



## David Pollard

October 14, 1938 - May 12, 2011

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David L. Pollard of Austin passed away on Thursday morning May 12, 2011.

He was born October 14, 1938 in Dallas to Les and Ann Pollard. Soon after his birth, the family moved to Austin, where he spent the majority of his life. As a child and teenager, he was passionate for athletics. Football was his first love in which he excelled. It wasn't just the game that he loved, but the people he was honored to share the time with that made it truly special. He starred at Austin High School as a Fullback, Halfback, and Punter and received All-District and All-State Honors as a senior in 1956. His teammates that he shared a special bond until passing include Mack Breedlove and Alton Greeven. His Quarterback and good friend John Babcock preceded him in death.

Following graduation from Stephen F. Austin High School, David made a decision to enter the Army National Guard and served at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas. He then enrolled at the University of Texas studying Business and joining Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. Upon graduation from Texas he married his college sweetheart, Ruth Elizabeth Day of Houston. He accepted a position in banking at Republic National Bank in Dallas before coming home

to Austin to help his dad run the family finance business. Years later, he opened Champions Men's Clothing. Following the closing of Champions he worked in several business ventures prior to retirement.

His family was his passion and he dearly loved his daughter Laura Elizabeth Pollard, his son David Bradley Pollard, his sisters Gretchen Pollard Richardson of Crane, Texas, and Judy Pollard Weatherford Freeman of Dallas, and his many cousins, nephews, and nieces in Lubbock, Dallas, and throughout Florida. No one seemed to make him happier than his three beautiful grandchildren Blake Miller Pollard (11yrs), and twins (5yrs) Hudson Bradley Pollard, and Emersen Kaye Pollard. He lived for those moments with them and they dearly loved their Grandad.

David enjoyed his last years of life working at Hardin House, a private freshman women's dormitory at the University of Texas. He also loved gathering with his coffee group called the AHS Klatsch Group, which is made up of graduates of Austin High Class of '56 that meet every Thursday. In addition, he enjoyed anytime he could spend with family and friends. He loved drinking coffee and eating dinner with his daughter Laura and looked forward to his visits down to Cypress, TX to see his son Brad, daughter-in-law Dallas and three grandchildren to enjoy some home cooking. He was thrilled any chance he had to watch his grandson's sports activities and get big hugs from his granddaughter, Emersen.

For those that knew David, you would know that he loved the Longhorns, lived for watching golf and college football, loved to chat, and never met a stranger.

There will be a celebration of his life for friends and family on Saturday May 21, 2011 from 4-6 pm at Central Market at 4001 N. Lamar in Austin.

The family asks that instead of flowers that donations be made to the Stephen

F. Austin High School Continuing Education Foundation <http://www.austinhighfoundation.org/donate.html> or to Hardin House, David Pollard Memorial at 2206 Rio Grande, Austin TX 78705-5130, [kparke@hardinhouse.com](mailto:kparke@hardinhouse.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Pollard*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *David Pollard*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *David Pollard*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *I was saddened to learn of David's death. We attended junior and high schools together. We went to an eighth grade dance together; I mentioned it to David when I attended our 50th reunion and he didn't remember the dance although he remembered me. One out of two isn't bad!*

*I know David will be missed by his family and friends and my heartfelt sympathy goes to all those people with whom David shared his life.*

*Sandi Miller*

Sandra Wilson Miller - May 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Brad, I am so glad you answered the phone today and gave me the details about Davids Passing. We had been trying to call him these past couple of weeks. We knew David and Ruth in the 60's. These past few years we would always call David when we were in town and we would get together for a visit. We will certainly miss those visits!

*Our Best Regards to the family.*

*Jack and Jean Mason*

*Tacoma, Washington*

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**Jack and Jean Mason** - May 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Can't remember seeing anything other than a smile on David's face...ever. A jolly good fellow was he, happy, fun and a joy to be near. I send sincere sympathy to David's family. Sharon Raven Clark, Mammoth Lakes, CA.

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**Sharon Raven Clark** - May 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ So sorry to lose David. We had contact on and off for many years, mostly by phone lately. I will miss him.

