



## David William Matthew Dayton

March 10, 1965 - June 13, 2017

David "Dave" William Matthew Dayton, 52, of Suffolk, Virginia passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. He was born March 10, 1965 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, son of Patricia A. Dayton (The Villages, Florida) and the late Frank W. (Bill) Dayton. He was an extremely kind soul with endless determination, a beloved Husband, Father, Brother, Uncle, and friend whose compassion and good nature always encouraged and uplifted others.

David graduated from Lawrenceburg High School and went on to earn a degree from the Culinary Institute of America, in Hyde Park, New York in 1986. He pursued a successful career in restaurant management in Cleveland and Cincinnati before moving to south Florida in 1989. Looking for adventure and an opportunity to serve his country, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1991. During his naval career, he served honorably starting as a member of the inaugural crew of the USS George Washington, with additional deployments on the USS Hue City and USS Enterprise. He was deployed to the Persian Gulf during times of conflict, including the months after September 11th. David loved to travel the world as part of his service, and was stationed in Crete and Japan, as well as Virginia, Florida, and Maine. David took his leadership responsibilities seriously, and towards the end of his career provided an example to new recruits on professionalism and service. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 2011.

Along with travel, his passions were reading, movies, and spending time with his family. David loved cooking for family and friends, as well as telling stories that were (mostly) true. David valued his education, and was pursuing an additional degree from Kansas State University. David always looked for ways to help others without being asked, and he did not expect anything in return. Those who knew him knew they had a friend without question and he will be sorely missed.

On March 5, 2008, David's life changed for the better when he had a first date with his future wife Katrina Thompson (Brooklyn, New York). In Katrina, David met a partner, soul mate and other half. On November 5, 2010 Katrina and David were married. During their union David adopted Katrina's daughter and his partner in crime Isabella. His daughter was the center of his world and he doted on her constantly, nope he actually spoiled her rotten. David was the center of positivity, strength and conviction. David was loved by Katrina and Isabella and he will live on in their memory and hearts forever.

He is survived by his loving wife, Katrina Dayton; daughter, Isabella; his mother, Patricia Dayton, The Villages, Florida; siblings: Dianne Matheis (JR) of Jasper, Indiana; Mary Barry (Kevin) of Loveland, Ohio and Michael Dayton (Tracy) of Lutz, Florida. He had 6 nieces and 5 nephews.

He is additionally survived by his mother-in-law Olivia Demun (Brooklyn, New York), his sister-in-laws Kenyetta Thompson (Brooklyn, New York), Rene Jordan (Brooklyn, New York) and Kathryn Thompson (Chula Vista, California) and brother-in-laws Edward Murreld (Brooklyn, New York), James Thompson (Boston, Massachusetts) and David Thompson (Brooklyn, New York).

Funeral arrangements were made with Beyers Funeral Home, Lady Lake, Florida. He will be laid to rest with full military honor from the U.S. Navy at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida on June 23, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Boys and Girls Club of America in David's honor.

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ Dave was one of my close friends on USS George Washington CVN-73...He demonstrated on what a true leader and shipmate should be. RIP Shipmate, myself and your fellow plank owners have the watch.

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**Mark Leftridge** - August 29, 2017 at 11:35 PM

AB

“ To the family:

*I was so sorry to hear of your loss late last week. Dave was a student of mine at Kansas State University Global Campus. I had worked with him diligently over the past year to help him pursue his goal, and was fortunate enough to get to know a bit about him along the way. He was kind-hearted and determined (it's amazing how much you can learn about a person even over email). I will truly miss working with him. My thoughts are with you all.*

*Sincerely,  
Ashley Blake*

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**Ashley Blake** - July 03, 2017 at 09:18 AM

BB

“ Katrina and Isabella:

