



## James David Killough

December 31, 1950 - September 22, 2020

James David Killough, 69, passed away September 22, 2020. Arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN 38119, 901-767-8930.

"A Fitting Farewell for Everyone"

James David Killough, age 69 of Memphis, TN, passed away after a long illness on September 22.

He was a graduate of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville with a degree in Journalism. His life-long career as a tax advisor and auditor for the Internal Revenue Service took him to various locales around the Southeast, including New Orleans and Atlanta.

He was an ardent comic book, science fiction, music and film fan. He could often be seen throughout his life at film and music festivals in Memphis and around the country. As a result of his Memphis childhood in the 1950's his favorite musician was Elvis Presley, but he also travelled to England to see another favorite, Scott Walker in concert.

He was very eccentric and quick-witted in his own special way. He could hold an audience spellbound with his entertaining tales and jokes.

Please send any memorials to St Jude Childrens Research Hospital or the Memphis charity of your choice, but we, his family, know he would want us to send donations to the Memphis Rock N' Soul Museum on historic Beale Street in Memphis.

# Events

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**SEP** **Graveside** 11:00AM  
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Memorial Park Southwoods Cemetery  
5484 Hacks Cross Rd, Memphis, TN, US, 38125

# Comments

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“ I have a little book David penned with friend Dennis Mchaney back in the mid 80s. At the end is a picture of David and Dennis with big smiles. Rest In Peace David.

**Angel** - February 03 at 10:48 AM

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“ Sue Beauford lit a candle in memory of James David Killough



**sue beauford** - October 20, 2020 at 11:08 AM

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“ I meet David during his 40 years at IRS he was our Branch Chief. I meet him in Knoxville on one of his field visits. He shadowed next as a new Revenue Officer. He was ver knowledgeable and kind. I learned about him and IRS that day. I shared with him I had just bought a house and congratulated me saying that was something he had not done yet since he traveled so frequently. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. Leticia Dunn

**Leticia Wright-Dunn** - October 05, 2020 at 08:17 AM



“ I meet David on the job several years ago. I knew him as a quiet very soft spoken man. He was a likable person. I liked him. It is times like this that I tell myself I wished I had taken the time to know someone better. I pray God will give his family peace and comfort during this time.

**James Kelley** - October 05, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ I'm truly sad to hear of the passing of David Killigh. He was my Nashville Territory Manager in 2001 at IRS SPEC Falls Bldg Office. David was quirky but kept an open mind and allowed us to voice our concerns. Condolences to the family.

**Desiree Glover-Howard** - February 14 at 06:44 AM

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“ I had the distinct pleasure of knowing, and working with, 'David' throughout his 40 year career with the Internal Revenue Service. Although he worked in the Southeast and I worked in the Washington, DC area during this time, we worked on many task forces and instructed many IRS training classes together. David was a superb instructor. In addition to being a very effective teacher, students found him to be highly entertaining. He had a quick-wit and dry sense of humor. His obscure references to his favorite movies and old TV shows would often have students (as well as me) laughing out loud.

David and I both retired from the IRS several years ago, but we stayed in touch via emails and frequent phone calls. Many of our conversations were spent reminiscing about the 'good ole' days at the IRS and joking & laughing about our shared interest in old movies ('It's a Wonderful Life' was favorite for both of us) and TV westerns from the 1950s and 60s.

David was a dear friend who will be greatly missed. He dealt courageously with his illness the past two years, and I am truly honored to have had him as my friend. He was definitely one of the 'good guys'! My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with his two sisters and his entire family -- a family that he spoke of fondly quite often.

Paul Burbrink

Paul Burbrink - September 28, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ I have known David since we were both just young folks in our twenties working at the Memphis Service Center on Democrat Rd. We became friends and years later after Bill and I had moved and lived in several states moved to Nashville and who did we run into again David - he was a funny guy with a dry sense of humor. I hate to hear this he will be missed. Rest In Peace

**helen Walsh** - October 04, 2020 at 10:58 PM