



David Anthony Perry Jr.

March 24, 1969 - April 23, 2020

David Anthony Perry Jr., 51, of Corvallis, OR, died in his home on April 23, 2020. He was born in Mobile, Alabama on March 24, 1969, son of the late Peggy (Cayton) Perry and David Perry Sr. When Dave was 6 months old the family moved to Bozeman, Montana, where Dave Jr. spent his early childhood, followed by a move to Corvallis, OR when he was 8 years old.

Dave graduated from Crescent Valley High School. He attended the San Francisco Academy of Arts and the University of California at Berkeley on a National Merit Scholarship,

then worked in recycling in the Bay area for several years. After returning to Corvallis he worked in the biotech industry; however, his first love was music. He played guitar, keyboard, and composed. He had a keen mind, a gentle soul, and brought his family and friends much joy and laughter. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his father, Dave Perry Sr., sister, Kyna Perry, stepmother, Kristen Whitbeck, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Due to the current state of uncertainty around health and safety, there will be no public calling hours or funeral service. Please leave condolence messages for the family here on the website

Tribute Wall

KZ

“ I too was so saddened to hear this news. I worked at AVI from 1998 - 2004, and from 2001 onward, I worked very closely with Dave in the Analytical and QC labs. (I am the one in the purple blouse in the photo shared by Susie Hatlevig). He was a valuable member of our team, and did great work. He was someone we could always count on. But more importantly, he was someone I enjoyed working with. We had tons of great conversations, from the serious political debates to sharing hilarious stories. He could always make me laugh! There is one story in particular that I have re-told many times, and it makes me chuckle every time.

I moved to California in 2004, yet we stayed in touch here and there over the years. When I moved back to Oregon in 2012, we made plans periodically to get together, but it never happened. I am really sorry about this. Dave was a wonderful person - kind-hearted, genuine, honest and hard-working. I am grateful that our lives intersected for all those years at AVI. He had a great and positive impact on my life. He will be missed.

My deepest condolences to his family.

Kristin Ziebart - May 27, 2020 at 02:48 PM

ND

“ To David's family, I can only echo what others have written. David was a special person who touched so many of us. I knew him in high school and I still have so many vivid memories of him -- his sense of humor, his unique personality, and his thoughtfulness about the world. I am so sorry to hear this news. Sending you my deepest condolences.

-Naomi.

Naomi Davis - May 25, 2020 at 10:06 PM

JB

“ I worked with Dave Jr. briefly in his father's lab at OSU. I can never forget one of our giggle fests over a topic involving a psychic's perennially unmowed lawn. Dave was one of the good ones. To his father, Dave Sr., and his family, we both send you healing thoughts and prayers. Take care.

Jeff and Gay

Jeff Borchers - May 22, 2020 at 08:35 PM

VP

“ Dave and I worked together at AVI BioPharma for several years. I remembered him as a nice, smart, kind, helpful, happy guy. He brought a lot of joy in the lab, and I enjoyed our conversations about Asian culture. Even on Facebook, he would share some Asian music or a video about Hong Kong with me. Rest In Peace, Dave! You will be missed. My condolences to his family.

Veronica

Veronica Piggott - May 17, 2020 at 11:58 PM

SR

“ Dave and I worked together at AVI for only a few years, but that was plenty to leave a permanent and very fond impression. He was a truly kind, intelligent, sensitive,, and funny person. I felt a strong connection with him that I don't feel with many, probably because he was a truly unique individual, one in a million. I had always hoped to run into him again, and whenever I would randomly remember him (which was a lot for someone I hadn't seen in so long), I would find myself smiling at some funny comment he had made. His passing hurts, I feel as if the world has lost a beautiful soul. I am grateful to have known him, and am sure I will never forget him. Thank you Dave, your life touched many more than I'm sure you knew.

Sunny

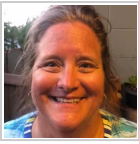
Sunny Rector - May 12, 2020 at 12:13 PM

KG

“ To David's family: I attended school with David from Hoover through Crescent Valley. I lived in your neighborhood, so we rode the bus together, and took many of the same classes. I had so many interesting conversations with him in those days - he was so intellectually alive as a very young boy. He was funny and goofy and argumentative and absolutely committed to intellectual honesty. I remember him telling me he was reading the whole dictionary (of all things!). I haven't seen him since college days, when I visited him at Berkeley. I wish I had maintained our friendship. He was a unique and precious soul. I am so sorry about his loss. I send you my heartfelt sympathy - someone like him doesn't come into being very often. The world is a poorer place today.

