



## Dr. David Gregory Watson

February 23, 1963 - May 10, 2024

David Gregory Watson, M.D. passed away in his sleep at age 61 on Friday May 10 while staying at his new home on Kent Island, Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay.

David was born in Baton Rouge and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana. He attended Alice Birney elementary and then completed middle and high school at Metairie Park Country Day. An avid reader, he excelled in writing, and would use his intellect to rail against any organized pettiness. His summers in South Lake Tahoe nurtured a fondness for water sports where he was a water skier of some notoriety. He was a protective big brother and looked out for his younger brother and sister. After high school, he moved to South Tahoe full-time. After establishing a California residency, he matriculated to and graduated from San Diego State University with distinction, Phi Beta Kappa. He was a supportive Aztec fan to the end. He, and the incomparable climate, encouraged his mother Rolline and Stepfather Michael to move to San Diego County, where they still reside. Medical school was next on his agenda, and he graduated with his M.D. from the University of California, Irvine. He met his wife in California and they moved to North Carolina while he completed his residency in Emergency Medicine and welcomed a son, Dallas. Work took him to St. Louis, Missouri, and to Tyler, Texas, where his daughter Taylor was born. In Texas, he became an avid San Antonio Spurs fan. When the children were school age, he became affected by the plight of the wronged and

disadvantaged and changed his career path to work for a law firm in Southern California. To his great pleasure, his children found their way at California colleges (Dallas graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt and Taylor graduated from University of California, Santa Cruz) and still reside in the state.

David spent most of his last 15 years back in South Lake Tahoe where he resumed the practice of medicine and lived with his father Randy. His life was characterized by a clever wit, a big heart, a strong will, and a fearless sense of adventure (e.g. motorcycles and skydiving). His love for his children is what brought him his greatest pleasure.

David is survived by his son Dallas of Humboldt, California and daughter Taylor of Santa Cruz, California. He is also survived by his mother Rolline Alaynick, father, Randy Watson M.D., stepfather Michael Alaynick M.D., brother Joseph Watson M.D., sister Mary Watson M.D., stepbrother Will Alaynick Ph.D., stepsister Kathy Easterbrook, Sister-in-law JoAnn Castelli, Ph.D. and nieces and nephews Jackson, Vincent, Luke, Marina and Bianca Watson and Beatrix Wake.

Memorial services are yet to be scheduled Sunday June 2 in McLean, Virginia and Later in June in Carlsbad, California.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I spent a lot of time with Dave and our band of brothers in medical school. Crazy fun times amidst our intense course of study...

*What a great guy, great memories with him during and after med school. I have particularly fond memories of meeting, once we finished our residencies, at Disneyland over the years with our respective families and kids.*

*You are missed Dave.*

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**Mark Burkhardt MD** - May 23, 2024 at 11:23 PM



“ David was a great friend. He made my high school and baccalaureate years. Many great memories. The Watson and Alaynick family are in my prayers. Heaven's gain is our loss.

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May 19, 2024 at 04:56 PM



*Signed, Charlie Gaudin*

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May 19, 2024 at 04:57 PM

JH

“ In loving memory of Big Dave, a true legend who knew how to jazz up any occasion. Farewell my friend, you'll be forever missed and never forgotten.



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**John Howell** - May 15, 2024 at 07:41 PM



“ Dear Joe and the rest of the family, all of us in CD class of '81 have been texting over the last few days, so saddened by David's passing and talking about how much we admired him. He was liked by all, with non-stop good cheer and a great sense of fun. I cannot reveal all of the good times that we had in high school but let me just say they are great memories. He was also a very good athlete and very smart. I was glad to have reconnected with him in Austin when I lived there 20 years ago and we stayed in touch - always discussing the Saints - he was such a huge fan.

Here is a snap - I believe from a yearbook - of course that's David looking very handsome and cool - I'm the one in the middle. David will be sorely missed by our entire high school class - he was a great guy.



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**Paul Gottsegen** - May 15, 2024 at 05:37 PM