



## David Kirk Thurman

September 2, 1963 - February 20, 2020

DAVID KIRK THURMAN, 56, passed away on Thursday, February 20, 2020, in Roswell, New Mexico. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with David's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

SERVICES: A Memorial Service will be held at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 115 W 11th Street, Roswell, New Mexico, on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at 10:00 AM.

On September 2, 1963, David was born to Glendel and Clara Louise Thurman in Butler, Missouri. He graduated from Roswell High School on May 27, 1982. David continued his education at Eastern New Mexico University of Roswell and received an Associates in Criminal Justice on May 9, 2008. He obtained his Bachelor of Science, majoring in Criminal Justice at Eastern New Mexico University-Portales on May 10, 2008. He worked for the Peak Treatment Foster Care as a Treatment Coordinator in Roswell, New Mexico.

David loved riding his motorcycle with his wife, Esabel, going to the 4B Wildwest Bike Rally and listening to his old Country Music. He enjoyed watching football and baseball games,. His favorite teams were the Kansas City Chiefs/Kansas City Royals and "any team playing against the Dallas Cowboys." He was a supporter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The most memorable moments David treasured were spending time with his

grandkids and family; he loved them dearly. He was a kind and loving person who will be profoundly missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

**SURVIVORS:** Those left to cherish memories of David are his loving wife of almost twenty-four years, Esabel Thurman; children: Christina and TJ Frederick of Albuquerque, Elizabeth and Derrick Heady, Ashley and Britney Thurman, and Randy Bailey of Roswell; grandchildren: Grayson, Hayden, and Ian Frederick, Nickolas, Meghan, Lindsey, and Jace Heady, Destani, Faith, and David G. Thurman, Brayden and Maci Tyler; siblings: Linda and Tony Sanchez of Texas, Tim Thurman of West Virginia, Anita and Steve Lidy of Roswell, Becky and Joe Winkler of Texas, Pam and Richard Cibak of Roswell; uncles and aunts: Wayne and Juanita Sullins, Ken and Esther Thurman; twenty-two nieces; twenty-six nephews; close friends: Hilda Quiroz, Darrel Graveline, Staff at the Peak Treatment Foster Care, Raymond Santillan, Alex De Leon; precious pet, Cole; and many other numerous family, friends, co-workers, and neighborhood friends.

**PRECEDED:** David was preceded in death by his parents, Glendel and Clara Louise Thurman; mother-in-law, Geneva Sotelo; and his grandparents: Ervin and Ruby Sullins, and Bryan and Bertha Thurman.

David's family would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Kappa Sigma Fraternity-Theta-Zeta-ENMU, Allstate Security, Pack Riding Club, Sanders Law Firm, Barbara Patterson, Audrey Delahosse, Lindsey Downs, CSED, Juanita Zuniga, and the entire Peak family.

**HONORARY PALLBEARER:** Blessed to serve as Honorary Pallbearers are Grayson Frederick, Ian Frederick, Hayden Fredrick, Nickolas Heady, and Brayden Tyler.

**PALLBEARERS:** Honored to serve as Pallbearers are Pack Riding Club, Randy Bailey (son), Derrick Heady, and T.J. Frederick.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **29**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Tabernacle Baptist Church  
115 W 11th St  
Roswell, NM 88201-4909  
(575) 622-7912

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Kirk Thurman*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *12-31-20 from Darrell, Dave was my best and dearest friend we were hand in hand on everything this is a hard pill to swallow something i thought i never would have to do write to say good by, but i have all the memory's of us during the ninety's when we were both at the rehab ctr isie my number is 931 231 8289 if you want to talk i still have the videos of are party's that I took 20 years ago be at peace my Brother*

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**darrell** - December 31, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ *To my one and only true love of my life, I am going to miss more than you will ever know.*



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**Edabel** - March 01, 2020 at 10:07 PM

MS

“ You are my cousin but living so far away we didn't see much of each other. I enjoyed our dinners together at the BBQ place or the occasional chicken place when you would come to Kansas City to take in a Royals game and a Chiefs game. You came another time to pick up a motorcycle for Esabel. It was a quick trip but you still made time to meet me and Melissa for lunch. I always looked forward to seeing you and Esabel. I will miss those times but will always remember you. Love you Cuz. RIP

*Michelle*

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**Michelle Short** - February 28, 2020 at 10:57 PM

MA

“ David has been a colleague of mine and a great friend of my family for the past nine years. He was full of love, kindness, humor, and a little (or a lot) of sarcasm! He always made me smile. He shared his lovely wife, kids, and grandkids with our family. We will miss his contribution at work, coffee together in the mornings, Chiefs football in the fall, Royals baseball (the rest of the year!), sharing a cold one and some hamburgers or shrimp on the grill on a weekend, and motorcycle rides through the valley and to Ruidoso when possible. We are thankful to still have Esabel and kids to continue make memories with and to share memories and remember David the way he would want to be remembered. Love, hugs, and hearts go out to the family. Thank you for sharing him with us!

*Love,  
Marla, Melvin, Gabriel, and Jacob*

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**Marla Anaya** - February 27, 2020 at 04:37 PM

GB

“ I remember when he worked for me in Artesia, and to this day is still the only employee that I ever had that resigned or quit by text message. He was truly a great person, employee and friend. RIP and prayers to his family he will truly be missed.

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**Greg Bergman** - February 27, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of David Kirk Thurman.



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February 27, 2020 at 12:22 PM

MI

“ We will miss you David “MO”. We have so many wonderful, fun memories with you and Bell, and we weren't done yet. Our hearts will forever be missing a piece, and when we ride we will think of you with us. We love you all.

*Andrew and Michelle  
PA CK*

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**michelle** - February 26, 2020 at 01:02 PM

ES

*Thank you and love the PACK.*

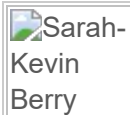
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**Esabel** - April 02, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Kirk Thurman.



February 26, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ Having David as an employees for the last 9 years has been a true blessing. He was more than an employee, he was family. He loved his job, he loved his coworkers, he loved the foster families, but most importantly, he loved the foster children. David exemplified love in every aspect of his life. He was passionate about his love for Esabel, his children and grandchildren. There wasn't a day he didn't talk about how important they were to him. He will be missed by his friends, family, and coworkers. Thank you David for sharing your life and lovely with us.

Sarah-Kevin Berry - February 26, 2020 at 12:11 AM

PK

I dont even know where to begin expressing the kind, wonderful, funny man David was. He and Esabel enjoyed playing jokes on me and I was more than happy to reciprocate. I will miss seeing him on my visits home and having lunch. RIP David... ❤️

Peggy Kendrick - February 26, 2020 at 09:59 AM

DG

“ David was a kind, caring and loving man. We are so happy to have been blessed by knowing him and Isabel. May he RIP always and may God Bless and keep his family, friends and loved ones tightly in His loving embrace until we all meet again.

Doug and Shirley Gadbury - February 25, 2020 at 10:07 PM

JP

“ Dear Bruce and family, we are praying for you all and sending loving thoughts your way. We wish we could be at David’s service on the 29th. Know of our love and continuing prayers. Dr. Jason and Mrs. Kayla Paulk

Jason and Kayla Paulk - February 25, 2020 at 07:52 PM

SD

“ Shauna Reed Daffern lit a candle in memory of David Kirk Thurman



Shauna Reed Daffern - February 24, 2020 at 11:32 AM

MS

“ Marvene Sotelo lit a candle in memory of David Kirk Thurman



Marvene Sotelo - February 24, 2020 at 06:32 AM

MS

“ Marvene Sotelo sent a virtual gift in memory of David Kirk Thurman



Marvene Sotelo - February 24, 2020 at 06:31 AM

DE

“ *Deborahwilhite sent a virtual gift in memory of David Kirk Thurman*



deborahwilhite - February 22, 2020 at 01:49 PM

FA

“ *So sorry for your loss our prayers are with you all . David work with my husband Carl that how we met him he was a good and man and a good father he was really nice to me and my kids. God bless you Francine and Carlos Araujo*



francine araujo - February 22, 2020 at 12:07 PM

DE

“ *Deborahwilhite sent a virtual gift in memory of David Kirk Thurman*



deborahwilhite - February 22, 2020 at 10:05 AM

 Britney Thurman

“ *I LOVE YOU DADDY, you will always me with me, your my best friend, the worlds greatest daddy and grandpa. You will be missed by many, LOVE you always your baby girl.*

Britney Thurman - February 22, 2020 at 05:57 AM

CM

*So sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers to you and your sisters and to family members that I never got the chance to meet. I met your dad when he worked at the rehab with my husband Marty. Prayers to you all.*

**Cathy Martin** - February 29, 2020 at 02:21 AM

ET

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



**Esabel Thurman** - February 22, 2020 at 01:51 AM

MS

*Tia we love you and are so sorry for your loss! Hugs from Inara ❤️  
You're in my continued thoughts & prayers sis. Love Marvene & Inara*  
🙏🌸

**Marvene Sotelo** - February 24, 2020 at 06:26 AM

EF

*You guys are in my prayers and thoughts. Jeff and Liz Furbee*

**Elizabeth furbee** - February 26, 2020 at 10:38 AM

PG

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**Pat Guajaca-Kuemmerle** - February 21, 2020 at 07:51 PM