



## David John Arrigoni

December 23, 1964 - November 6, 2023

David John Arrigoni, 58, of Sarasota, Florida passed away on November 6, 2023 in Daytona Beach Florida at Halifax Hospice. He was born on December 23, 1964, in Albany, Georgia, but grew up in Dayton, Ohio. David, was a friendly and positive individual who cared deeply for others. He had a natural ability to connect with people, and his genuine kindness left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered. David believed in treating others with the same respect and compassion that he desired for himself, always putting the needs of his loved ones before his own. Despite a challenging childhood, David persevered and pursued higher education. He went to Mad River Junior High & graduated from Stebbins High School in Dayton, Ohio, and went on to earn two degrees, after starting his college at the University of Cincinnati and then graduating from Ohio State University. In 1998, David founded Arrigoni Insurance Agency, in Tallahassee, Florida, which he nurtured and developed into a thriving business. Even after his passing, his wife continues to run the Agency, a testament to the legacy David built.

Outside of his professional endeavors, David had a passion for gardening, cooking, college football, especially the Ohio State Buckeyes and staying active. He enjoyed spending quality time with his family and friends, cherishing each moment shared. His warm and caring nature made him a beloved member of the community, and he was deeply loved and respected by all who knew him.

David is survived by his devoted wife, Mary Arrigoni, his mother, Patricia Arrigoni, and his sisters, Christine Arrigoni, her husband Dane Schaefer, Lynn Arrigoni, and Ann Smith along with her husband, Dale Smith. He also leaves behind his nieces, Laura Huber and Catherine Smith and his nephew Patrick Huber.

He has many Aunts and Uncles and cousins, too numerous to name who are also surviving family members. Not to be forgotten is Pierre, he & his wife's French Bulldog who he loved very much. David was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Pat Kierney.

A Memorial Service to honor and celebrate David's life will be held at Gendron Funeral Home, located at 135 N Lime Ave, Sarasota, FL 34237 on Saturday, November 25th from 1 pm to 4 pm.

The funeral home has been entrusted with the arrangements for this solemn occasion.

David's positive impact and caring nature will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his memory be a source of comfort and inspiration to those who mourn his loss.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **25**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - Sarasota, FL

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# Tribute Wall

RF

“ David was such a great neighbor, friendly and helpful. So enthusiastic about gardening, and sharing what he grew. We remember especially those good cherry tomatoes. He always was upbeat and happy - a wonderful neighbor. ...Renee and Frank

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**Renee and Frank** - November 24, 2023 at 08:28 PM

JS

“ Mary - One day sitting with David in his office catching up he stated he had met the love of his life. Smiling with a glow in his face looked as if he had just won the lottery. He will be missed as he rest with the lord. My deepest condolences to you Mary. John

*Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. - John 14:1-3*

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**John Schrader** - November 24, 2023 at 11:20 AM

KH

“ Klm, I'm heartbroken purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David John Arrigoni.



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**Klm, I'm heartbroken** - November 23, 2023 at 11:39 AM

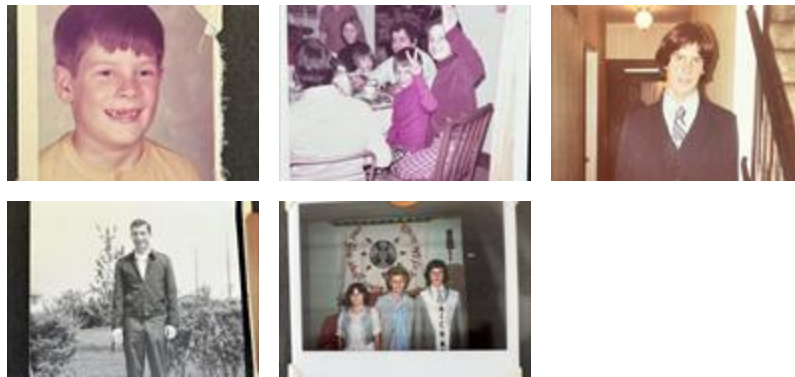
KH

“ *Klm, I'm heartbroken planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David John Arrigoni.*

Klm, I'm heartbroken - November 23, 2023 at 11:39 AM

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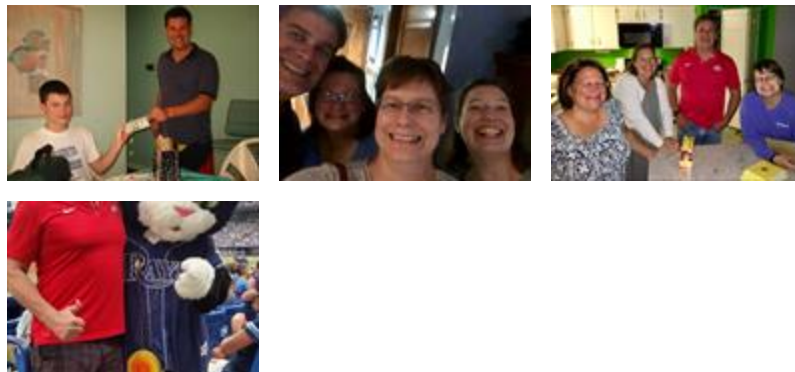
“ *We have so many memories of our lives with David. It is still not real. I cannot imagine life without my little brother as part of it. The best of us seem to be taken away far too early.*



Ann - November 23, 2023 at 10:15 AM

AN

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Ann - November 23, 2023 at 10:09 AM

CA

“Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow.”  
Helen Keller

*David found goodness in everyone he met. He never said “You can’t do that”. His boundless energy and optimism were contagious. He just made people feel good. He was brilliant as well. His brother in law Pat, an engineer himself, was astounded by how David taught himself basically electrical engineering so he could install solar panels.*

*David and I spent a lot of time together. Growing up, we would watch Kung Fu Theater and wrestling every Saturday eating dry ramen noodles. During college, we lived together and worked together at Adriatico’s. As adults, we went to restaurants and concerts together. No matter what we did, Dane would inevitably end up on David’s shoulders by the end of the night whether he wanted to or not. David was always there and now he isn’t.*

*Every day will be a little less sunny, a little less fun, a little less chaotic, a little less special. However, we should appreciate the privilege of knowing someone so extraordinary as David. His joy will never be lost as long as David is remembered.*



Christine Arrigoni - November 23, 2023 at 09:26 AM

DO

“ Dominic purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of David John Arrigoni.



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**Dominic** - November 22, 2023 at 12:02 PM

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“ Dominic planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David John Arrigoni.

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**Dominic** - November 22, 2023 at 12:02 PM

DO

“ Aunt Mary,

*I'm truly sorry to hear about David's passing. Although I didn't know him well, I remember him as a kind, funny, and caring person. His presence will be missed by many. Please accept my sincere condolences, and know that you're in my thoughts during this difficult time.*

*Dominic*

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**Dominic** - November 22, 2023 at 11:57 AM

SA

“ We grew up with our cousins and used to be such a close family. I remember David always asking Crissy and me what we were up to playing Barbies. He was always so funny and made sure everyone was safe. He was like a big brother I never had. I remember us watching the old Godzilla movies just for a laugh, Crissy and David knew the movies by heart. We have been in Florida, he was here longer than me but we lost contact with our busy lives. I was so glad we got to reconnect in his last few weeks of his life. We got to watch a few football games and do what us Italians do best, eat. I was happy to meet his wife Mary and see how good she took care of my cousin. I got to talk to him two days before he passed and I feel so lucky to have had that time. He is definitely missed, I felt the emptiness at his Sarasota home this past weekend. Pierre looked like he lost his best friend, unless you were eating. He and Mary were lucky to have each other even if for such a short time. He was so blessed to meet a family that would take care of him for the rest of his life. Thank you to all the Healthcare professionals and family for helping my cousin leave this world comfortably and with dignity. David was a great person and will forever be in our hearts.

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**Sharon Almand** - November 22, 2023 at 11:44 AM

JO

“ John purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of David John Arrigoni.



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**John** - November 21, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of David John Arrigoni.* ”



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November 20, 2023 at 11:06 AM

“ I, like the rest of the family, are devastated by David’s passing. I have been putting off writing this because I didn’t want to face the sorrow that goes with it. But it is my love for David that gets me started writing. Because I know he wants to be remembered and deserves the best of tributes to his life. I think that he and Pat are together and it brings me comfort. And the thought that one day we will be with them again.

As children, we moved a lot because of our father being in the Air Force. This and my Mothers care kept us all very close throughout our lives. There was nothing better than hanging out together. As a brother with 3 sisters, David always endured all the “girly” things and everything being “cute” with minimal complaint. SanyMae, CeCe and Lyneba were his nicknames for us. As children, we would get into tickle fights, which were the only real fights we had. The 3 of us girls had to gang up on him and we still couldn’t take him on. David was always up for some chaos and a good time, he did things no other human I know would do. One example that comes to mind is when he helped Pat and I move into our first house. He put a 7 foot sofa on his back, carried it up 3 stairs and into the house and put it down. I asked him if he could have used some help and he said, “No sis it wasn’t heavy. What’s next?”

As young adults, David always said he wanted to live by the ocean and sure enough, he did it and never looked back. He loved the many years of family vacations at St. George Island. We would all stay in the same house and spend the week cooking, swimming, and just hanging out. These were all of his favorite things, family, food and the ocean.

I’m grateful for Mary and her family for looking after David so well after they were married. He jumped in with both feet, as he always did when he loved something and never looked back.

He will be remembered by all for the way he liked to laugh and make others laugh. He wanted everyone to be happy. His had a joy for life and a personality that was larger than life. You always knew when David was around because he would light up the room with this wit and charm. No one was ever a stranger to him and he made friends wherever he went.

*I can't even begin to describe how much he will be missed. We love you David and will keep you alive in our memories and hearts.*



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**Lynn Arrigoni** - November 19, 2023 at 02:56 PM

CA

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting David a few years ago. Mary and I hadn't seen each other for quite some time, and reunited over a wonderful dinner with our husbands. We ate, we laughed, and we shared our love with gardening. David was such a kind man with a gentle heart. As I sat there, I could see the immense love he had for Mary. Of all the years of knowing her, I had never seen her so happy.*

*Mary, the world had taken your most precious love, and my heart is broken for you. Lifting you up in prayer.*

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. — Isaiah 41:10*

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**Carmen Ashley** - November 17, 2023 at 05:37 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David John Arrigoni.*



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November 16, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Candace R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David John Arrigoni.*

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**Candace R.** - November 15, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *David was the best boss anyone could ask for. He was so nice and funny and had an awesome gum ball collection. He was an amazing person and I'm going to miss him.*

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**Candace Ropp** - November 15, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Arrigoni family. It was an honor to be a part of David's care, and I will remember him dearly.*



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**Sam V** - November 13, 2023 at 12:23 PM

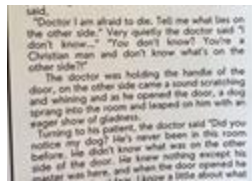
CF

“Charlotte F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David John Arrigoni.

Charlotte F. - November 13, 2023 at 10:53 AM

DT

“A dear friend of mine recently lost his 18 year old nephew in a tragic motorcycle accident. He shared this with me from the funeral. I thought it appropriate to David and his passing.



Darcy Terrell - November 12, 2023 at 08:30 PM

SS

“We have fond memories of times with David and Crissy and Dane spending time with us at Singer Island and Sanibel Island. We extend our condolences to Mama Pat, Lynn, Anne, Crissy and Dane and Mary and all the Arrigoni family. May your many memories of good times with David sustain you!  
Love, Kenny and Sandy Schaefer

