



David Cyril Curtis

December 29, 1937 - January 30, 2021

David Cyril Curtis, age 83, our beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Saturday, January 30, 2021. David was born on December 29, 1937 to Cyril Henry Curtis, and Rowena Moncur Curtis. He had the opportunity to grow up on Blaine Avenue in Salt Lake City. He Graduated from East High School and continued his education at the University of Utah. David studied piano as a youth, and learned to love beautiful music, and became a talented accompanist. While attending the U of U he volunteered to accompany a beautiful, brown eyed vocalist, Maureen Farnsworth. Through this association, they went on to share beautiful music throughout their life together. Dave and Maureen were married June 4, 1959 in the Salt Lake Temple. David and Maureen had a beautiful life and raised 4 children together. They were later divorced but remained fast friends the rest of their lives.

They truly enjoyed music, and passed this love on to their children and grandchildren. Dave was a very talented and expressive pianist. He loved putting on musical presentations for the elderly with his family and did so for many years. He continued this love for sharing his music, and scheduled musical presentations so his children and grandchildren could learn to share their talents with others. For several years, while a senior, his music filled the lobby of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. He shared this experience with many of his grandchildren during his years of service.

Dave loved to travel with his family and see many beautiful places. A favorite of his was San Diego. He loved to sit and enjoy the beauty, and peace of the ocean.

Dave had a knack for finding work he enjoyed. He was a restaurant manager, a shoe department manager at JC Penny and he worked 26 years at the Newspaper Agency Corporation as a district sales manager. He was a top sales manager for selling new subscriber orders.

Dave was very spontaneous and energetic, with a mischievous, childlike nature. We cherish many memories of his practical jokes that he liked to play on anyone who was

there at the moment. Dave had a knack for finding deals. He was very talented at finding vacation spots, wedding rings for his kids, clothes and his favorite cars. He had a great love of animals and treated his pets as members of the family. They would go everywhere with him.

David's listening ear was always available to his family and friends anytime day or night. Dave was always there to support his children in their time of need. Dave was a Jazz fan, and loved to watch them play. With his appreciation for beautiful music, he loved to attend the symphony with family. But most of all, he loved spending time with his children. Dave is survived by his children Julie, Dan (Angela), Jenny (Mike), Lorelee, sister Nancy Buma, seven grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and 1 great, great granddaughter.

Preceded in death by David Cyril Curtis Jr. (Lorelee).

A viewing will be held, Saturday, February 6, 2021, at 11:00 am with funeral services following at 12:00 pm. Funeral services will be streamed live on Zoom. Friends, and family may pay respects 11:00-11:50 am. At the Big Cottonwood 10th Ward Chapel, 4930 S. 1665 E. Holladay.

Funeral Services will be streamed live.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86213622899?pwd=dHE1N2MrZ21jaVgwMDR6NEhsNUcxZz0>

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DennisGreenwood (Jeremiah) - February 06, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ DennisGreenwood (Jeremiah) lit a candle in memory of David Cyril Curtis



DennisGreenwood (Jeremiah) - February 06, 2021 at 01:57 PM



“ David has been a real spiritual friend since 2005 he played the piano at my wife's memorial Jan. 2019 ~ we made many trips to Mt. Shasta and Vancouver BC to attend Radiant Rose events during his struggles these past few years i was I who he trusted to talk too when he did not feel like joining in with our local group events and I was glad to be his support up till two weeks ago when his last visit he was not looking too good and he was not answering his phone i suspected that things were not right. David was my dear friend up until the end. ~ Jeremiah

DennisGreenwood (Jeremiah) - February 06, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ David Curtis is my uncle. He had a musical gift and used that gift to bring joy to others. He accompanied his wife and children and others in singing. When I was younger, I remember being part of some rest home performances with the family. These performances brought joy to these elderly people through music. That is how my uncle brought joy to others is through his musical gifts. I love these wonderful memories of service I have with Uncle David and the Curtis family. His children have also been blessed with musical gifts that they share, bringing joy to others. Thank you Uncle David for developing your talents and sharing them with others!

Betsy Faerber - February 06, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ I met David when I started dating his niece and my now wife Betsy. David loved the piano, and would play for me and ask me to play for him. I remember he introduced me to a performance of a piece I had not heard before, Mephisto Waltz by Fran's Liszt. He showed me the recording by pianist Earl Wild. It was an amazing piece. I also remember Dave and Maureen would do musical performances for nursing homes and rest homes. What a blessed way to lift the lives of people in the twilight of their lives, many of whom were likely lonely. I am grateful to Dave for accepting me into the family, and for sharing his gift and love of music with me and many, many others.

