

David Robert Soule

September 24, 2020



David Robert Soule died suddenly on the morning of September 11, 2020, from a massive heart-attack. David was born April 25, 1983 and was only 37 years old. David's death stunned his family and his community, where he grew up and worked his adult life, leaving many to grieve his loss.

He was a man who was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He gave his time willingly; never expecting anything in return. David was considerate, loving and caring to his family, coworkers, and community.

David attended local elementary schools and graduated from Del Norte High School in 2001. David started with Del Norte Ambulance in the Explorer Program at 14 years old and by 18 was officially hired as an EMT after obtaining his EMT license. David, now 18, was finally old enough to join Crescent Fire Protection District as a Volunteer Fireman, which was one way he could help his community and loved doing. He continued to volunteer throughout the rest of his life.

David maintained his certification as an EMT throughout the years and renewed it as needed.

At the age of 21, David decided to attend a truck driving school because he wanted to learn how to drive a big rig like his Uncle George. After completing the course and receiving his license he was hired by Snoozie Shavings/Hambros and drove trucks for them on a full-time basis. David continued to take shifts at Del Norte Ambulance on his days off.

While he loved driving trucks, he did not like long-distance hauling and decided to apply for a job as a Correctional Officer at Pelican Bay State Prison. He was accepted by the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation at the age of twenty-four. David's first and only assignment was at Pelican Bay State Prison.

David occasionally continued to work for Snoozie Shavings/Hambros and Del Norte Ambulance on a part-time basis on his days off. When those jobs went by the wayside, he would volunteer for overtime at the Prison. Three years ago, he accepted a part-time job at Hemmingson Contracting, driving multiple truck types and pieces of equipment.

David leaves behind a large family network, who are not only deeply heartbroken, but are also just discovering how the many others with whom David shared his precious time and life.

David leaves behind his loving wife, Nicole Soule and their children, Derek and Jocelynn; father and mother-in-law, Dr. Laurent Wanner D.C. and Linda; and Nicole's siblings and David's brothers-in-law, Eric Lueckfeld (Lori), Corey Wanner (Lily) and sister-in-law, Gina Diehl (Jimmy); plus, adult nieces, their spouses, a nephew, his spouse, and all of their children.

David is survived by his father Hugh Soule (Teresita or Tess) and brothers Howard and Harold; aunt's, Beverly Carter and Val Philbrook; an uncle, David M. Soule (Linda); his cousins, Melissa Stockbridge (Dan), Leslie Soule, Jennifer Graham (Jonathan), Michelle Moore (Tom), Tamara Mallatt, Jeremy Mallatt, Amber Webb (Darrin), Christen Ellis (Jason), and Justin Philbrook; and, their children.

David is also survived by his mother Terile Keevil and step-father, William, a valuable mentor when called upon; a sister, Deidre Soule Warren; his aunt Tamera Lewis; his uncles, Robert J. Husberg, Jr. and Gerald Lewis; his cousins, Joshua Lewis (Danielle), Jerime Lewis (Jamyelynn), Gerald Lewis, Jr (Brexlie), Jenni Lewis, Angela Rabideau, Aimee Harrison (Miles), Hannah Mae Richards, his great-aunts, Elaine Allen and Meredith Keeter (Mark), and cousins, Danual Allen (Sharon), Rodger Allen (Cheryl), Robert B. Allen (Sarah), Austin Allen (Jami), Jeri Throop (Robert), Julie Cain, Michelle Keeter, M.D., Dawn Richards, Jill Norwood, and their children; along with numerous, extended cousins from his mother's large family.

David's survivors also include his closest friends, James Boyer (Kala) from his childhood and Jerry Cardenas (Christy) from his early years at Del Norte Ambulance. These two were the guys for whom he would do anything and who were there for David whenever he needed help, a strong shoulder, or an understanding ear.

As an enrolled member of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, David will be laid to rest with graveside services at Howonquet Indian Cemetery, Smith River California on Friday, September 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wier's Mortuary Chapel.

Please sign the family's online guest book at wiersmortuary.com.