



## David Bartlett

March 18, 1960 - March 13, 2012

David Alan Bartlett (1960-2012)

David Alan Bartlett passed peacefully away, surrounded by the love of his large family, on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 13, 2012. As per his wishes, he remained in the home he lovingly built in Cedar Falls.

Dave was born in Waterloo, Iowa on March 18, 1960 to his loving parents, Donald and Gladys Kettman Bartlett. His childhood was spent in Waterloo and, briefly, Las Vegas. He recounted numerous tales of childhood fun with his siblings, Brenda, Mike and Nancy as well as various pets. Favorites included bicycle adventures and accidents, a love of baseball and cars, but mostly stories of tormenting Mike and Nancy. His kindergarten friend, Craig Drewelow, figured prominently in many of his memories. His days at West High were spent in more adventures, particularly involving muscle cars, a bunch of good buddies and the result of combining the two—and maybe some beer.

In 1981, Dave and his high school sweetheart, Nancy Hersey, were married in Waterloo. They later divorced. Their lives were blessed with three children, Nick, Sara and Tom. Dave fondly recalled his early twenties when he had "life in the palm of his hand." By the age of 22, he had already purchased and remodeled his own home and had two perfect children. He had always planned to join his father's business, Don Bartlett Construction, as the third generation in the trade. He worked with his father from the time he graduated

high school until Don's retirement.

During the 1980s recession, Dave worked with Pepsi-Cola as a route salesman. He made many lifelong poker-buddy friends and spoke fondly of those years, driving around northeast Iowa. He was a committed hard worker in everything he did.

Dave took over the family business in 2000, renaming it "Dave Bartlett Construction." His and his father's reputation for building some of the highest quality homes in the Cedar Valley is disputed by no one.

On August 12, 2006, Dave married Suzanne Parrish Glascock in Hilton Head, South Carolina. They embarked on one adventure after another, often with reckless abandon. Highlights included travel, often involving exploration of local outdoor adventures, development of a taste for great red wine, and the ability to sit for hours talking and laughing as the soul mates they were.

Dave's lifelong dream was to build his own home, which he accomplished in 2008. Some of his favorite features included his curved staircase and intricate details but, mostly, he cherished his prized curved bar and wine cellar downstairs.

The diagnosis of Stage IV Lung Cancer on December 2, 2008 cast an enormous blow to Dave and his family. Although not a smoker, Dave was found to have a tumor containing the EGFR mutation. Spread to brain and bones meant the remainder of his life would be spent enduring difficult treatment. This would include various regimens of chemotherapy, radiation and a drug called Tarceva, which was specific to his type of cancer.

Throughout his battle, Dave's determination and resolve never wavered.

Those who knew him closest can vouch that he never complained. He fought until the day of his death, which remained true to his vow. His life is indebted to the incredible medical care provided by Dr. Katherine Pisters at MD Anderson in Houston, Dr. Mark Smith at the University of Iowa and, most profoundly, by Dr. Joginder Singh of Waterloo. It was his wife's promise that he would receive the best available care and maintain a high quality of life in the process. He continued to work and run his business until the very end.

A family man, Dave was certifiably the best husband, father and step-father his family could ever wish for. He is so greatly, incredibly missed and will forever remain an indelible imprint upon the lives of his loved ones. His public cancer struggle has empowered and inspired many who had never met him. Dave was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Orville and Christina Kettman and his paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Mary Bartlett. He is survived by his parents, his wife, Suzy, children Nick (Kristine) Bartlett of Maple Grove, MN; Sara (Dan) Athman of Watkins, MN, Tom Bartlett of Cedar Falls, step-children John and Elise Glascock, at home, grandchildren Evan and Elena Bartlett, siblings Brenda (Mark) Knutson of Waterloo, Mike (June) Bartlett of Waterloo, Nancy (Glenn) Ivers of Winterset, IA, as well as nieces and nephews Brian, Christina, Angela, Andrea, Sean, Abbie, Jacob and Joe. A life of service to others, quality workmanship, integrity, honesty, generosity, faith, love, and humor are attributes which define Dave Bartlett--a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. His valiant fight to remain with his loved ones was testament to these traits. He, himself, summarized it best in his last mortal words, "I love you. I did what I could."

Funeral Services will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Waterloo, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls. Public visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Richardson Funeral Service, where there will be a 4:00 p.m. Rosary and 7:00 p.m. Vigil. Family will also receive friends for one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to MD Anderson Cancer Center's Lung Cancer BATTLE Fund or to Cedar Valley Hospice are requested.

Condolences may be left at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Suzanne and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss, I can only imagine how your heart is  
breaking... You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jo Walter** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

RM

“ *We hired Dave to do a kitchen remodel 6 months ago, which turned  
out wonderful. Though we had just met, we laughed and shared  
stories with Dave and Suzy in our home. Later, Sue and I agreed,  
they were a really neat couple and would be fun to get to know  
better. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

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**rick & sue morkel** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

CB

“ *Suzy and family, I am so sorry for your loss and send my prayers  
that God will guide you through this difficult time. I had the privilege  
of working with Dave for several years and he was always so  
positive and had a smile on his face that will be missed by many.  
His dedication to family and his craft will be remembered. As you  
move forward, your faith, family and friends will be there for you and  
Dave will be watching with a smile.*

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**Connie Boeding** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

JT

“ *Dave was a great man and businessman, he will be deeply missed. His high standards of work and life gave all of us a goal to reach for. Although we didn't get to go on many fishing trips as we wanted the ones we did are of very fond and humorous memories. I am very sorry for yours and our loss. Dave was always a great person to be around.*

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**Jim Trost** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

KT

“ *Suzy and Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss.  
My deepest sympathy to you and your family.  
You are in my thoughts.  
Kristin*

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**Kristin Teig Torres** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

CC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Let your memories of him live on in your hearts forever. With deepest sympathy, Cal and Karen Corson and Chris and Jennifer Gidley*

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**Cal and Karen Corson** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

GR

“ *my heart hurts for all of you.*

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**Gretta** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

JS

“ Hi, Suzanne, its Johanna, from a long time ago in elementary school. My heart is heavy for you but I know that you are surrounded by love and support...and accept that for as long as you need to. You and your children are in my thoughts.

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**Johanna Seavey** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Dave was a man of class, character, and courage.

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March 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ There is little one can say at this time of great loss - my heart goes out to you, in deepest sympathy. God Bless You all.

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**Lila DeWolfe** - March 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM