



David Mark Halliburton

April 1, 1959 - January 16, 2026

David Mark Halliburton was born in Denver,, on April 1, 1959. On January 16, 2026,

he passed at Pathways Hospice in Fort Collins. His parents, Wayne and Maureen Halliburton

already had sister Nancy and brother Wayne Jr. Dave brought the energy to complete the family.

Dave graduated from West High in Denver then migrated to Fort Collins in the 1979.

Dave was a talented photographer, baker, woodworker, log furniture maker, and a Vestas blade

builder. His photography focused on the outdoors and he conquered the intricacies of the

darkroom as well. He enjoyed origami. Dave wrote poems for Dee for Valentine's Days. He was

happiest when creating anything.

Dave met his wife, Deborah (Dee) Spaulding, when he bought her 21 year old Volvo. Dave loved

camping and Dee happily joined in. They married in 1997 and shared a really good life together.

It was the first and only marriage for each of them. They had no children, but many cats.

Dave and Dee also shared their interest in rocks and crystals with the Fort

Collins Rockhounds

Club. Dave held Vice President and President positions at various times as well as chairing the

Fort Collins Rockhounds Annual Gem & Mineral Show for years. Among the Rockhounds, Dave

learned lapidary skills which led to learning the metalsmithing craft and many beautiful creations.

Dave was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in February, 2025. He battled hard as long as he

could with Dee by his side. Unfortunately, love and medical treatment were not enough to

conquer the evil that is cancer. On January 16, 2026, Dee was with him when Dave passed at

Pathways Hospice.

Dave is survived by his wife, Dee Spaulding, brother Wayne and his wife Candy, nieces Sara

Dewhurst and Erin Halliburton, and nephew Preston Halliburton.

There will be a memorial in spring, 2026.

Tribute Wall

GR

“ I knew Dave for many years through the rockhounds. He was always generous with his time and talent. Many condolences to friends and family who now must fill the gaps he left in their lives with memories.

Gary Raham - March 01 at 12:12 PM

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“ Here's a picture of him from July 15th, 2013, that I found in my online album. https://silgro.com/photos/13/0702-15_BIF_Boulder/0715D_DaveAndRogerLiftingRock.htm

Alan Silverstein - February 11 at 06:17 PM

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“ Dave was a true renaissance man and we were blessed to know him. He shared his knowledge of rocks/minerals/gems with us. We will miss his kindness and smiling face. RIP

Roger & Gail Culver - February 01 at 11:58 AM

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“ Condolences to family, Dave will be greatly missed.



Pete ussell - January 31 at 10:38 AM

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Met Dave in 79. Took lots of photos and processed film and prints in a home darkroom. Will miss his sense of humor but have many good memories.

Pete Russell - January 31 at 10:49 AM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dee Spaulding - January 21 at 06:18 PM

WH

“ 21 files added to the tribute wall



Wayne Halliburton - January 21 at 10:22 AM