*I am sorry for the loss of your husband David and your adopted father. David was a good friend who I met while I was in the Boy Scouts. At the time that I met him I was living in Mankato, Minnesota. My father was the Scoutmaster of Troop 24 in Mankato, Minnesota. My grandfather was the Scoutmaster of Troop 645 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. I have five siblings: all brothers, who were in Boy Scouts during some parts of their lives. My father and my mother would take us all down to Lawrenceburg, Indiana during the summer every year when he were growing up. One particular summer my father and my grandfather arranged a trip to go down to the Smoky Mountains with Troop 645 and Troop 24. On this particular trip I met David. He was such a nice person and we were about the same age. We became friends instantly. We would sent letters to each other back and forth. Whenever I was in Lawrenceburg, Indiana for a week every summer, I would see if he was home so I could go over to his house to visit him. More letters were sent back and forth to each other. The last time that I heard from him he told me that he was going to go into the U.S. Navy and that he would be cooking on a ship in Virginia. I later found out that whenever he was back in Lawrenceburg, Indiana he would always go over to the house where my grandfather and my grandmother lived to visit them. Katrina and Isabella, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband David and your adopted father.*

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**Bill Bessler** - June 26, 2017 at 03:18 PM

TW

“ To David's wife and entire family,

*David was a key member of our leadership team during his tour onboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65). He was the type of Sailor that turned no one way that needed help was the key person that made it happen behind the scenes. As gifted as he was he always remain so ever humble and grounded! I truly enjoyed our tour together and learned from him. Dave had the ability to see the potential in others, so he would proud to see all the Sailors that he helped along the way.*

*My deepest condolences to wife and entire family. We lost a good man who touched the lives of so many people.*

*Dave, thank you for being the example for so many of us to emulate. Your unselfishness, your love for country, and family will live on due to all that you have touched. MUCH RESPECT! Rest in Peace Brother!*

*Very respectfully,  
Thaddeus*

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**Thaddeus T. Wright** - June 25, 2017 at 11:32 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathies to all the family. Pat, we want to especially send condolences to you.

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**Jane & Larry Frum** - June 24, 2017 at 07:19 PM

A9

“ Our hearts go out to Katrina and Izzy and the entire Dayton family during this time. David was a wonderful man and an amazing father; always there for Izzy through all of her activities. We will surely miss having him at our meetings and events.

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**Aimee Downie on behalf of Girl Scout Troop 946** - June 23, 2017 at 09:34 AM

KH

“ To the Dayton Family,

*I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Dave, he was an "EXCELLENT" shipmate of mine on the USS Hue City CG-66 and USS Enterprise CVN-65.. Dave was an excellent and down to earth person, always smiling and full of joy. He was there when I needed to just talk to someone or vent and he always gave me excellent advice and always said "Warrant do the right thing". I told Dave alot about me and he knew alot about me, now he can relay our conversations to our heavenly father. We would go into foreign ports and he would tell me to let him know when I return to the ship and the time didn't matter. There were never a day that Dave didn't make you laugh. He taught me alot about record-keeping and how to bake. Dave was an excellent family man and love his wife dearly. I pray that God will give his family the strength that they need to get through this, because we have truly lost an outstanding Shipmate who stood his watch professionally..*

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**Kennie Howard** - June 22, 2017 at 05:57 PM

MW

“ *Philippians 4:7 NIV 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*To the family of Mr. David W. Dayton,*

*On behalf of the staff here at Sentara Family Medicine Physicians - Suffolk, Please accept our sincere condolences.*

*David was an exceptional young man and together with his wife Katrina they demonstrated the kind of love that each of us should embrace and share each and every day.*

*Till we meet again, rest on ....*

*Sentara Family Medicine Physicians 2050 Hillpoint Blvd. N.,  
Suffolk, VA 23434*

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**Mr Marion J Williams** - June 20, 2017 at 12:39 PM

JP

“ *Dave was a great father/husband to his family, and always fun to be around. He will greatly be missed.*

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**Jessica Page** - June 20, 2017 at 11:38 AM

SK

“*Dave, you were one of my best friends all the way from kindergarten at Central Elementary, through grade school at St. Lawrence and high school at Lawrenceburg High. We spent a lot of time together at your house, and riding bikes around Greendale during the summers. We played a lot of euchre together as partners during lunch at LHS. I remember riding around in your Pinto wagon, too. You were an important part of my life for a very long time. Thank you for being my friend, and for your service to our country.*”



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**Shawn M Kennedy** - June 19, 2017 at 06:23 PM