



David J. Tatum

December 17, 1951 - August 30, 2023

David Tatum 71, of Paola, Kansas passed away Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at his home. He was born December 17, 1951 in Bethesda, Maryland, the son of Harold Tatum and Ruth Brock. Born with autism, David's journey through life was a unique and inspiring one. Overcoming challenges, he embraced work at various food courts and thrived as a resident at Lakemary in Paola. His greatest passion was learning about cars and their parts. Most importantly he loved spending time with his family and other residents at Lakemary. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by sisters, Catherine Taylor (Brad Farrell) of Lenexa, KS and Frankie Fray (Paul Fray) of Branson, MO; half brother, Robert Brock (Nancy Brock) of Ardmore, OK; nephew Brad Bialek (Stacy Bialek); great nieces Aspen, Phoenix, Presley, and Bristolyn Bialek; and many friends he made at Lakemary. A visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 AM with a Memorial Service beginning at 11:00 AM September, 11, 2023 at Living Proof Church, 32401 Harmony Rd, Paola, KS 66071.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Living Proof Church
32401 Harmony Rd
Paola, KS 66071

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *David J. Tatum*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David J. Tatum.

September 07, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of David J. Tatum.*



September 07, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ *David, thank you for being my close buddy as far back as I can remember. You could always count on me to be your guardian and protector throughout our lives. You lived deeply within my soul, and I will forever cherish you. You taught me compassion for others, and we're blessed to have shared our lives with each other. You loved life to the fullest and spread love to those around you. You're loved dearly and will be missed greatly! Rest in Peace my dearest brother. We will see each other again. xoxo Cathy*

Catherine Taylor - September 03, 2023 at 12:32 PM

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“ *Rest in peace my dear friend. We love you buddy!* ”



Hayley W - September 01, 2023 at 04:35 AM