



David Dwight Grindeland

October 14, 1957 - March 28, 2021

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Guestbook



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of David Dwight Grindeland*



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - April 22, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ *Pastor Gary, I'm so sorry for your loss, and for your whole family, of your brother David. Please know, I will keep you and your family in my heart.*

Michele Dupey - April 25, 2021 at 03:04 PM

PC

“ *I met Dave when he started at HP and he was always a character that had character. From his "holy" see-the-road-through-the-floorboards Datsun B210 to his low-key but hilarious sense of humor to the time he tackled me at a party when I had a broken collarbone, he never stopped being "fun". Although I haven't seen him in forever, he's a guy you don't forget. Take it easy, Grindy, you'll be missed in the world...*

Paul Christofanelli - April 22, 2021 at 12:56 PM

LH

“ Although Tommy and I did not know Dave, from reading these beautiful tributes and fond memories, we can see a man dedicated to family, friends and his faith, as well as a love for the beauty of his country .

We extend to Annie, Pastor Gary, family and friends our sincere sympathy . The loss of a family member and friend is hard to accept, more so when unexpected

Sincerely,
Tom and Lorraine Hansen

lorraine hansen - April 20, 2021 at 07:56 AM

AD

“ I didn't know Dave very well before my 18 month stint on Y2K at HP leading up to the year 2000. I had picked that assignment looking for a leadership opportunity after a previous project I was leading was cancelled. About halfway through that Y2K gig, I started reporting to Dave. We were a small team of three. While the job was going fine externally, I was at an internal crossroads in my career. I was really struggling. Most didn't notice, as I didn't share. But Dave saw most of that, including many tears. I'm certain he thought "why me?" :) However, as many have noted, he was warm, funny, steady, patient, and caring. I don't remember his great advice/coaching (although I'm sure it was there), but I vividly recall him just being there, as a sounding board and support, while I figured out my next move. In January 2000, Dave supported my new role as project manager, setting me on a path that has felt right ever since.

After that, I saw Dave on and off over the years at HP/HPE. He always had a bounce in his step and smile on his face. Quick to joke, but then blankly look like "who said that", before breaking into a smirk or laugh that he seemingly couldn't contain. I'll miss his levity.

Just a few years before he retired from HP, Dave found me at HPE and gave me an "Ace of Iowa State" award (to copy an old HP at-a-girl type note we could give to others to say "thanks" or "good job"). His version was on a computer punch card from his college years! I pinned it to my cube wall where it remained until we cleared out last year due to COVID. I know I still have it my work boxes I brought home.

Even though I didn't see Dave at all after he retired, and only occasionally after Y2K, he made such a lasting impression on me. He took his work seriously, but never too seriously. He made work fun and enjoyable...wonderful traits to emulate. Thanks for the example, Dave!

Aparna Das-Caro - April 19, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ Like Dave, I grew up in Iowa and also attended Iowa State University – graduating a few years after he did. I had never met him until I arrived at HP Fort Collins in 1989.

He was such a fun person. One of those rare people who cared a lot about his work, but still didn't take himself too seriously. Every time I worked with him on something, he made me better and made the work fun. I remember lots of personal conversations with him; he was always very helpful and encouraging to me - kind of like a cool older brother, I guess.

In 2003, my family and I decided to move back to Iowa. I remember a lot of good-natured kidding from my friends and colleagues about being the only person to ever leave Colorado for the Midwest – the normal direction was exactly the opposite, of course. I also remember talking about this with Dave. He asked me why we were moving and I told him about our desire to be closer to our families and how Iowa just felt like home to us. I think Dave loved living in Colorado as much as anyone I ever knew, but he totally got where I was at. He was very kind and supportive – and his words meant a lot to me.

I'm not sure we ever spoke again after that – but for the time I knew him, he made a real difference for me.

Steve Bennett - April 19, 2021 at 04:36 PM

BB

“*Dave and I were both Midwestern transplants living the dream at HP in Fort Collins in the early 1980s. Separated from our native lands and families, we spent many holidays together, and shared plenty of parties, hikes, and social events in that decade.*

Early on, we both worked on a system which had at its foundation a software interpreter called a P-machine. When Dave bought a Porsche 911, he would refer to it as his P-machine. He was always a cool guy, and a tech geek at the same time.

Dave was justifiably proud of his long HP career, especially his role as HP’s representative on the IEEE DMTF industry standards body as it defined emerging technical standards. He excelled at this technical work, and also loved the extensive travel involved, especially the international travel perk.

Dave loved showing photos, videos, and maps of his hiking adventures, and they were always entertaining. He liked the latest gadgets of the current era.

It’s hard to write about Dave without using the word “fun”. Dave would frequently show up at my HP cube, often when I was on the phone, often on his self-declared “tie days”, and just present himself with no words. He never failed to make me laugh. He’ll continue to do that now whenever I think of my friend Dave. He made all of our lives brighter and more fun.



Bob Bury - April 19, 2021 at 02:15 AM



Carolyne
Hart

“*Dave and I shared two connections: Ames High class of '76 and long careers with HP, including a 12 year overlap in Fort Collins. At Ames High we were senior year chemistry class partners which led to the only time I skipped school for a brief escape to a local park. I have no memory of how we pulled that off but have the impression he was pretty experienced at it and we obviously managed to graduate just fine. Many years later when I moved to HP Fort Collins from HP in the Bay Area, Dave was quick to introduce me to lunches at the Thai Pepper and honored me with behind the scenes tours of the annual HP Halloween Haunted House that he masterminded. For the last four years that I've lived in Brookings, SD, Dave has popped into my email with funny updates usually triggered by the SDSU Jackrabbits appearances in March Madness or football success. It just recently crossed my mind that I hadn't heard from Dave for awhile and wondered how he was fairing with all of the covid related college sports changes. I don't know the circumstances of his passing but perhaps the timing wasn't coincidental.*

Dave always spoke highly of his family and he clearly had many friends so I'm sure his loss leaves a big hole. I also know from Dave that he appreciated the deep spiritual foundation he was given and I'm praying that the comfort and peace that Jesus promises will surround us all.

Carolyne Hart - April 18, 2021 at 02:47 PM

SB

“ Dave was my mentor, when I joined HP in the summer of 1986 - an assignment he was well suited for. In addition to being a big help in adjusting to the work life of HP, Dave introduced a fellow denizen of the prairies to hiking in the mountains. All my first hikes in the Rockies that summer were spearheaded by Dave.

Dave's sense of humor and comic timing were extraordinary - it was not possible to spend 15 minutes with him and not laugh at least once. In a company well stocked with of one-of-a-kind people, Dave stood out. His enthusiasm and good cheer were highly contagious and he always made you feel part of the team.

I've attached some pictures from those early hikes.



Stuart Bobb - April 17, 2021 at 09:36 AM

BR

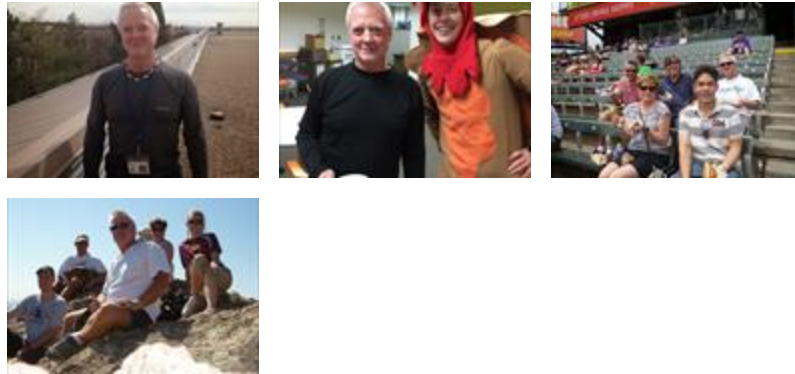
“ Although I hadn’t seen Dave since I retired from HPE, I have a lot of great memories. He joined HP a couple of years after me, and we worked together on some projects early on. Then we went our separate ways. However we played softball for a long time. Dave also organized the annual March Madness pool. There was no money involved, just bragging rights. It was a random draw through the field, but then we could swap teams after that. You knew which teams were important to others like ISU for Dave, KU and Cal for me, Illinois for Bob, etc. Dave would email out humorous updates as the tournament progressed.

Dave was always so much fun to be around, whether that was at a coffee stand or on the softball field. He will certainly be missed very much.

Bruce Rodean - April 14, 2021 at 01:42 PM

BH

“*Dave and I became good friends at HP. He was always a great motivator to get in my steps, although I could never compete with him :) It was hard to say no to Dave - he motivated me to hike up and down the stairs in the empty building quite a lot! He seemed to know everyone. One time the security guard at HP took Dave and I up to the roof which was super cool (although there isn't any big surprises up there, but it was still neat to see!). I enjoyed hiking with Dave. He also just showed incredible kindness by praying for my family when we needed it and also bringing back little toys for my kids when he travelled. I will miss Dave!*”



Brianna Havlik - April 12, 2021 at 01:48 PM

AG

Thank you, Brianna. Your hand-written note was so warming to Gary & me.

Annie Grindeland - April 12, 2021 at 04:09 PM

AG

“Nestled between two fantastic brothers, by birthing order...I have been a very fortunate girl. Through childhood and the leap to adulthood, our family has remained close. We were given such a wonderful opportunity growing up in a Christ-centered environment, by our parents. They afforded us great guidance as youth and modeled an adult path for our futures.

Brother Dave had exceptional drive and possessed the qualities any parent might gush over. Being the sibling farthest away from Iowa did not preclude him from traveling back home. He returned during sicknesses, happy occasions, but there didn't have to be a reason. Dave honored our parents by making the trips back and brought with him his love, quick wit, and humor, which we all looked forward to.

To those of you who were graced by his friendship, I extend an embrace to you, and hope that you continue to reflect on his life and the great guy that he was. This is a gut-wrenching time for us, to be sure, but in the same breath we remember him with honor, dignity, and love eternal.

