



## David Dwight Underwood

March 14, 1956 - January 10, 2014

David Dwight Underwood, 57, passed away January 10, 2014 in Lubbock. Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 10 a.m. in Christ the King Cathedral, 4011 54th Street, with Reverend Monsignor Ben Kasteel, celebrant, Rev. Joseph Palacios as homilist and priests of the Diocese of Lubbock as concelebrants. Graveside services and burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Sander's Funeral Home. A rosary and wake service will be held at Christ the King Cathedral, on Tuesday, January 14 at 6 p.m. lead by Deacon Randy Canale, with family visitation immediately following.

David was born March 14, 1956 in Lubbock to the late James E. and Lona (Cooper) Underwood. He graduated from Monterey HS in 1974 and earned a BBA in Management from Texas Tech University in 1981. He married Renée Bergenheier on August 6, 1977 and the couple had two sons, James Ryan and David Austin.

David had a long career in television, beginning as a cameraman at KLBK while still in high school. He worked his way through the ranks of production, sales and eventually, management. At the age of 28, he was the youngest VP/General Manager of a CBS affiliate in the US. He later served as VP/General Manager for WTZH in Meridian MS and then as National Sales Manager for Ramar Communications' Fox and Telemundo stations.

David was active in Leadership Lubbock, Lubbock Lions Club, Boy Scouts of America, Western Little League, LCAA and Monterey Optimist Basketball. He

was honored by KCBD TV as “One Who Makes a Difference” for his volunteer service to American Heart Association and received the prestigious Silver Medal Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Advertising Industry by Lubbock Advertising Federation.

He was diagnosed with a neurological illness in 1998 and had lived in long term care since 2005.

Survivors include his wife and sons, a daughter in law, Mindy Underwood, granddaughter Kynzlee Ryan Underwood, grandson Kaden Maverick Underwood, one brother, Richard Underwood, as well as his mother-in-law, Jackie Bergenheier, and his beloved brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins.

David was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, James E. Underwood, Jr.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JAN **14**. 6:00 PM (CT)

Christ The King Cathedral  
4011 54th Street  
Lubbock, TX 79413

## Service

JAN **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *RENEE AND FAMILY,  
I WAS SAD TO HEAR ABOUT DAVID. HE  
WAS ALWAYS SO HAPPY AND FUN TO BE  
AROUND.HE TOUCHED LOTS OF PEOPLE.  
KNOW YOU ALL WILL MISS HIM.  
LOVE,PRAYERS, AND SYMPATHY  
FRANCES*



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**FRANCES SOWDER** - January 13, 2014 at 11:59 AM

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“ *I was so sorry to hear of David's passing. He had a singular impact on my life by helping me to launch my career. While I was still in college, he hired me into broadcasting, where I spent the next twenty years. I had the privilege of knowing both him and Renee before they were married (perhaps even before they started dating, if my memory serves correctly), and was honored when they asked me to participate in their wedding ceremony. Those were wonderful days, filled with great memories of fun and laughter. David was an amazingly nice gentleman, who loved to laugh. Although it's been over twenty-five years since I've seen him, I can hear it in my mind right now; he'd sort of rev up from a hum into a full-blown laugh out loud. What a sweetheart he was. Good, good memories.*

*Our thoughts and prayers go out for Renee and their family, with deepest sympathy,  
Buddy & Cindee Howell*

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**Buddy Howell** - January 12, 2014 at 03:44 PM

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“ Thank You Dave for the time we coached and our families spent time together and grew up together.

You and Renee made us very welcome from the first day we arrived in Lubbock

We coached for T-Ball together for many years with our sons through LCAA. We had the best time teaching the little people the basic rules of the game and sportsmanship. It was fun watching kids in right field picking clover as they waited for a baseball to come their way. Most of them thought the best part of the game was snack time afterward but that is OK also.

A special thanks to you for serving as a proxy for Thomas' Godfather at his Baptism. That continues to mean a lot to us. You and your family hold a special place in our hearts.

*Batter up !!!*

*Mike, Linda, Denis, Philip and Thomas Birgenheir*



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Michael & Linda Birgenheir and family - January 12, 2014 at 01:43 PM