



David Allen Petit

September 9, 1956 - October 14, 2019

On Monday, October 14, 2019, David Allen Petit, loving son, brother, father and grandfather, was called home to be with the Lord at the age of 63.

Dave was born on September 9, 1956 in Hartford, Connecticut to Donald and Florence Petit. At 14 years of age he moved to Chandler, Arizona with his mother, father and his six siblings in September of 1970. His family took 23 days to travel, stopping at every historical site and natural wonder along the way because his parents wanted the kids to see more of this country. At just 18 years old, Dave started working in a machine shop at Walbar, Inc. in Tempe, AZ. On March 4, 1978 he married his former wife, Debra McClain and they raised two daughters, Lisa and Christina and two sons, Christopher and Dave. Then in May of 1986, Dave and his father started his first tooling shop in Chandler, AZ called Petit Tool and Engineering. They built curvic masters for then AlliedSignal (now Honeywell). He went on to start his own shop called Allen Industries in Tempe, AZ where he specialized in tooling and short run production. Dave was an excellent precision tooling and aerospace machinist for over 45 years.

Dave had many great adventures and he loved to take his family into the great outdoors. We often reminisce about his “phases” in life because he would completely immerse himself in the experience. It began with the Beach Bum phase where he often took his family down to Rocky Point to enjoy the beach and camp. Then, one day he came home and said he bought a horse and seriously began to cowboy up. He joined the Phoenix Jaycees Comancheros, riding in parades, the Pony Express, helping with rodeos and running the Christmas party for underprivileged youth in true western fashion. He also became a skydiver and followed that passion for several years. Finally, he upgraded to a steel horse and found himself most at home on his Harley Davidson. Through it all he worked many long hours at the machine shop, a perfectionist at doing his job and doing it right. He was an incredibly intelligent, hardworking, rough and tumble, unfailingly generous, kind-hearted man who will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his four children, Lisa (Jecoby) Keiser, Christina Petit, Christopher Petit

and Dave Petit with Debra McClain, his twelve grand-children, Alicia, Christian, Logan, Adrianna, Sakura, Katana, Adrian, Ethan, Nova, Oriana, Amelia, and Titan and one great-grandchild Xavier, his parents, Donald and Florence Petit, his siblings, Joyce (Don) Scherrer, Sandra (Dave) Ellis, Wayne (Jane) Petit, Sharon (Lance) Ruffner, Douglas Petit, and Jeffrey (Renea) Petit. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at Broadway Christian Church, 7335 E Broadway Rd, Mesa, AZ 85208, with the viewing at 10 a.m. and the service at 11 a.m. A gathering will follow off-site at 12:30 p.m., details provided at the service.

Events

OCT 26 **Visitation** 10:00AM

Broadway Christian Church
7335 E. Broadway Rd., Mesa, AZ, US, 85208

OCT 26 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Meldrum Mortuary & Crematory - October 23, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ Debra McClain lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



Debra McClain - October 26, 2019 at 02:11 AM



“ US Tower Services Inc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Allen Petit.



US Tower Services Inc. - October 25, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ My family lived next door to the Petits, on & off, for many years. First, it was when Mr & Mrs Petit (David's parents) was living on out street, with some of their grown children. Then, Wayne (David's brother) and his wife and kids were living in the family home. We moved away for a few years, and when my son & I moved back in 1997, that is when Big Dave & Debbie were living there with their kids, Lisa, Christina, Chris, and little Dave, in the family homeb next door to our home. Every phase, of the Petits living next to us, touched our family. However, when Dave & his family lived there, it was a blessing for my son, Tony. Tony was so happy to be back in the neighborhood & to find so many kids, there, and a large part of his home time was spent at the Petits, next door.

When Dave bought a business, in the late 90s, he gave my son some left over computer parts. So generous! My son built me my 1st computer, with the parts that Dave gave him. (Along with building 2 others, also)

When my son had gotten his learners permit, Dave gave him an old station wagon, that needed work. They parked it in the back yard, and my son & the neighbor kids, went for many a long "ride", without leaving the back yard. They would sit in that car for hours, and who knows what imaginary trips they took. (I had better give that memory a little more thought. I, now, am having images of "The 70s Show" and those kids all sitting in their station wagon. Hmm.)

Tony loved going over to the Petit's house. There were always Fun things happening there. It made such a difference for my son, for them to have an open door for him, whenever he wanted to be there.

Dave was a kind man, and I thank him for the influence that he and his family had in my son's life, as a teenager.

So sad to hear of Dave's passing. However, it makes me smile to know that he always lived life to it's fullest, and helped so many people. He certainly has left a unique, positive, imprint on this Earth, that made a difference because he was there. RIP Big Dave. You will be missed by many. Thank you for everything you did & brought to everyone!

