



## David Stephen Keim

February 3, 1956 - September 11, 2020

David Stephen Keim, 64, passed away and reunited with his loving wife, Julie Aaronson Keim, on Friday, Sept. 11, 2020.

Born Feb. 3, 1956 in Seattle, Washington to Robert Keim and Patricia Hope, David grew up with his three younger sisters, Valerie Rasmussen, Janet Keim Luppino, and Beverly Keim.

David graduated from Tulane University with a degree in computer science. In New Orleans, over a game of bridge, he met the love of his life and wife of 25 years, Julie. Together, Julie and David had three incredible, unique boys: Jeffrey, Danny and Michael, who they deeply cherished and adored.

A child at heart, David was an enthusiastic and imaginative parent. He led the boys' Indian Guides and Boy Scout groups, and taught them to play all the games he loved. Deemed "the coolest parent ever," David was infamous among adults for treating his kids, nieces and nephews to dessert-first dinners and loving gifts. David loved to tout Michael's academic accomplishments, supported Danny's business ventures, and found the greatest joy playing fantasy football with his oldest son Jeff. In more recent years, he treasured the time he spent with his adorable grandson, Aaron.

He was an endless storyteller, seamlessly striking up conversations with

strangers everywhere he went. His generosity was truly astounding. He believed in balancing the karma of the world with unprovoked acts of kindness: he bought a car for a complete stranger; bought a house for his long-time housekeeper, Carmen; and loaned money to his exercise trainer so that he could start his own business.

David's zest for life, the love of his family, and his booming laugh will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

The funeral will be streamed at 10am CST on Friday at [Facebook.com/AustinNaturalFunerals](https://www.facebook.com/AustinNaturalFunerals). Please wear something colorful in honor of David. At the family's request, please consider a donation to Heart to Heart International or World Central Kitchen in David's honor in lieu of flowers.

# Cemetery Details

## Austin Memorial Park

2800 Hancock Dr.  
Austin, TX 78731

# Previous Events

## Funeral

SEP **18**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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<http://facebook.com/austinnaturalfunerals>

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ I just ran across this while doing family research. David's mother was my cousin on my father's side. As a kid I met David a couple of times, the last time when he was about 7 and I was 10. I do remember him as extremely friendly and outgoing. Our families were on each others Christmas card lists for many years. So sad to read of his passing. From what is presented here it would have been a blast to know him in later years! Rest in peace David and I'll always remember Children's Fairyland in Oakland back in '58 and Sacramento in '63.

*Maxon (Bud) Stouder*

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**Maxon Stouder** - January 04, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ *David Stephen Keim*

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October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM

MB

“ *Dave was in our investment club for 25 to 30 years and was the glue that kept so much organized,,, outside of our club I had the privilege of many robust happy and encounters and know of many other acts of kindness,, many years ago enjoyed working with Julie and Dave on the outdoor portion of their home, truly a wonderful generous man in many arenas all the best to the family and relatives and Friends,,,mitchell brown..,*

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**Mitchell brown** - September 23, 2020 at 01:10 AM

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Donna - September 18, 2020 at 02:25 PM

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“ Seeing that younger picture of Dave brings back all of those wonderful memories we shared in New Orleans raising our young children. It reminds me of the picture Julie took of David and infant Jeffrey with a mustache on him...how much they looked alike! and how cute the picture was....We formed a tight group with Andy and Carey, Lynn and John...we spent many happy hours together. I remember Dave's jury duty story very well!!! I also remember when the Keims and the Crowells evacuated from a hurricane (I think it was Hurricane Andrew) together to Natchez, MS....we moved to St Francisville, LA the next day only to find we were about to get a direct hit! The men, David and Nick made the executive call to backtrack and return to New Orleans via Mississippi. Quite a saga. But before we left Natchez, we made an excursion to the Indian Village where David was the perfect person to explore the site with. His perpetual curiosity and excitement always made it fun for all. His generosity reached even me...one of the last times I saw him, he was in New Orleans and came with us to the Jazz Festival. I admired a metal dragon fly sculpture which he promptly bought for me! I have always and will always treasure it. I will miss his humor, intelligence and especially his explosive laugh....I can hear it now... My hearts go out to the family and I am always here ready to reminisce about both of your remarkable parents. XOXO Alice

Alice Crowell - September 18, 2020 at 02:10 PM



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**Austin Natural Funerals** - September 18, 2020 at 02:02 PM

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**david aaronson** - September 16, 2020 at 10:53 PM



*We had a blast that trip and for me that was when I got to know David. I miss him*

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**Joe Woskow** - September 18, 2020 at 11:52 AM

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“ *My condolences go out to Jeffrey, Danny & Michael, & to the other Keim family members. David was a truly nice guy & a good neighbor. I enjoyed the conversations I had with him & came away felling a better person. I can still hear his voice & his laugh. I know he cared deeply for his sons.*

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**tom hayden** - September 16, 2020 at 09:09 PM

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“ *What a lovely obituary. And such a kind ,giving and interesting person. He was always so much fun to be around and brought such positive to energy to any room he entered. I will always remember him as the life of the party!*

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**Allie King** - September 16, 2020 at 06:48 PM

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“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Keim, but a recent act of kindness toward me from his oldest son, Jeff, tells me that the father's belief in "balancing the the karma of the world with unprovoked acts of kindness" continues with his son. I honor the example set by Mr. Keim and I send my condolences to Jeff and his family.*

*Sheila Gibson*

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**Sheila H Gibson** - September 15, 2020 at 08:19 PM