



## David Merrell

February 19, 1949 - September 13, 2010

David Merrell, loving husband, father, and grandfather died Monday, September 13, 2010, after a brief illness. He was born in 1949 in San Antonio, TX. He is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Mildred Merrell and brothers Richard and Kenneth Merrell. He is survived by his wife of forty years, Margo; son Patrick and his wife Sara; daughter Lisa and her husband Richard Evans, and their daughter Allison. He is also survived by his older brother, Paul and wife, Carol; sisters-in-law, Carolyn and Elsie; and numerous nieces & nephews. David graduated from McCollum High School and attended San Antonio College, where he met Margo during the second week of school. David and Margo transferred to the University of Texas at Austin, where David graduated with a degree in Education in History and Government. He then began a thirty-one year teaching career at Lackland later Stacey High School in San Antonio. He later earned a Masters in History from the University of Texas at San Antonio. David was a passionate teacher, encouraging his students to be involved in the school and community by sponsoring organizations like the Humanities Club and the class of 1997. He later developed and sponsored a nationally recognized Vietnam Project, where students performed original research for fallen soldiers from San Antonio. In retirement, David became an avid gardener, earning the designation of Master Gardener. An enthusiastic Democrat, David actively campaigned for President Obama as a precinct captain during the 2008 election. He enjoyed spending time with his children and granddaughter, and taking his wife on dates. David's

memory will live on and inspire all those who knew him. A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 17 at 2:00 PM at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 211 Roletto Dr, San Antonio, TX 78213.

# Tribute Wall

LE

“ Thank you all for your kind, loving memories of my dad. Patrick and I were so blessed to have him as a father, and we all miss him terribly.

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**Lisa Evans** - February 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ To The Merrell Family may the presence of friends and family comfort you through this time of sorrow and the loss of a "Wonderful Teacher". We will miss you Mr. Merrell! Nelda Angel

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**Nelda Angel** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I am so sorry to have heard of this My prayers and thoughts are with the family  
We have lost an other McCollum cowboy

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**Paula Smalling Wood** - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Margo and family,  
Early this morning I picked up yesterday's paper to read that David had died. My thoughts took me to our youth in high school and SAC and there he was smiling his big beautiful grin and speaking in his very soft voice.  
Now my t

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**Barbara Slangal Moore** - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Margo, Patrick and Lisa, We're so sad David is gone from this world. We'll miss his kind soul and wonderful personality. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. Love to you all.  
Cindy

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**Cindy Paul Eiland** - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I was saddened to hear of Mr. Merrells passing. He was the best government teacher ever.I will keep the family in my prayers.

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**Susan Hazel Garza** - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Mr. Merrell was the kind of teacher that had a quiet power about him. I was briefly in one of his history classes my sophomore year before leaving school at Lackland, and I'm sure I would have learned so much from him. May the Merrell family and friends

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**Tania Irizarry Kelley** - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ My condolences to the Merrell family.

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**Linda Baird Hansen** - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ So saddened this evening to hear of David's passing. Susan, Patrick and Lisa may God's embrace surround you all now as you grieve. Know David is with you always.  
God bless,  
Cousins, Bridget Antony Arredondo, Armand and Karen Antony

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**Bridget Antony Arredondo** - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ David was and still is a good friend.

Fred Frawley - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ God bless. He is sitting side by side with the lord. No more sickness or pain to endure. God saw his job on earth was done and he wanted him to come home. He was an awesome teacher Lackland AFB. I’ve always had nothing but good memories of him. What a

Karmen Love Rivera - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I had Mr. Merrell while attending Lackland JR-SR High School and it was a blessing. He was the best memory I have of being in school, my prayers are with you his family that had the priviledge of spending all those years with him. I know my life would ha

Taryn Walton - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ May you be kept in the warmth of the love of our Lord. God bless your family and may they find peace. Know that you were always one of the best teachers we ever had at Lackland. You will be missed by all those you’ve touch over the years.

Michael Watson - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I'll never forget Mr. Merrell's class. My condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed. God bless.

Jennifer Cadena - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ God bless and keep you close to His heart David. Growing up, I know you were closer to Kathy than me, but we all loved you. Like granddad said, "You have crossed a bridge we all must cross someday". Just hang out on the other side and we'll join you sooner

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**Mildred Louise Whinery** - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ IN SCHOOL AT LACKLAND A.F.B., I NEVER HAD HIM AS A TEACHER. EVERYTIME I SAW HIM IN THE HALL HE HAD THE WARMEST SMILE....HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH HIS FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF NEED!

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**ASIA MARYLAND** - September 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ This world has lost a truly "gentle" person. I mourn his loss and extend condolences to his family...

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**Bob Lyon** - September 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM