



David Lee Totten

January 11, 1953 - October 5, 2018

David Lee Totten, 65, of St. Albans, WV, died comfortably at his home on October 5, 2018.

David is survived by his three sons Mark Totten and fiancé Tara Bell, Stephen Totten and wife Talisha Totten, Kevin Totten and fiancé Lindsay Holbert; grandchildren, Tucker Totten, Emiline Totten, Leland Totten, Tyler Totten, Allie Totten, and Audrey Totten; mother, Jeanette Stull; brothers, Chuck Totten and Elizabeth Totten, Tommy Stull; sister Nancy Fetter and husband Don Fetter, Sally Goettel and husband Tim Goettel, DeeDee Faulkner and husband Dennis Faulkner, Margy Kellas and husband Tim Kellas. David is preceded in death by his father Dr. Paul Totten.

David was a life long resident of St. Albans and a 1970 graduate of St. Albans High School. He spent 35 years at Charleston Newspaper as a camera, scanner, and pressroom operator. As a dedicated father, David coached and refereed youth soccer for several years. He and his sons enjoyed camping, fishing, hiking, and skiing, allowing them to experience and appreciate the natural beauty and wilderness that West Virginia offered. David had an affinity for extreme sport and participated in skydiving, hang gliding, and whitewater rafting, to name a few. Aside from cooking, one of his most cherished pastimes was spending time with his grandchildren. Due to his eclectic and expansive experience through life, it was often joked that David could fix

anything but a rainy day. This view and approach to life had left some to say that he was one of the last free spirits. David was never bound by walls or rules, showing how life can be lived humbly, happily, and passionately. So remember, die living.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home on 6th Avenue in St. Albans from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. A Celebration of Life service will start at 2:00pm. In Lieu of flowers, the family would like you to consider donating to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. This hospital and the programs they run have had a tremendously positive impact on our family. Please pass the love forward at <https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/giving>

You may visit his tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share memories with the family.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Totten family.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
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Celebration of Life

OCT 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Lee Totten*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Mark, Stephen and Kevin, we are so sorry to learn of the passing of your father. You were fortunate to have him so involved in your lives. We will always remember the Hot Shots soccer team. Ted and Susan Danford*

Susan Danford - October 26, 2018 at 09:35 AM

TW

“The man is a success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much.” _____ Robert Louis Stevenson

DAVID LEE TOTTEN was truly this special man! Dearest Family, I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your beloved David. You know I always cared for David very much, and even though I haven't seen him for awhile, I will miss him. There are no words to express how we feel when someone we love and we have had all of our lives leaves us. However, you have to have faith that God felt it was time to bring him home. You know you wouldn't have wanted him to suffer and have a lingering illness. I know all this is easy to say and doesn't help at all to hear at this point in time. I know you'll never stop missing him, but time eases the pain in our hearts. You will be able to focus on the good times and remember how much he loved his family, his sons, and his grandchildren. You all were his life and he enjoyed every minute with you. Life never prepares us to lose a loved one. We try to ignore that the time will come when we will have to say goodbye to someone we love, but we have to remember the angels lifted his hand to take the hand of God and he will be smiling and happy. May your hearts be filled with God's blessings. May you find hope in his promise, faith in his love, and peace in his presence. May you take comfort in knowing that there are many who understand the deep sense of loss you feel and share your sorrow. My heart goes out to all of you. I pray that God is comforting you. Thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you at this time.

With love, Terri Lee Williams

Terri Lee Williams - October 11, 2018 at 09:45 AM

TW

“ *"A friend is a gift you give yourself."*

_____ *Robert Louis Stevenson*

David was a remarkable man. His ability to believe in others, his kindness, his generous nature, and robust laughter throughout his years made him such a wonderful and special person and friend. Being around him inspired me to look at life differently; to appreciate the good things in life and what it means to keep living life to the fullest while battling the worst odds. David brought so much caring and love to all his friends and family. I am so fortunate to have shared a close friendship with him and will always remember him.