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**Linda F. Brewer** - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ So many accolades, so many accomplishments, so many challenges, so many laughs, so many great memories. He will remain with us in our hearts always.

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**Carol Kearney Laubach** - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ For the past three years David and I worked together at Hardin House. As I got to know him it was easy to become friends with him. I miss him and wish to honor him for his strength, his will, his joy and his bravery. May you be at peace. You are loved.

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**Debbie Garibay** - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of David L. Pollard.

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May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Many years, many travels and encounters and many fond memories. You will be missed by all, friend.

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**Bob Massengale** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ David was a good man who will be missed. My prayers and sympathy are with his family.

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**Roger Nelson** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ David- The things I will miss about you... the smell of your coffee when you visited, watching college football and you singing me- "poor aggies" (you couldn't sing it this last season!!!), you telling the grandkids- "let's have a chat"!, your abundance of questions, you having holiday meals with us, the hams, the tradition of bringing down your favorite snacks for the kids, the perfect cards you sent in the mail for birthdays and the cards you sent the grandkids for holidays, your kindness to Ruth these last few years, your adoration for your son and grandkids. "Hook 'em Horns David"! We will miss you.

Your AGGIE Daughter-in-Law,

Dallas Pollard

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Dallas Pollard - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ One sweet guy will be missed by many. He always had a hug and a smile for you, and when I said I was haveing folks in, he emailed me his yummy huacamole recipe. Godspeed my friend.

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Sylvia Guyton - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I had the pleasure of knowing David during my high school years, when I was in the same class as his sister, Gretchen, at Austin High. David and I recently exchanged e-mails. It was so nice to be back in touch with him after fifty years. My deepest sympathy and prayers are with all of David's family at this time.

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sandra lung atkinson - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ With my deepest regrets to David's family.

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**Dan Mills** - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We will all miss David and his wonderful smile. I am proud to have know him and considered him a great friend. Many happy memories from ole AHS, class of 56.

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**Joan Meadows Bostic** - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ David was a friend to all throughout his life, at AHS and later years whenever we met. He is one whom all will miss.

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**Sam & Dalene Horton** - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ David was a good friend at Austin High. Always fun to be around. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family.

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**Pierce Treadwell** - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Hey, Bro,

*I'm going to miss you sooo much! Although we were not close growing up, we became best friends about 10 years ago! I am very happy for that time with you, and I will miss our regular talks on the phone.*

*From this guestbook, you certainly have had a lot of good friends who cared about you very much.*

*I promise that I forgive you for running over my foot with the lawnmower when I was six. The worst part about it was my missing the Maypole Dance at Pease Elementary School.*

*I will always remain close to Brad and Laurabeth  
forever!*

*Love,*

*Gretchen ("Teta Shoes")*

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**Gretchen Richardson** - May 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *I remember David from Allan Junior High and Austin High as a nice guy and a wonderful athlete and, more recently, as a frequent visitor to our Class of '56 coffee klatsch. His humor and kindness never altered over the years, even though I know he suffered considerable physical pain. I send my deepest sympathy to Brad and all his family. We have all lost a great friend.*

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**Ann Lavercombe Doctorman** - May 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *What great times we had together.*

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**Mack Breedlove** - May 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *David be at peace in a glorious place.*

*My deepest sympathy to Brad and  
the rest of the family.*

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**Stephanie Hampton** - May 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *I have fond memories of talking to David at Klatsch about fast flying airplanes. He was always a friend when I needed one. A very kind man.*

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**Marsha Jensen** - May 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *We will miss your smile and happy face. You were a good friend. The pain is gone. Rest in peace.*

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**Keith & Gayle Grimmer Harrell** - May 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with David's family. I have such fond memories of our days at AHS. He will be missed.*

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**Barbara Best Allen** - May 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ David was a lifelong friend of mine. I worked for David during my college years in the early 70's. He introduced me to the car business when I was 18 years old. My thanks to David not only for the start, but for the encouragement and friendship that continued throughout

