



## David Ray Timok

February 16, 1936 - June 7, 2026

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of David Ray Timok, who entered into eternal rest on June 7, 2026, at the age of 90. Dave was born on February 16, 1936, in Aurora, Illinois and lived a life defined by faith, love, dedication, and remarkable accomplishments. He was the cherished husband of Rebecca (Becky) Smith Timok whom he met at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. They were married on December 2, 1961, beginning a love story that would last over six decades.

Dave graduated from East Aurora High School in 1955 before attending Western Illinois University. A gifted athlete, he played both collegiate football and baseball and spent time playing in the White Sox Rookie League. He went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree at Hardin-Simmons University in 1961.

After college, he worked at Stephens-Adamson in Aurora, IL while staying close to his love for the game and playing on their semi-professional softball team, the Sealmasters. A highlight of his career was proudly competing for the USA in the first men's fast-pitch World Softball Tournament and a visit to the White House with his teammates. He ended his career as both the starting catcher and business manager. Over the years, he also built a successful career in sales before he and Becky settled in Lubbock, Texas. In Lubbock they pursued a career in entrepreneurship by opening 3 frozen yogurt shops and a sandwich and ice cream shop, Davito's. Becky, Michele and Renae all

worked for the family business. He was famous for serving fresh baked croissants, homemade gelato, smiles, and hospitality. His employees loved him and became a part of our family.

Dave and Becky embarked on a new career in 1991 as the property manager at Leisure Lakes Senior Community in Lancaster, CA. In California, Dave was famous for his cooking team that made tri-tip or his mom's stuffed cabbage and peppers for over 100 residents. In 2010, they eventually made the move back to Lubbock to be closer to family.

Dave was also a passionate poker player, competing in the Senior World Poker Tournament in Las Vegas, where he made cherished memories. It wasn't uncommon for them to bring Becky's mother and other family members to Vegas for a fun weekend. However, his greatest joy in life was being a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, relishing each moment spent with his family. He was the glue that kept his family connected making regular phone calls and keeping in touch with his many nieces, nephews and friends.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Becky; daughters Michele Thompson and husband Scott; Renae Nunez and Doug Welch; brother-in-law Danny Smith and Caroline; sister-in-law Judy Field; grandchildren Daric Thompson and Lindsey; Tylrr Thompson and Ashley; Crissi Thompson; Adam Nunez and Maddie; and David Nunez; and his great granddaughters Kamdyn and Peyton Thompson; Olivia Davis and Charley Thompson; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. His legacy of love and kindness will continue to resonate in the hearts of his precious family and friends who became family.

His family will receive friends from 6:00-7:30 p.m., Friday, June 12, 2026 at Sanders Funeral home. A private graveside service will take place at the City of Lubbock Cemetery. Memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 13, 2026 at Sanders Funeral Home.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents George Timok & Helen Tolian; and siblings Julia Popa, Florence Balc, Mary Malmgren, Lynne Verne, Joseph Timok; and in-laws Thomas (Ed) and Tissie Smith.

A special thanks to Hospice of Lubbock and his wonderful caregivers. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Hospice of Lubbock or The Salvation Army Texas South Plains.

# Cemetery Details

## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **12**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
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<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

JUN **13**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Sanders Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of David Ray Timok



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - June 13 at 09:48 AM

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**Melody M. Everett** - June 13 at 12:40 PM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Ray Timok



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - June 12 at 11:51 AM

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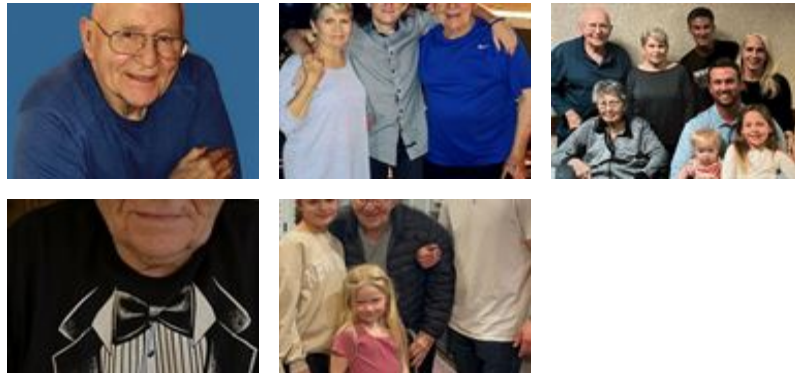
“ We were sad to hear of Dave's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Balc family

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**Alex Balc** - June 14 at 10:04 AM



“ 100 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - June 12 at 11:44 AM

WB

“ *Uncle Dave, my hero! I've admired and looked up to Uncle Dave ever since I knew him when he was a star four sport high school athlete in Aurora, Illinois, circa 1950's. A gracious friend and loving family man. Dave's outgoing personality and welcoming charm made it easy for others to become a friend. Wendell Balc*

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**Wendell Balc** - June 11 at 07:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Ray Timok.*



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June 11 at 12:25 AM

JJ

“ *Jenni Balc McCartney and Alex Balc Jr purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Ray Timok.*



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**Jenni Balc McCartney and Alex Balc Jr** - June 10 at 05:41 PM

AE

“ *My deepest sympathy goes to Becky, Michelle, and Renee. I know that life without Dave will be bittersweet, but his promotion into Glory takes the sting out of death. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Anita Evans** - June 10 at 03:58 PM