Sand and Kenny Schaefer - November 11, 2023 at 12:33 PM

TC

“ I remember the first time I heard about “David” and saw pictures that Mary posted on Facebook. I cannot lie.....I felt a little twinge on envy, but that quickly evolved to total joy that Mary found her forever partner in life. They were clearly so happy and very much in love. Shortly after this all of us (the sisters) began getting together once a month for what we called “sisters weekend”. During each of these I was given the opportunity to get to know David better. He was sweet, funny, kind and a little quirky, but it made sense since he was with Mary. David enjoyed everything in life and never seemed to take anything for granted, a lesson we could all learn. Eventually, David decided to make an honest woman out of Mary and he proposed! Within a short period of time the sisters weekend evolved into wedding planning sessions. It was so cool to watch everything unfold and witness how David not only participated in the process, but genuinely enjoyed it. Their wedding day was perfect, full of total joy and love. I remember thinking, they are so lucky to have found each other at this point in their lives. My fiancé, Charlie loves to cook and once the two of them met it was something they could do together. The rest of us had the benefit of their culinary partnership & some really great memories were created. When David & Mary received the cancer diagnosis it was devastating since they had only just begun their journey as a married couple. It was gut wrenching & sad for everyone, but as is the usual for them, they took it on with the attitude of we will fight this and we will win. Mary never left David’s side over the next two + years & together they waged a personal war on cancer. Through all of the ups & downs David remained positive, he never lost sight of the goal.....stay alive to be with Mary for as long as possible. I feel blessed to have known David, but mostly I was grateful that he & my sister had each other, even if for such a brief amount of time. He was a very special soul & the relationship he & Mary had reminded me so very much of my mom & dad. David cherished Mary which is exactly the way it should be. To say he will be missed just doesn’t seem powerful enough, so I will say that God has another angel at his side. Love, Tina & Charlie.

**Tina Costa** - November 11, 2023 at 09:30 AM

RL

“ *Deepest condolences to you and the family.* ”

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**Ron Lipton** - November 11, 2023 at 12:01 AM

DT

“ I still cannot believe you are gone, David. You were such a big, jolly presence everywhere you went. You came into my family’s life when you started attending our monthly “sisters weekend” a little over 4 years ago. We all immediately fell in love with you.

Once I saw how completely you loved my sister, Mary, I knew you would have to be married at our house. I had so much fun with you and Mary helping to plan your (my) wedding. From the cake tasting, to stringing the floating candles in the pool, to watching you, watch the love of your life, walk down the beach to join you at the alter (with my very serious husband). We thought then, you and Mary would have a lifetime of happiness together.

David, you brought so much joy to everyone you met. Nobody could ever have a bad day around you. You were always so positive and optimistic.

It was my honor to be able to spend the last month of your short life with you and Mary in my home. I loved seeing you in the living room waiting for your adoring wife to serve you breakfast every morning. I would ask you the same question, “How are you feeling today, David?” You would reply enthusiastically, “Darcy, I feel GREAT!!” To the very end, you remained focused on beating this awful disease, if only to be able to spend a few more months or years with Mary. Everyone should be so lucky to find a love like yours and Mary’s.

Your life was cut short. I don’t pretend to understand why. I only know that I consider myself lucky to have another angel in heaven, with my mom and dad, looking down on me.

David, you were so loved and you will be sorely missed. I will see you again some day. Rest in peace, sweet man.

Love you, Darcy

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Darcy Terrell - November 10, 2023 at 11:00 PM

JO

“ *David was an incredible man, and will be dearly missed.* ”

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**Jordan** - November 10, 2023 at 06:59 PM

JO

“ *It's taken me a few days to collect my thoughts and no amount of time will make it easier to put my feelings into words.*

*Over the 33 years I've spent with my mom, I had never seen her happier than when David came into her life. It's not necessarily a common opportunity to get to stand by your mom's side as she marries the love of her life, but I'm sure glad it was something I got to experience. To witness true, unconditional love is rare in itself these days but to be able to see it happen for one of the most important people in your life is really something special.*

*David was many things, thoughtful, kind, smart, funny but a trait that sticks out to me the most was how patient he was. On their wedding day I gave the maid of honor speech and cracked a joke about how I know my mom is a handful so David must have an unmatched level of patience. The way he loved my mom will stick with me forever as I navigate dating and finding the right person. There are many characteristics of David that I will demand from any potential partner.*

*I am absolutely heartbroken over this loss but know that David left a positive impact on anyone he came across and my mom will never let his memory die.*

