



David N. Lovelace

February 10, 1952 - December 13, 2009

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Frankfort ♦ David N. Lovelace, 57, of Frankfort passed away Sunday, December 13, 2009 at UK Healthcare Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington.

David is survived by his wife Terri Phillips Lovelace; daughter Kelsey Wellman, Frankfort; his father Rev. John Lovelace, Evansville, IN; brother Michael Lovelace (Cindy), Odessa, TX; sisters Laura Patterson (Wayne), Salem, OR, and Alana Lovelace, Evansville, IN; and nephews Nathan and Jacob, and niece Emma Patterson, Salem, OR; and a large family of lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother Joyce Rogers Lovelace, and a sister Mary Lovelace.

A career public servant, David most recently served the Kentucky tourism industry as Deputy Secretary of the Tourism Arts and Heritage Cabinet. In that capacity, he was instrumental in the passage of the Kentucky Tourism Incentive Act, the first of its kind in the nation, which has attracted millions of dollars of new investment into the state including the Newport Aquarium, the Kentucky Speedway, and Newport on the Levee. Previously, David had served as an aide to five of Kentucky ♦s governors from 1979 to the present in key positions, including Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of

Economic Development during the administration of Governor Martha Layne Collins. During his career, he served on numerous boards and commissions including, most recently, the board of the World Equestrian Games. David was a summa cum laude graduate of Bethel College in McKenzie, TN, (BA, English) and completed graduate studies at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He was also an alumnus of Leadership Kentucky.

David had fond memories of a childhood living in Costa Rica, and Colombia, South America which instilled a lifelong love of travel.

Memorial services for David will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 17, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church, Washington Street. Dr. Jackson Brewer will officiate. Following the service there will be a gathering of family and friends at First United Methodist Church Wesley Center.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718, or the Kentucky Humane Society, 241 Steedly Drive, Louisville, KY 40214.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home LLC and condolences may be shared via the online guest book at www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *David N. Lovelace*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy*

December 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Terri, so sorry to hear of your loss. Dave led a very full and rewarding life and befriended all he knew. God bless to you and your family - Russell*

Russell Renaud - December 28, 2009 at 10:39 AM



“ *When I attended my first KY Tourism Council conference, David was one of the first persons to introduce himself to me. He remained a true friend to me and to tourism, and I will miss him dearly. He had a genuine passion for the industry and for the people who worked in the industry. Bless his soul.*

Bonnie Hall - December 21, 2009 at 10:41 AM



“ *Terri, I am sorry to hear about David. I only wish I had known him under better circumstances, as you know I was one of his "night shift nurses". He had such a spirit about him that I cannot describe. You and his friend Bob also are amazing people; and I will not forget the times we shared. You, your family and Bob are constantly in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sarah Gibson - December 19, 2009 at 09:36 AM

TH

“ Terri, you and the Lovelace family are in my thoughts and prayers. I knew David from working with him in state govt. He was a good friend and a wonderful person. I'm glad I had the opportunity to work with him and know him as a friend. God Bless

Tammy Robinson Hurst - December 18, 2009 at 11:34 AM

VP

“ To Terri -- I'll never forget the day I met David. He was a kind and gentle soul, and he knew how much I wanted to buy his house in Montrose Park. And he worked with me until I was able to do just that. I know your time with him was too short, but I also know it must have been joyous. I am so sorry for your loss, Terri. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your daughter. I know David is in good hands.

Vicki Pettus - December 17, 2009 at 01:45 PM

SR

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief. David was a great cousin and a fun individual. He will be greatly missed.

Steve and Terrie Rogers - December 17, 2009 at 08:39 AM

MG

“ Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. We did not personally know David but knew him through John and Joyce - two people we love and adore. We ask that God will give you strength in the days to come. Mike & Felicia Grounds, Henderson, KY

Mike & Felicia Grounds - December 17, 2009 at 06:42 AM

LP

“ Terri, my prayers and thoughts have been with you. God love David. He tried so hard to beat the odds. I'm sure he cherished your commitment more each day, and you his. I will always remember his kind sole. You are a strong young woman. Take care of yourself and we will see each other in 2010. Love, Lisa

Lisa Payne - December 17, 2009 at 04:12 AM