_____ *Terri Lee Williams*

The following verse was sent to me by my loving Dad and it has meant so much to me - I hope you enjoy it, too.

*Tenderly . . .
may time heal your sorrow,*

*Gently . . .
may friends ease your pain,*

*Softly . . .
may peace replace heartache,*

and may warmest memories remain.

Terri Lee Williams - October 10, 2018 at 09:43 PM

RO

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Ex-Coworkers Robyn Strong and Lindale Michael*



Robyn - October 10, 2018 at 07:00 PM



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



October 10, 2018 at 05:13 PM



“ *Brenda Barnett lit a candle in memory of David Lee Totten*



Brenda Barnett - October 10, 2018 at 03:15 PM

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“ *Terri Lee Williams lit a candle in memory of David Lee Totten*



Terri Lee Williams - October 10, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ 120 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Chapman Funeral Homes - October 10, 2018 at 12:05 PM

JE

“ *I worked at the Charleston Newspapers with Dave, I was his night time counterpart till I started working with him at night. He was a great guy who shared some dishes he liked to cook and was always in a good mood. Gone too early...*

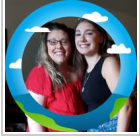
Joe Engle - October 10, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David Lee Totten.*



October 10, 2018 at 09:16 AM



“ Janet McDowell lit a candle in memory of David Lee Totten



Janet McDowell - October 09, 2018 at 11:36 PM

JS

“ Jo Thompson Strong lit a candle in memory of David Lee Totten



Jo Thompson Strong - October 09, 2018 at 08:53 PM

RP

“ Robin Pauley lit a candle in memory of David Lee Totten



robin pauley - October 09, 2018 at 07:35 PM

RP

“ I had the pleasure of meeting David in the late 70s early 80. I met him through a very dear friend of his John O’Neal. As a matter a fact David stood up for John at our wedding. When John and I bought our first home David was one of the first to offer to lend a hand painting the entire inside. There were about 5 of us but managed to paint it in one long night. At the time David was an experienced painter. At my surprise when finished not a speck of paint anywhere it didn’t belong. Given our conditions at the time this is saying something. Then as we were putting things up David accidentally knocked over a gallon of white paint on dark carpet. I assumed it would have to be replaced. To my amazement David showed me how to get it out. He was truly an experienced painter who taught me some tricks of the trade. What I remember most about David was his laugh. It was unique like him. I could have heard it in a filled room and know he was there. Davids greatest love was his boys and family. He was a great dad who truly enjoyed spending times with his boys. I’m sure he taught them some great life lessons. I’m saddened he had to leave this world so young. Also, saddened we get busy in our lives and don’t see friends as often as we should. David loved to live life to its fullest which is how we should all try to live. My prayers are with his family and friends who will miss him immensely. I’m sure David is watching over each and everyone in his family. Heaven has definitely gained an angel. One with a unique laugh and a smile for all. Rest In Peace and know you touched a lot of people’s life’s and they were better for knowing you, I know I was. Robin O’Neal Pauley

robin pauley - October 09, 2018 at 07:34 PM

JS

“ *The Thompson and Totten families have been intertwined for many years. In our younger years we each had five kids in our families and I was between David and DeeDee in our lineup. I loved playing with DeeDee and Sally, and as we got older I looked forward to spying on (flirting with) David. In later years, David and his gal split right before the Temptations concert, so I got to go and boogie with that gorgeous guy (thanks Mom & Jeanette)! David also talked me into sky diving— ONCE. That infectious smile and his charismatic personality made him an irresistible “hunk”, as we called it back in the day. As Andy said to Opie, “ The world seems much darker today, but my, don’t the Heavens look so fluffy and full?”
May your memories sustain you through this difficult time.
Much love, Jo Thompson Strong*

Jo Thompson Strong - October 09, 2018 at 07:01 PM