



David Harry Delegator

May 4, 1948 - October 3, 2025

David Harry Delegator, of Cincinnati, OH, beloved husband and friend, passed away on October 3, 2025, from complications of multiple myeloma. He was 77. He fought for over 10 years under the wonderful, expert care of Dr. Essell, and all the staff at OHC Kenwood. The care, concern and kindness of Tracy, all of the phlebotomists, treatment room nurses, Deanna, and Carla was incredibly special to him.

Born on May 4, 1948, to the late Maurice and Anna Belle Delegator in New York City. TB the cat was his constant protector, watching over him in his crib. From birth, David was never without a cat in his life. At the age of 5, the family returned to Cincinnati, OH where David attended North Avondale Elementary school, Woodward High School and the University of Cincinnati.

After graduating from UC, David worked in radio during the original days of WAIF. After living in Oregon, David moved to New Orleans in 1978 where he continued his radio work at WWNO. It was there he met his wife, Terri Upshaw. Eventually, he left radio and worked for many years for the IRS at the walk-in counter where he helped countless people with their tax issues. In 1998, he returned to Cincinnati to care for his Mom. He returned to radio with a Wednesday evening jazz show at WVXU. In addition to his jazz show, he did book reviews, author interviews, and thought pieces for NPR.

David loved Jazz and the Blues, his wife Terri, his cats, his family and friends. He attended the New Orleans Jazz Festival every day for many, many years, starting in 1979. He loved trying new restaurants, reading cookbooks and

cooking. He NEVER saw a dozen raw oysters that did not need eating. David loved football and baseball, and rooted for the Reds, Bengals, New Orleans Saints, and through marriage, Alabama football and softball.

David was gregarious and could talk to anyone. He made numerous lifelong friends wherever he lived.

David is survived by his wife of 37 years, Terri Upshaw, along with cousins, and dear friends. David was preceded in death by his parents, and his beloved Grandmother, Rose, and all the cats over the years that shared his life.

Funeral service will be held at Weil Kahn Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, OH on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 11:00 AM. with Visitation beginning at 10:00 A.M. Burial will follow at Love Brothers Cemetery, 1619 Rosemount Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45205.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in David's memory to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF.org).

Though the twinkle in his eye, and grin on his face will be dearly missed, David's spirit will forever remain in our hearts.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home
8350 Cornell Road
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Funeral Service

OCT 9. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home
8350 Cornell Road
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Tribute Wall

TA

“ Wonderful pictures! I first met David in 1983 so these earlier pictures are a delight; especially of his parents and your wedding. Going to miss David, but he'll always be in my heart and mind. Happy Trails David!

Tom Armstrong - October 26, 2025 at 12:50 PM

AB

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Andrew M Balterman - October 23, 2025 at 06:14 PM

RK

“ Terri, thanks for posting your photos. They are important reminders of a life well lived. I look at them and think, "My goodness I miss him."

Richard Korey - October 16, 2025 at 11:44 PM

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Terri Upshaw - October 16, 2025 at 02:10 PM

CU

David I loved you so much you were a good son-in-law and a friend you will be greatly missed

Carolyn Upshaw - October 18, 2025 at 08:17 AM

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Terri Upshaw - October 16, 2025 at 02:08 PM

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Terri Upshaw - October 16, 2025 at 02:07 PM



This is a way I remember them best, way different then HS

Jeffrey Saul - October 21, 2025 at 09:56 PM

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Terri Upshaw - October 16, 2025 at 02:06 PM



David and Maurice has to be mid or late 80's

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David and Sam, taking me to the Airport, Both Superior Friends.

Jeffrey Saul - October 22, 2025 at 02:01 AM

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Terri Upshaw - October 14, 2025 at 02:50 PM

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“ I think that David and my brother Richard had a joint Bar Mitzvah party with the DJ as Steve "Iron Jaw" Palmer. He and I connected in more recent years! As the little brother, I always thought that he was terrific.

Matthew Rosen - October 08, 2025 at 04:18 PM

BP

“ Terri: I remember when you and David first met; you had him the minute he discovered that you knew about axolotls. □

Brad Palmer - October 06, 2025 at 08:30 PM

“ On one visit to New Orleans, David took me to this juke joint way out in the marshes, the boonies of New Orleans. From the outside, as we were walking in, the place looked like a shack, a couple of lights strung up, just out there in the middle of nowhere a square shape in the dark by itself, and nothing else around, that I could see.

We get inside, and it's this smokey, really loud, crowded-to-the-walls single room with a small stage at one end, and there's a zydeco band on it going full tilt. The dance floor--basically the entire room--was packed. I noticed the men, most of them, were wearing these black and white horizontal striped shirts. They were doing this wild, really wild dancing with women partners of, what I learned later, were their Cajun versions of what's known elsewhere as La Dance Apache.

I had never heard of nor seen nor imagined anything like it. Not even close. Not so, with David, of course. It's one reason, maybe, that he brought me there that night..and he did it with his usual cool aplomb, keeping it a surprise, with me totally in the dark until we arrived.

So, at This joint that night, out in the middle of nowhere somewhere around New Orleans, and me taking in the scene when we first walked in--the zydeco blasting, the crowd, the strange shirts, the wild dancing, smoke as thick as fog, I wasn't sure for a minute if we would make it out alive.

By the end of the night, though, I never felt more alive. That feeling, that sense of one's own vitality, that was always the way it was with any time spent with David.

If there truly is a World's Most Interesting Man ("Stay thirsty my friends"), David would be a surefire candidate. David had a thirst for life and a knowledge of this world he would share in countless ways: in art, music, books, food, travel, fly fishing! We'd sometimes stop

by the Orvis store in Kenwood after a long lunch. The staff knew David by name. How could they not? David didn't just buy flies, he made his own.

My cousin David has been an inspiration since I was a kid and throughout his entire life. His words, his deeds, his knowledge, his joie de vivre--all that I have learned and all that we've shared have had great import to my own life. Thank you, David, from the bottom of my heart.

"CUZ N"

Neil Weinberg

Neil Weinberg - October 06, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ I knew David for 60' years from HS through mutual attendances of both our weddings.. He's the only guy i knew to make a rt turn from reading road to Losantiville at 107 MPH.. Yes he was arrested & grounded. David had a great heart. He is missed.

Jeffrey Saul - October 06, 2025 at 01:57 PM