



David Huston Dunn

May 28, 1961 - March 19, 2024

David H. Dunn, 62, passed away unexpectedly as the result of a heart attack on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at UnityPoint Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

He was born May 28, 1961, in Colorado Springs, CO, the son of Hu and Marti (Krieger) Dunn. David graduated from Augustana College. He completed his master's degree from Amherst College.

On August 20, 2011, David was united in marriage to Vicky Witke in Cedar Falls, Iowa. David worked at the University of Northern Iowa School of Music as a piano technician.

He is survived by his wife, Vicky of Waterloo; his mother, Marti Dunn-Hall of Waterloo; his father and stepmother, Hu (Joanne Mercer) Dunn of Wilmington, NC; his sister, Kelly Dunn of Roanoke Rapids, NC; his stepson, Paul (Rachel) Witke of Monroe, WI; a stepdaughter, Caitlin Witke of Verona, WI; and two granddaughters, Valerie and Vivian Witke.

He is preceded in death by his stepfather, Joe Hall.

A family directed celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Friends may make memorial contributions to the UNI Foundation for School of

Music piano maintenance. Send to UNI Foundation, 121 Commons, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0239.

Tribute Wall



“ I'm so very sorry to read/hear – now over a year late – that David (Dave) has sadly passed away. I knew him many years ago at both JB Young Jr High and Central High, both of us graduating in 1979. I remember him well as a really nice, easy-going guy that got along with truly everyone. We had many mutual friends though sadly are lives did not cross over these many years as we must've missed one another in return trips back to Davenport. My very best to his family and to all of his friends and loved ones. David (Dave) Simpson

David Simpson - September 26, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. It was a joy making music with him so many years ago, and I always considered him, his mom Marti, and sister Kelly to be Davenport musical royalty. My condolences to you all.

tom tallman - March 31, 2024 at 07:12 PM



“ Dave was a great friend and part of the gang of Brian, Brian, Dave Dave and Bruce. I am heartbroken



David Shanklin - March 30, 2024 at 11:18 AM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stephen Shaw - March 29, 2024 at 05:59 PM

SS

“ *Sadness and memories fill me. From high school orchestra and youth symphony.....to the antics of college house mates, to recent fun and interesting communication through e-mail. Dave was sensitive and had such an intelligent sense of humor. It was Dave's turntable we used to play Led Zeppelin backwards. Dave had the first Reynolds 531 framed bike in our group....the Holdsworth. We had a short lived bike business called Tanglewood Bicycle Service where we did more listening to Yes than repairing bikes. He came out to visit me in California a couple of times. He rode up Mt. Diablo and Mt. Tam in the same weekend! Dave turned me on to so much music, from Prog Rock to esoteric jazz that, to this day, when I hear it, I think of him.*

To Hugh and Marti -- my strongest condolences

To Vicky -- I never met you but would like to

*Steve and Marilyn Shaw -- Davenport Central High School,
University of Iowa*

Stephen Shaw - March 29, 2024 at 05:41 PM

RL

“ Your grief and sadness at Dave's sudden loss is shared by so many. My spirit is sad. I sat with Dave in the cello section in junior high, wowed by his skill. Such a kind fellow with a genuine spirit. Many, many good memories I have.
Thinking of you all.

Rebecca Larrabee - March 28, 2024 at 11:43 AM

JL

“ To Vicky, Marti, Hugh and Kelly - soooooo many memories. My sadness is nothing compared to your grief. I hold deep space for you all in the depth of my heart and soul.

Jim Larrabee - March 28, 2024 at 10:55 AM

JL

“ Jim Larrabee lit a candle in memory of David Huston Dunn



Jim Larrabee - March 28, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Huston Dunn.



March 23, 2024 at 10:56 AM

JM

“ Please accept my condolences. While David and I were stepbrothers who did not know each other very well because Joanne and Hu married as empty nesters, I'll always remember David's friendliness and kindness; when we saw each other, we always fell into easy conversations about our shared interest in music.

John Mercer - March 23, 2024 at 12:44 AM

ES

“ David was my teacher in jazz studies at SWCC in Iowa. He was serious about music, and had a ton to share. We would nerd out before and after classes on what Frank Zappa album we were listening to, or which live recording of King Crimson's Larks' Tongue in Aspice was the best. I must have had 100 teachers in music by now, but David's lessons still float to the top of my mind; he had such a great way of explaining the logic behind a way of playing, singing, or writing. Above all he practiced and preached patience and team work: that success in music, groove, and life, comes as a result of cooperation and consideration of others. I forged lifelong friendships with my peers as a result of his guidance, and I will be forever grateful.

Erik Severinson - March 22, 2024 at 08:17 PM

CP

“ Dear Vicky,
We are so sorry for your loss. David was a kind and friendly man, so easy to know and enjoy. We send our sympathy. You are in our prayers
Peace,
Carol and Steve Pierce

Carol Pierce - March 21, 2024 at 09:45 PM

JM

“ My deepest condolences. David was such a huge part of our life, from BBQ's on the rickety porch in South Deerfield, MA, during the graduate years, to weekend sports gatherings once we all landed here in Cedar Falls. He made a lasting impact on Ben and Kai with his kind heart and compassionate spirit. He will be greatly missed.

Jill Miller-Merz - March 21, 2024 at 06:18 PM

LM

“ David and Vicky visited us a few years ago, here in Montana. We hiked in the mountains, soaked in tge hot springs and saw some beautiful sights together. So glad we had the opportunity to spend this time together. Our deepest sympathies to David's family. Much love, Linda & Mike



Linda Moe - March 21, 2024 at 10:56 AM

HC

Dear Vicky, I am so sorry to learn of the death of your dear husband. Please know you and your family are in our hearts and prayers. Our college days seem like they just happened. Sending love, Holly

Holly Wilson Crowl - March 22, 2024 at 05:22 PM