



David I. Lawson

July 6, 1942 - August 25, 2024

David I. Lawson, 82, of Indianapolis, passed away August 25, 2024. He was born July 6, 1942 in Springfield, OH, to the late Chester Alvin and Mable Katherine (Irvin) Lawson and was raised in East Lansing, MI. He was, among many other things, an expert at Dad joke execution, a genius with little common sense, a mathematician that wrote poetry, and an activist in his youth that carried a torch for civil rights throughout his life. David was a professor and rocket scientist whose muses were CSPAN and Soul Train. One of his superpowers was his capacity for joy, he often started the day with the words 'Ah, it's a beautiful day.' Not the least, he was a father to four children and loved being a dad. He incessantly called his children; those endless calls will be forever missed.

David is survived by his children, Paul Lawson, Jessica Lawson, Melissa Lawson, and Angela Lawson; former wife of 25 years, Karen Wallace; four grandchildren; and one younger brother, Tony Lawson.

Celebration of Life details are forthcoming. In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor can be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Empowering people affected by MS to live their best lives <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/> and/or the NAACP <https://naacp.org/> Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ I spent the last couple months getting to know David as a Hospice volunteer. I’ve never had a person show me positivity and humor amidst pain and suffering. David changed my perspective on how to have grace during extreme adversity. He taught me valuable life lessons on how to embrace life with a smile while under difficult circumstances. I’m a better person for knowing David. I’m so grateful I had time with him. He lived life like Christ wants us too. Rest easy my friend.

Bill Burns - September 02, 2024 at 04:14 AM

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Thank you Bill Burns

Jessica Lawson - September 03, 2024 at 12:32 PM

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I loved David... I will miss Dave's sense of humor and optimism! RIP David.

Ron - September 05, 2024 at 08:26 AM