*the past 40 years.*

*Dale*

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**Dale McConnell** - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *David Pollard*

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**Robert Coffey** - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *WOW!!!! The messages left prior to this one speak to David "Bull" Pollard that I know.. He came into this world a few years before me, but we shared some common threads, Austin High, football and FIJI at The University. Met "Bull" in the 70s and no matter the day, the time, the good or the struggle, he was kind, gracious and humble with a great big smile. Have not seen him in 8+ years and*

*am sincerely sad of his passing. The Lord called His' Saint home. All the very best to the Pollard family as there is no words, nor preparation to ease the grief or pain of losing a Dad, Grandad, mentor, teacher or friend. But when our time comes, wouldn't it be nice to be remember as is "The Bull"..... Godspeed, Jim*

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**Jim Geary** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Deepest sympathies to Brad and all the rest of the Pollard family. The have lost a great father, grandfather and brother. Our klatsch group will miss his presence and especially his humor... he hid Gene's expensive camera one Thus morning. Gratitude to Mary Hornsby, Gene and Rhonda Morris for giving David lots of special TLC through some tough times.*

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**Keith Rhea** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *the memories of good people last a lifetime. From the time I left Austin in 1955 until the 50th reunion, I had only seen one AHS classmate. At #50 and at the Klatsch, David was one whom I distincely remember as being one of the good guys of our youth. we all miss the departed, but we do not have to miss their imprint on our lives. Peace.*

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**tucker coughlen** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *MaryAnn and I send our prayers to the family and regret that, living in Nacogdoches, we will be unable to share in the celebration of his Diavid's life next Saturday.*

*Walk with God!*

*Farrar Bentley*

*Nacogdoches*

*15 May 2011*

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**Farrar Bentley** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to the family of David L. Pollard c/o Affordable Burial & Cremation Service- \$775 Cremations.*

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May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ the way i think of my grandad honest and a very well hearted man the one thing that i loved when my Grandad would visit was he would say lets have a chat i always loved when Texas was playing he'd come down and watch it with us. i will never forget when i was 6 he gave me my first foortball uniform and he is the one that made me love the sport today i am really glad i got to spend my eleven years with him because he was the man that i would always talk about and you can really get a long talk with him

*Your grandson Blake*

*you will always be here in my heart*

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**Blake Pollard** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *How much fun we all had when my daughter married your son. During the holidays, when everyone would get together, the parents would either go to Cypress or Austin. These visits would include the best home cooking or most fabulous restaurants.*

*The bowl games brought great rivalry since we had two Longhorns, one Aggie, a Red Raider, and of course a USC TROJAN!*

*You were a proud dad that became a dotting grandfather. You were SO FUNNY when you would have your little "chats" with the grandkids.*

*In 12 years we had lots of good times and made lots of good memories and saw our family grow. It doesn't get much better than that!*

*Jere Hill*

*Mother of the Bride*

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**Jere Hill** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ David and I were in school together at Pease , Allan, and AHS. We have always been friends, but in the last few years, he took a special place in my heart. We had long conversations on the phone, and I began to know David, the man.

To his family I send my love, to David I say peace and freedom at last. God speed. Michael and I send you our love.

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**Mary Morris Hornsby** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

OJ

“ Even though I hadn't seen David since we were in High School, I recognized him when I went to Klatschers for the first time last year. I don't go to Austin that often, but when I did, I'd go to Klatschers and everytime I saw David I got a big hug. I didn't see him the last few times I was there and I missed not seeing him. Now that he's gone, I miss him even more. It made me sad when I learned of his passing. I will always remember him. He was such a warm and friendly guy. My prayers & sympathy are with his family.

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**Ophelia Macias Juarez** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Was so sorry to hear about David's passing. We knew each other in high school but really became good friends at our weekly Koffee Klatsch. he will be missed so very much. My thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family. Don Streetman

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**Don Streetman** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ A gifted athlete, modest to an extreme, who gave himself to all.

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**Colleen O'Connor George** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I've heard it said that you can measure a man by the number of friends he has. I already knew the side of him as a dad and the type of man he was. It is such a thrill to read the amazing messages from so many wonderful people about him. He certainly made a mark with so many.

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**Brad Pollard** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Although I haven't seen David since high school, I still have fond memories of his unfailing optimism and his infectious good humor. He was a good guy!

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**Deanna Gorham Wilson** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Peace, good guy. Ox had good things to say about you as a player, way back then. Now maybe you two can replay a few games. Sally C

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**Sally Emerson Craig** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ To my dear friend David, Potshot, gone but never forgotten. I'll bet you will meet my brother, Henry, in heaven and just continue talking football and other sports. Love to you David.

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**Ruth Heath Cowen** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Even when David was hurting he was smiling. It was hard to read his innerself, until you were lucky enough to have some quality private time. I cherish those private times. He use to talk about how much he wanted to be an FBI Agent. HE WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD AGENT.

*David is now saying hello to our lost love ones.*

*Thanks for help, david*

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**jerry adams** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Blessings to the Pollard family. I met David as a 7th grader at Allan Jr. High. Since we shared the first letter of our last names, we were in the same advisory for the rest of our school years. We remained forever friends. May God hold you in the palm of his hand. In His love and ours, Kay and John Braziel

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**Kay Pinckney Braziel** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time. David and I go back to Pease Elementary,Allen Jr. High,and then A.H. S.

*David was such a warm,loving person*

*I spent about 30 minutes with him on Monday at Seton Hospital catching up.*

*David was such a special person and will be missed by all of us who knew him.*

*God Bless you,David--and your family.*

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**Pat Tumlinson** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *David was a great guy and good friend. He will be missed.*

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**Don Breakey** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *David was a good man.*

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**Jerry Hughes** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *David was a through and through gentleman. I enjoyed reminiscing with him at Klatch. With sympathy to his family, Dorothy Pamer*

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**Dorothy Wooten Palmer** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *I send my prayers and heartfelt condolences to David's family, especially Gretchen. My friendship with David goes back to our time in Pease Elementary. My family and his were very close during those years. Once we graduated from Austin High, our paths took different directions, so we didn't connect again until our high school reunions and our Klatsch, at which we renewed that friendship and shared our separate journeys through life. I regret that I cannot be at the celebration of his life next Saturday because of another commitment. However, I am grateful that we were able to have some special time together the last several months, and I will hold those in my heart always.*

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**Betty Davis McMillan** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Years ago, at an AHS reunion, David pulled me aside and spoke to me, saying "I want you to know how much I always admired you and the creative things you did. I wished I could do what you did." I was startled. Although David and I had been friends a long time -- he was an athlete, and I was an artist. Our lives didn't have much common ground, yet he was bold and gracious enough to express a heartfelt compliment that he thought was overdue. I told him that I had always admired him too -- in fact, I was rather envious of his athletic abilities and bravado -- the things he did that I wished I could do. As mature men, he and I connected in a way we hadn't as kids. That encounter with David will forever remain my prime memory of a special man with a good soul.

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**Kerry O'Quinn** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ A damn good man & a great friend! Charlie Vick

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**Charlie Vick** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Many fond memories of David from the 7th grade up until his passing.. I was not a football star.. Baseball was my game.. but we had a lot in common David and I...we were first and foremost, great friends...Lots to talk about at the Central Market next Saturday... Our prayers and thoughts are with each of you in the family and to David of course... Gretchen.. cannot wait to see you again.. been a long time.

Regards,

Tom Miller, Class of '56ytu9

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Tom Miller - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Although I hadn't seen David since high school he was the same ol' David. Just like he was in high school, he was the same at the klastchs I would see him at. He will be missed by many.

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R.D. Kizer - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ David was my good friend whom I have known since high school and have respected equally as long.

*Good night, sweet Prince..*

*And flights of angels*

*Sing thee to they sleep.*

*Jim*

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**Jim Brewer** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I always think about David,(in highschool) as a really nice guy and was in awe of him, as a football player!

*My sympathy to all the family.*

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**Michelle Chasnoff** - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM