



David Tolentino Dalaten

August 26, 1980 - March 30, 2021

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the David Dalaten's Memorial Fund (venmo @G-Dalaten or gofundme).

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of David T. Dalaten, age 40, on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. David was born in August of 1980 to Oscar and Luningning "Lu" Dalaten. He was a native San Diegan who met and married his beautiful wife, Geraldine "Ginger" Liganor here; together they started their own cherished family, with son Xavier and daughter Harmony, in his hometown.

David was first and foremost a family man, a beloved son to Lu, and a sweet brother to his sisters. We know him as a dedicated, kind, and fun-loving father to his children, who filled him with as much pride, joy, and laughter as he hoped he gave them. He loved being married to Ginger, whom he described as his complete soulmate. With her by his side, he was an "all-in" father, committed to making his family and home a piece of heaven on earth. Whether helping with schoolwork, enjoying sports and hobbies, or dressing up in Halloween costumes, David's focus was to be fully present and open every moment with his children and wife. They were the richest part of his world and he strove to enrich theirs.

His outgoing and joyful nature helped David build significant bonds with exceptional friends. From Holy Family Catholic School, Mira Mesa High School, 220, to San Diego State University, people were drawn to David, and he stayed connected with friends through all of life's changes. His humor and laughter were infectious. Together they enjoyed Friendsgivings, trips to Vegas, and many get togethers. Even across distance and time, David made sure his people knew he enjoyed and cared for them. He truly loved all of his friends.

David would jokingly confess he wasn't a natural student but he had ambition and perseverance. With great pride, he graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor's of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Sociology, and from San Diego Mesa College with an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and

Humanities.

His drive and empathy for others helped David grow in his career. He was a Worker's Compensation Specialist at Marsh & McLennan since February 2014. He really enjoyed this work and was so proud to be part of a prestigious company. Prior to that, he worked in the fields of worker's compensation and insurance at AIG and commercial real estate and loan documentation at U.S. Bank.

David is survived by his wife, Geraldine; his children, Xavier and Harmony; his mother Luningning; and his sisters Theresa Talplacido and Carmen Wilson. He was a kind and welcoming brother-in-law to Theresa's wife, LeAnne J. Fossmeier, and Carmen's husband, Gerald H. Wilson, and beloved uncle to Halle T. Wilson and Henry D.T. Wilson. David was a godchild of Luci Lagrimas, and cousin to the Lagrimas family, Noly, Norma, Jenny, Jeffrey, Jaysen, Christopher and Connie Kay. His extended family includes the Libreas, Tolentinos, and Dalatens, in the U.S. and Philippines, and his two beloved dogs, Scarlett and Solo.

David was also a loving member of the Liganor family, Arnel Liganor, father-in-law, and Yoli Liganor, mother-in-law. He was the brother-in-law to Roselle, Aileene, and Nathan. He would want to acknowledge all of his extended Liganor family with their many uncles, aunties, cousins and cousin's children with whom he spent holidays, birthdays, and shared so many wonderful memories. Being a part of the Liganor family taught him to be a better husband and father.

All who loved him will never forget his joyfulness, loyalty, humor, and charm. We felt his love and caring for us no matter the distance or circumstance. We were blessed to have this special man in our lives and we'll mourn his loss for the remainder of our own.

Rest in peace, dear brother.

Cemetery

Miramar National Cemetery

5795 Nobel Drive
San Diego, CA, 92122

Events

APR 28 **Viewing** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

Alhiser-Comer Mortuary
225 South Broadway, Escondido, CA, US, 92025

APR 29 **Church Service** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
13541 Stoney Creek Road, San Diego, CA, US,
92129

APR 29 **Graveside Service** 12:30PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Tolentino Dalaten.



April 28 at 05:28 PM



“ Insurance Company of the West - ICW Group purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Tolentino Dalaten.



Insurance Company of the West - ICW Group - April 28 at 10:53 AM



“ Kin M. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David Tolentino Dalaten.



Kin M. - April 26 at 04:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Tolentino Dalaten.



April 20 at 09:17 AM



“ I wanted to share my deepest condolences with David's family and friends. I was lucky enough to know David through work. David always gave 100% effort in everything he did. He cared about his work product and genuinely cared about the people he worked with. Whenever I would see him in the office, he would always have positive words for those around him. David was well liked and well respected and will be greatly missed and I mean this sincerely when I say that the world is missing out on a truly beautiful person. I hope knowing how important he was to the MMA family gives the family some comfort during this hard time and I know that his spirit will live on within all of us.

Merchant Mongold - April 08 at 08:47 AM



“ David and I worked together at MMA. His smile and personality lit up the room and elevator each time I shared it. He often would talk about his family, his kids, the gym, share some uplifting story of the weekend or words of encouragement when we ran into each other. David had this sincere way of asking about "how you are doing?" and actually meaning it. When I was relatively new to the firm, he would pass by my desk like a coach and tell me "keep it up...you're doing a great job!"

David worked closely with our healthcare team. He had this effortless ability to fit into many different environments and make everyone feel at ease. David was dependable, accountable and always had a positive attitude and giant smile on his face even in tough situations. I am very sad to learn about David's passing and am heartbroken for his family and friends that are also sharing in this grief. May David's memories live on and we all dole out some extra smiles and pep talks in his honor. With sympathy for everyone here, David will be missed.

Sarah M. - April 07 at 10:56 PM



“ Hi Dalaten Family and Friends. I worked with David at Marsh McLennan and thought so highly of him. He was always so outgoing, friendly, funny, willing to help, encouraging...a perfect gentleman and a gentle man. My son knew him at MMHS and says that he was very popular and well loved. My heart breaks for all who knew and loved him. He leaves a wonderful legacy and example to everyone, especially his beautiful family.

I read the following today: "I had my own notion of grief. I thought it was the sad time that followed the death of someone you love. And you had to push through it to get to the other side. But I'm learning there is no other side. There is no pushing through. But rather, there is absorption. Adjustment. Acceptance. And grief is not something you complete, but rather, you endure. Grief is not a task to finish and move on, but an element of yourself - an alteration of your being. A new way of seeing. A new definition of self." May we all be comforted in our enduring process. Thank you, David, for being.

Marta Collett - April 07 at 07:18 PM