when he was in the office. Always a smile and a kind word. He will be missed.

Carmen Boan - December 19, 2016 at 09:27 AM

RM

“ David thank you for all the great memories, it was wonderful working with you. To know David was to know a great person who always had a smile and touched everyone he came in contact with. He always called me little buddy and I knew he called a lot of people little buddy but if you knew David when he was a big person you would know why. I feel me and David always had one thing in common we always called our wife's our best friend and I loved that about him. RIP my big buddy and I know you'll be in heaven looking over your family. And to David's best friend and children if you need him look up to heaven and just let him know what your need is and what ever you got to say, David will be listening. God bless you all and thank you for sharing your friend and father with me. David was someone I can truly call a friend. I will miss you David your friend Robert.

Robert Melton - December 19, 2016 at 09:15 AM

JT

“ I spent a lot of time with Big Dave!! Working on farms, going to the lake, working at the cup factory, hauling ice for Roy, bowling in tournaments, and many, many, more great times. David lived with dad and I for quite a while and we were like brothers. I will always remember his infectious personality and the fun we had. I know God will enjoy your company bro...rest in peace!!



Jeff Thompson

Jeff Thompson - December 19, 2016 at 09:08 AM

JT

“ I met David for the first time while down in Garland setting up the terminal there. He just made me feel like a long time friend when I first met him. Seemed kinda larger than life and I really enjoyed his personality. When ever I ran into him later on he treated me like we had been best buddies always going out of this way to talk and ask how things were with me. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and to all of us who will miss him.

Jack Thatcher - December 19, 2016 at 07:34 AM

DJ

“ David's voice will be forever remembered by many, you moved people with your smile and words. It has been a pleasure to know, work and have some fun with a person who loved life to it's fullest. May God grant you his favor forever and complete his work in your eternal life. You will be missed. Our Love, prayers and support to you and your family. Daryl Jibben (Little Buddy).

Daryl Jibben - December 19, 2016 at 07:28 AM

JS

“ Share a lot of good times with this big guy growing up. From working with cattle and hogs in the cold and mud to drinking beer in the factory parking lot. Rest in peace Friend!

Jeff Sanders - December 19, 2016 at 07:13 AM

WM

“ RIP Blue Streak! Thanks for all you taught me about Truck Driving when I was just a rookie!

Wayne Miller - December 18, 2016 at 10:12 PM

BG

“ David lived next door when we were growing up. His kids and mine were close friends when they were all in school. We all had fun times with marching band, the lake, bowling at the Higginville bowling alley and later years he got me started collecting shot glasses. He tried to get me one from all the different states and trips that he went on. He was always there if I needed a friend to talk to. I will miss him dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and his many friends.

Brenda Gassen - December 18, 2016 at 10:05 PM

JJ

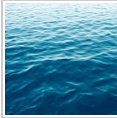
“ IT WAS A HONOR TO HAVE KNOW DAVID MAY THE ANGELS SURROUND HIM WITH ALL THE LOVE AND PRAISE HE DESERVES LOVE TO ALL THE FAMILY AND PRAYER
JUANITA ST.JOHN

JUANITA ST JOHN - December 18, 2016 at 07:09 PM

DM

“ My Buddy I'm gonna miss you, the wrestling seasons we spent together, early mornings cooking breakfast for the boys and just being there for them win or lose. I'm sure the MSHSAA officials still tell stories about us and how well behaved we were in the stands. I might of got escorted out of COC Championships, but respect to the man that gets escorted out of Sectionals. The voice in the stands we all enjoyed is now silent, my brother I love you and am gonna miss you. RIP BIG GUY.

david meyer - December 18, 2016 at 06:35 PM



Such a great man and friend you will be truly missed more then words can express. I will miss your smile that showed no matter what. Hearing you laugh. It was an honor knowing you and Michelle. The cruise will forever stay. Best time ever with you and Michelle, Al and Dianna. All the laughs and drinks. Seeing you in Laredo. RIP my friend.

Donna Poston - December 19, 2016 at 09:36 PM