

## DAVID CUNNINGHAM

1948 - 2013



DAVID CUNNINGHAM May 2, 1948 - Oct. 27, 2013. David Noel Cunningham, of Reno, passed away Oct. 27, 2013, in his home, after a valiant fight with cancer. He was in the company of his loving wife, Vicki Lynn Cunningham. He was born May 2, 1948, in Needles, Calif., and raised in Barstow, Calif. and Moapa. His family moved to Las Vegas in 1965, where Dave graduated from high school and later attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Dave was an active member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and maintained close bonds with his fraternity brothers for the rest of his years. Dave married Vicki Lynn Farr in 1973, and they were blessed with two daughters, Misty and Lane. A devoted husband and father, his love for his family was apparent in all of his actions. Dave and Vicki did everything together, and included their children and grandchildren in every adventure. In 1987, Dave relocated his family to Reno, starting a new chapter in his life-long career in food and beverage management. Dave was food and beverage director at several major casino/resorts on the Las Vegas Strip and, at one time, the youngest bar manager of a strip property in Las Vegas history. He ran food distribution companies in Reno, and most recently, served as food manager at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. He held the certified food manager title for safe food handling in Washoe County, and was a master certified food executive through his membership in the International Food Service Executives Association. Dave was also a past member of the High Sierra Chefs Association, the Northern Nevada chapter of the American Culinary Federation. An amazing chef, and generous spirit, Dave often hosted large gatherings. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and a good joke. Dave was happiest when surrounded by his friends and family. He made the holidays a special celebration where he opened his home and his heart to everyone he loved. Dave's excellent meals, his good humor, and his dedication to his family will be greatly missed. Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Abner Earl and Mary Fred Cunningham; his sister, Dianna Anderson; and his brother, Stephen Earl Cunningham. Dave is

survived by his wife, Vicki Lynn; and daughters, Misty Lee (Brian) Showers and Lane Aleen (Martin) Johnson of Reno. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Taylor and MaKayla Showers, Faith, Logan and Regan Johnson. Additionally, he is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the LDS Chapel, 4850 Edmonton Drive, Reno. The Cunningham family asks that Dave be remembered with a donation in his memory to the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation, 3550 Barron Way, Reno, NV 89511. Please visit [www.waltonsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.waltonsfuneralhomes.com) and leave a message of remembrance in Dave's Book of Memories. - See more at:

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