*Rest In Peace David.*



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**Johnna** - November 10, 2023 at 01:47 PM

GA

*I had the honor of meeting David and Mary at Moffitt, one late evening , and once we started talking, it was like we knew each other for quite some time we had a lot of things in common, he was always giving me advice. Good advice that I needed to hear making sure I smiled along the way. I always had that sense of humor. I can't believe I'm talking about him in the past I guess what I'm trying to say is I found friends while sharing information on this terrible disease he will be missed terribly. I will miss him terribly. He was a good man who had integrity these days. There's not a lot of that I was again honored. Do you have been a part of his life even though it was so short take care of David I will see you soon enough. If you meet my daughter there please let her know. I love her. Her name is Nicole Mari Hornstein.*

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**gary** - November 12, 2023 at 02:11 PM

RM

“ This is a picture of David’s leg, from his knee to his toes, and if this was all you had ever seen of him, then you were greatly blessed. It’s what you would have missed out on, not in seeing the man, but knowing the heart of the man, that you would have cherished the most, and that would have been worth more than all the gold and silver in the world. I was honored to have been David’s hospice chaplain and friend. In our short time as friends he painted a picture of his life, from Dayton Ohio to Florida, and from his business to his life’s dreams. But the most beautiful picture he always painted for me was of his life with Mary. All of his life accomplishments, his athletic accomplishments, and all of his loving and dearest friends, were all a blur in the background when he spoke of her. His only fear and regret, and he said he only had one, was not in missing people, not in missing heaven because he was sure of his stance with God, but his only sadness was not having more time with Mary. He loved and cherished her, and was obedient to God’s word where it commands men to love their wives as God loves the church. He was obedient to the “I do” he covenanted with her several years ago. One of the last things he talked about was his love for his family and friends, and that he knows he and Mary will be together again down the road. When someone has a heart like David’s, that’s why we celebrate his life. What a good man, what a good husband, and what a good friend.



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Ric May - November 10, 2023 at 09:01 AM

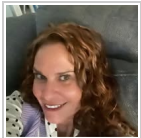


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**Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc.** - November 09, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ I only had the pleasure of knowing David for about 4 1/2 years, but he was one of the most amazing men I ever met. He married my sister almost 3 years ago and started participating in our monthly sister weekend's in Ormond Beach a year prior to that. One weekend a month for the last four years we got to swim ,hang out on the beach, cook amazing food watch movies, have a few drinks and generally make fun of each other. It was the best family time.David and Mary stayed at my house for two weeks late September while having his last 10 rounds of radiation. I feel so lucky to have had those two weeks with him to cook and spoil him rotten! He deserved so much more. My favorite memory of David is the way he cheers for Pierre.(Mary's French bulldog), when he goes potty , David would clap and yell,"good job Pierre " "good job" so Pierre would continue to kick at the grass as if to say ,"that's right look at what I did." I will never forget David's kind heart and how much he loved Mary. I miss and love you David.- ❤️ Dana

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**Dana Taylor-Roth** - November 09, 2023 at 12:49 PM

AF

“ My love and prayers are with you. Your family who love you dearly and to Mary and her family for her love David always said how much you mean to him. Aunt Arlene and family

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**Aunt Arlene and family** - November 09, 2023 at 12:30 PM

MA

“ David, you were my best friend, my soul mate and my partner in every way. We always had fun whatever we did. I will miss you every minute of every day for the rest of my life. You loved me so completely and treated me like a princess always. Knowing you for 5 and a half years was not nearly the time we hoped for, but I am honored and grateful God gave me that time with you. Please watch out for me up there and say hi to my Mom and Dad as I know they will love you just like I did. There is no person you have ever met or spoken to that could say one negative thing about you. You always cared about everyone else before yourself. After all the struggles in your young life, you pushed through and built a business and then in the prime of your life, you were stricken with this awful disease. I will never know why, but I'm sure glad God brought me into your life to be with you on the journey. Me and Pierre will be there one day and we can be a family again.



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**Mary Arrigoni** - November 09, 2023 at 10:48 AM