Sandy Martinez - October 21, 2019 at 03:39 AM



“ Thank you for sharing. <3

Lisa - October 22, 2019 at 02:28 AM



“ I miss those days...Thanks Sandy!!

Chris - October 23, 2019 at 11:02 PM



“ Lindaree McNamara lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



Lindaree McNamara - October 20, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ Cindy DeFilippis lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



Cindy DeFilippis - October 19, 2019 at 07:53 PM



“ May God keep you in his glory, You will be miss so much, R. I. P

Diana Marroquin Friend - October 20, 2019 at 08:03 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Allen Petit.



October 19, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ Kerry Ruffner lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



Kerry Ruffner - October 19, 2019 at 06:36 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Christina Petit - October 19, 2019 at 06:31 AM



“ Christina Petit lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



Christina Petit - October 19, 2019 at 06:09 AM



“ Lisa Keiser lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



Lisa Keiser - October 19, 2019 at 03:20 AM



“ Jane Petit lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



Jane Petit - October 18, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ Scott Burdick purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Allen Petit.



Scott Burdick - October 18, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ You will be surely missed uncle I am lucky to have lots of great memories of you from when I was a child. You where the cool and fun uncle for sure. I love you and we will see each other again.



Darrell Flippo - October 18, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ Dave was a great guy always helpful and just fun to be around always had a smile on his face and a real pleasure to be around and to work with i will miss him dearly RIP Brother Dave.

Dale - October 17, 2019 at 05:31 PM



“ Bree Amaya lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



Bree Amaya - October 17, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of David Allen Petit.



October 17, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



Barbara Phillips - October 17, 2019 at 01:45 AM



“ Tom and I send our love and sympathy to the family. He will be missed.

Barbara - October 17, 2019 at 01:47 AM



“ John D Rhodes lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



John D Rhodes - October 17, 2019 at 12:31 AM



“ Todd Verdeck lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



Todd Verdeck - October 16, 2019 at 11:25 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Meldrum Mortuary & Crematory - October 16, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ 10/14/2019

My "Brother Dave" passed away yesterday and will be dearly missed.....

My fondest memories is a list longer than I can recite but here are a few....think Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn.

During the long summer days of Connecticut Dave and I were together most days. We would get up in the morning grabbing our bats, gloves and hat (there was always a baseball game somewhere) and head out for the day. We would stop by the golf course and see if we could find a caddy job for a quick nine holes at India Springs Golf Course. If not, we would go shag some golfs balls and sell them back at the club house. On lucky days we would have enough to buy a hot dog and soda. After that we were off to baseball practice for the afternoon.

Do you remember the first year you tried out for a sports team and you were the smallest guy on the field and would be last to be picked? Well thankfully for me every team we played on I got picked with my brother (biggest guy on the field). My brother also had the fastest fastball in the league (long long arms) and I always got to be his catcher (hours of playing catch at home paid off). My mom would sew extra padding in my catcher mitt to help take the sting out of his pitches when I would catch them out of the pocket. Man could he throw hard!

We both had paper routes when we were kids (yes, I had to just like my big brother), He had the morning route and I had the afternoon route. On one Christmas the family couldn't open presents until we finished his route (huge Xmas edition). So, Dave and I got up at 3 am to deliver his papers. We packed them all on the sled and headed out. It was the fastest delivery we ever did. We were back at home by 5:00 and waking up the family to open gifts. Well that didn't go over very good.

There were countless times that I would get in a bit of a tumble with somebody and Dave was always there to pick me up or jump in and even the score with the bigger bullies.

We also spent lots of time together as adults. We worked together for many years at Northstar Aerospace in Phx. If you can imagine, I was his boss during that time and when I asked him for something or asked him to do something he would always say "Yes Boss" (smart ass) and smile at me.

We would also go on bike rides (Harleys of course) together. The pics below are from 2 of our trips. The one on the left (you guessed it) is from Winslow AZ. and the other

is from a trip up Mt Lemon in Tucson AZ. We enjoyed riding together and could ride handlebar to handlebar all the time. We just went well together in all we did. We understood each other like only brothers could.

I could go on forever with my memories of my "Brother Dave" and will no doubt be reliving them in my mind and in my heart for the rest of my life.

I love you "Brother Dave" and will miss you until I see you again!

Wayne Petit - October 16, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ I'm so sorry for ya'lls loss. He was a hoot . One of my favorite memories was when he lived next to in the A & F trailer park and he dressed up for Halloween and scared the crap out of everyone. Love & prayers to the entire Petit family

Vickie Krantz - October 19, 2019 at 05:54 AM



“ Meeting on the night Christina was born after getting into his locked garage to help change a flywheel.



Nancy - October 16, 2019 at 02:12 AM



“ Wayne Petit lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



Wayne Petit - October 15, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ Meldrum Mortuary lit a candle in memory of David Allen Petit



Meldrum Mortuary - October 15, 2019 at 05:40 PM