



Mr. David Lee Rhodes

August 18, 1951 - March 10, 2025

David Lee Rhodes (1951-2005)

David Lee Rhodes, live a long life until age 74, in Mobile, Alabama, and recently passed away after a fifteen year fight with long-term chronic health conditions on March 10th, 2025.

He was born in Mobile, Alabama in 1951 to Virgie Rhodes and James Rhodes. David Lee Rhodes attended Kate Sheppard Elementary School, Davidson High School Class of 70, and attended Faulkner Community College. David was an avid athlete for his entire life, with the brother's best memories being playing sports together with all of their best buddies growing up. Not only did both brothers participate in all of the local sports, they were always members of the summer bowling league, since they lived nearby the bowling alley. Remembered best among friends as "Big Dave", sports were a big part of his life.

Dave was also a very involved member of the Crewe of Columbus, and looked forward to Mardi Gras festivities and celebrations every year. His partner Sandra, who he cared for deeply, was known as a beautiful local Mardi Gras costumer and seamstress. Looking back through photographs, some stand out memories were with Sandra, dressed to the nines in their Mardi Gras attire that she designed herself. Although born and raised in Mobile,

Dave spent most of his time living in the Bayou with Sandra and all of the kids - Brandon, Paul and Bernadette McCoy.

These were some of Dave's best memories, and best legacies left behind.

David was preceded in death by his little sister, Pamela Rhodes, at an early age, and afterwards, by his parents Virgie Rhodes and James Rhodes. He was also preceded in death by his life partner, Sandra Rhodes.

David is survived by his younger brother, Daniel Lee Rhodes, and his children Brandon McCoy, who he admired greatly for his hard work in active duty in the army, and had a lot of pride for his accomplishments as a police officer, protecting the community. He is also survived by Bernadette and Paul McCoy, as well as his niece Savannah Rhodes, who cared for him and bonded with him, as she helped him during times of serious health struggles. Alabama Football was something that always brought the family together.

We are celebrating his life with a short and sweet visitation service and ceremony at Cottage Hill Memorial Funeral Home on Friday, March 28th at 10am. Visitation will start at 10am with the service starting promptly afterwards at 10:30am.

In lieu of flowers, my Uncle Dave would prefer that you make a small charitable contribution to a charity of your choice. Some personable suggestions that would be close to our families hearts would be to make a small contribution to the Davidson High School Sports Program.

A small donation could be made in support of an athlete who may need extra financial assistance or a scholarship to participate in extra curricular activities. Both David and his younger brother Dan were recognized in the Davidson High School Sports Hall of Fame. This would support a future athlete on their

journey to success, and honor Dave's legacy as an athlete. Thank you for any contributions made in Dave's honor.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Cottage Hill Memorial Funeral Home
7158 Cottage Hill Road
Mobile, AL 36695
(251) 380-6601

Memorial Service and Celebration of Life

MAR 28. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Greg Harkness. I met Dave and Dan shortly after we moved to Mobile in October of 1962. Dave and I became very good friends. We bowled in the same league and played baseball together in the local Babe Ruth League, and my freshman year at Davidson, before my family moved to Tyler in June 1966. I have many, many fond memories of Dave Rhodes. I was very saddened to hear of his passing. I am very thankful I can say Dave was a GREAT Friend. I know he will be missed by many.

Gregory Christopher Harkness - July 01, 2025 at 07:09 PM

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“ I had known Dave for many years due to my marriage to Larry. He was friends with Dave and Dan. As it is I lost touch with him until six years ago when I reconnected with him. It was a real pleasure to see him again which I did many times in the last several years. I will miss sharing memories with Dave, he was a great friend!!

Margaret - March 26, 2025 at 12:13 PM