Karin Guenther

Karin Guenther - May 10, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ Dave and I grew up living a house away from each other from elementary school thru high school. We walked to the bus stop in the morning and rode the bus home together for all those years. We played hide and seek in the woods with the other neighborhood kids, built forts, built snowmen, played dungeons and dragons, and all those other crazy things kids do. I'm really sad to hear Dave has passed. He had such a kindred spirit. He will be missed.

Rhonda Stephens - May 10, 2020 at 07:32 PM

KH

“ I remember Dave from high school as a kind, funny, and very creative soul. He always had a quick funny remark, and I was always cheered to know when he was in one of my classes. I had always wondered how he fared after school, when we all went our separate ways. Please accept my deepest condolences on his passing - a bright light, too early dimmed. Sincerely, Katherine (Jones) Hennessy

Katherine (Jones) Hennessy - May 10, 2020 at 12:52 PM

GA

“ May you Rest In Peace forever in Heaven. God speed



gary - May 10, 2020 at 09:10 AM

JM

“ I am so so very sorry we allow ourselves the luxury of believing that social networking really is "social". I have been in town a dozen times over the last few years, even when I came home for my dad's funeral. Before Keagan was born until 2016 I lived in Klamath Falls ... there were just so many opportunities missed and I am so sorry.

For many years I thought of you like a brother. Even when I decided that I could not travel some of the same paths you took in life. Believe me. It hurt. It has indded been a long and winding road since Cheldelin Middle School, likely thousands of hours playing Dungeons and Dragons, camping, canoeing, learning to rock climb and repelling, on stage together...

... and that's a lot. I have a lot to hold and keep. I just wish there had been even more. I wanted you to meet my son. You would have gotten such a kick out of him. He's already heard a few stories, like how we spent a night in lock-up, because you and I spent so much of our early "explore the world" time together. He will hear more of those stories as they become more relevant, and so you will live on though the wisdom he picks up from our adventures.

I love you, Dave.

Jeff Malone - May 10, 2020 at 04:25 AM

CE

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Dave's passing. It's been about 4 years since the last time I spoke with him. And quite a bit longer since the last time I saw him. But I find it very sad that he passed. Dave was very funny, it's one of my earliest memories of him, his sense of humor. I think the other big memory, besides his love of pasta, is that he had a very profound aesthetic view of the world. Art and politics were always close to the front of his mind. And his politics always leaned toward the compassionate. Dave had a different path than many. And in many ways he lived in the world on his own terms. The world is darker without him. My condolences to his family.

Collin English - May 09, 2020 at 10:07 PM

SH

“ I, along with several of my colleagues who worked at AVI BioPharma, were shocked and saddened to hear of Dave's passing. He was a great colleague and dedicated worker. Dave and I had fun sharing music on his FB page a while back. Please accept my condolences. I will post a photo of the 'gang' with whom he worked from 2004. I am in the green t-shirt next to Dave. I have notified his coworkers, some of whom are out of the country. They are all devastated to hear this news.



Susan Hatlevig - May 09, 2020 at 01:39 PM

DS

“ I worked with Dave at AVI for a while. He was sweet, positive, smart, helpful, reliable guy. His heart was large and in exactly the right place. I really admired Dave's purity of spirit -- you could tell he would not knowingly do wrong of any kind, because he just wouldn't want to. To his family: you helped produce a fine human being. David Stein May, 2020.

David Stein - May 09, 2020 at 11:50 AM

MU

“ Dave and Family,

I just came to know the news of Dave's passing away from one of our former colleagues in Corvallis. I'm heart broken to hear the news. I'd absolutely no idea that Dave was ill or otherwise.

In fact, I got in touch with Dave around the Christmas time and I was getting ready to write to him about my upcoming visit.

Why did this happen?? Dave is such a gentle soul and it breaks my heart to think I won't see him again during my next visit...

I don't know how I'm going to break this news to Brinda.....

My thoughts and prayers with you.

Murali

Murali - May 09, 2020 at 10:37 AM