Matthew Faerber - February 06, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ Dear Family and friends of David,

My condolences to you, my heart is in communion with yours. In the silence, across the miles, in California. May Spirit bless you and all his friends.

I met David about 20 years ago at a Radiant Rose Academy gathering in Vancouver, Canada. We seemed to have an almost immediate soul connection. He accompanied me as I danced and his voice carried our gratitude and devotion to Spirit. As Ashaya had made her transition, our performance was in her honor. “Wind Beneath My Wings” was the song and I felt lifted to heights of effulgence as we praised Spirit together with the Radiant Rose Academy community.

Through the years Dávid kept the silence with me on many a day when courage was needed. (Single parenting six of my own) I always felt a remarkable sense of trust and safety for the Divine masculine in his presence. Which could be felt across thousands of miles. He was my mentor and friend. I will always look to the strength, faith, peace and courage he inspired.

His Presence will only be stronger now that he is freer than free. I sense that David’s consciousness is here and there, with THE most spiritually evolved souls I have and have not yet met. He transmuted many challenges in this life, some he shared with me, which helped me in my recovery from co-dependency /addictive tendencies and to be a better mother and daughter. As he was a metaphysician, where metaphysics is not generally understood or accepted in this society, he was a trail blazer and a rock of Light and unconditional love that simply made possible time and again, life affirmation.

When devastating and taboo mental health issues appeared in my family, David supported choices towards wholeness, harmony and empowerment, where weakness and avarice could have prevailed. He supported my family unity when I desperately needed support.

It may seem audacious to some for me to say, nevertheless, I feel that the unseen holds universes of rainbow colored joy and bright hope, due to the scope of David’s often unrecognized, yet dazzling light. He lived for music, and the deep abiding joy it engenders, that just might be the power that runs the universe. He was open hearted and inclusive of diversity, which meant the world to me, being an adult third culture kid whose children identify as African American. His sensitivity was striking too, due to the fact that many white men from his generation (in my family for example) are not as compassionately tolerant.

David’s love of the oceans, mountains, rivers and lakes was palpable.

Thank you for sharing David with me. I will always love and respect my dearest friend.

Claire Shemalaya Lightfoot Gaillard MA
Active Living Program Director

Claire Gaillard - February 05, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ Uncle David was an amazing piano player and I have fond memories of family night at Grandpa Cy’s where we would sit around the piano and sing and listen to lovely music together. I love the memories and he was always very kind to me. May he Rest In Peace.

suzanne Buma Burton - February 05, 2021 at 12:03 AM



“ I heard of my Uncle Dave’s passing with sadness but not shock. He was very frail the last time I saw him, which was last summer, a month after the untimely death of his son Dave. He didn’t contribute much to the conversation, but he was following and interested. That’s the way he was throughout his life—engaged and curious. He was a spiritual man, a listener. I have a lot of happy memories when I think of my uncle. Our families had a lot of fun together. And if I recollect correctly, once when our families were on vacation at the Homestead, he gave me some advice when I was just learning to swim and trying to overcome a fear of the water. He told me to just relax, link my hands over my head and kick until my fingers touched the edge of the pool. I remember enjoying that feeling of being buoyant and having the water hold me up. To this day, I’m an avid swimmer who still uses that technique when I’m doing the back stroke and coming close to the edge of the pool. I often think back on him, his patience with me and his willingness to help. That’s the kind of man he was.
Lori Farnsworth, niece

Lori Farnsworth - February 04, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ Thank you for sharing this memory Lori. I know our families had many fun trips together. He was such a great listener and teacher

Jenny Mexa - February 04, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ That is so beautiful Lori. I am so grateful for all the adventures we were able to share together as children. Too many to count. To my dad, life was one great adventure after another and I am so blessed to be able to have experienced the magic he created. Love you Cuz!

Julie King - February 05, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ My thoughts are with you two and Dan today. I wasn’t able to successful Zoom the service, but I used the time to reflect on him and our lives when we were young. Love you all and see you in summer. Lori

Lori Farnsworth - February 06, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“ Dave and I were Good friends and our Birthdays were very close the last of Dec. We met on the 28th this last Dec for lunch. My wife & I used to do mañy things with Dave & Maureen

jerry Whitehead - February 04, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ Diana Dean lit a candle in memory of David Cyril Curtis



Diana Dean - February 04, 2021 at 06:26 AM



“ I have so many fun vacation memories with you dad! I will forever cherish our family trips to San Diego. This was us in 2018 taking a cruise around Mission Bay. I will be thinking of you everyday and missing you. Love you Jen



Jenny Mexa - February 03, 2021 at 03:23 PM