Thank you for your acknowledgements, cards, and sympathies.
Annie

Annie Grindeland - April 12, 2021 at 10:55 AM

LM

“Dave loved Colorado's mountains. And his sense of humor shone through the times he shared with others. I miss him deeply.



Lizette Mill - April 12, 2021 at 10:33 AM

AG

Thank you, Lizette. You were a special friend to Dave. We love the pictures!

Annie Grindeland - April 12, 2021 at 11:54 AM

BS

“*Dave took me snowshoeing in February 2018 up the Poudre Canyon in Colorado, and he not only had a camera around his neck but also had a Go video camera strapped to his head. We had a great time!*”



Brian Sippy - April 12, 2021 at 10:16 AM

BS

“*Dave used to love to wear shorts to work at HP even in the winter. I remember coming in to work when it was snowing and running into Dave in the hallway and he would be wearing shorts. Dave would say "it's not that bad out". He had a great sense of humor and loved to tell stories. We'll miss Dave...*”

Brian Sippy - April 12, 2021 at 09:40 AM

AG

Thank you, Brian, for taking the time to write. We appreciate it!

Annie Grindeland - April 12, 2021 at 11:52 AM

AH

“ *My mom, Ann Grindeland, doesn't have words right now to grieve her brother but wanted to be sure to post this special memory. This walk around the lake was from his 2018 visit to Iowa. I know she misses and loves him very much.*



Ashley Hyman - April 11, 2021 at 06:21 PM

AH

“ Dave,

I will forever cherish every single memory I have with you, from you throwing me into the ocean waves in an inner tube as a little girl all the way to our shared sense of humor in our last email, and absolutely everything in between. Every single story I could retell here boils down to how you always loved me unconditionally. When I was an annoying kid, you hung with me anyway. When I needed something-- even things I didn't know I really needed-- you always provided them in the quiet way you loved. You showed up for me every time I needed you in the special way only you could, and in doing so, you truly changed the trajectory of my life.

I am devastated by the hole in my life now and am struggling grieving the future years I assumed I still had with you. But even though you aren't with us on earth anymore, I will carry you with me on every mountain I hike, every wedding anniversary I celebrate, every new album I check out, every silly turn of phrase that sounds like something you'd say, and every perfect day outside.

You said a few weeks ago, "uncle-hood is forever, no give backs." I would give anything to have you back, but am so glad you agreed to forever. Because that's how long you'll be with me.

All my loving (you'd laugh at that sign-off),

A



Ashley Hyman - April 09, 2021 at 08:22 PM

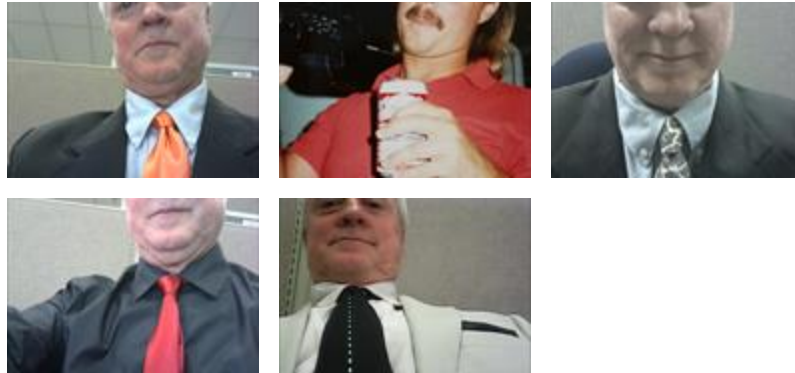
AG

Thank you, Ashley. This is beautiful!

Annie Grindeland - April 12, 2021 at 11:48 AM

EL

“*Dave and I would e-mail all the time to stay in touch. Attached are just some of the photos he would share with us - including when he came with Lizette to visit us in July 2018. There are also several “tie-selfies” that Dave took while he was trying out wearing ties everyday to work. I will miss Dave so very much. He and I were kindred spirits. Dave, “good luck, we’re all counting on you.”*



Elizabeth - April 08, 2021 at 04:59 PM

AG

Thank you, Elizabeth. This is wonderful!

Annie Grindeland - April 12, 2021 at 11:50 AM

JB

Dave's wit was his defining character. He always had a comment or wise crack for any situation. I was always fascinated by how a guy that seemed to revel in the big picture, could represent our corporation in standards committees? For you non-techies - standards committees are exercises in minutiae. People argue for days, weeks, months over the color of a cable.... stuff that would drive me insane. But not Dave - he had the ability to observe and engage as needed, but not get caught up in the process. He had the respect of all those that worked with him for his knowledge, willingness to engage, and levity for all seasons.

Of course he was a sports nut too. Myself missing that gene, I cannot really comment on this aspect of Dave. But I can say he did share a photo of his basement viewing area during March Madness with 5 or 6 screens, all playing different games! I was blown away. His passion for everything he did speaks loudly of his love for life and others around him.

Thanks Dave for being my friend. I'm sad you left us before we shared that next laugh - I wasn't really done joking around with you. Until we meet again, my friend.

Jim Baker - April 16, 2021 at 12:53 AM