



## Dave Garrett

October 2, 1972 - October 13, 2008

David Powell Garrett departed this earth on Monday, October 13, as a result of a helicopter crash while on assignment for Houston TV Station KTRK, Channel 13. Dave was a talented and respected reporter and photographer in Houston for over 10 years. His distinctive voice was recognized by many and he will be dearly missed.

Dave was born October 2, 1972, in Crystal Springs, MS and relocated to Houston with his family in 1976. He attended schools in Fort Bend ISD and was currently taking college courses to complete his degree.

Dave was a creative and passionate young man who loved writing songs and beautiful poetry for family and friends. Over the years, Dave participated in several bands, both original and cover. He loved performing and being on stage singing his songs. With his engaging personality, Dave never met a stranger.

Dave is survived by his son and light of his life, Adam Ryan Garrett; Adam's mother Shelley Cheairs Garrett; father Alton and Mary Garrett; mother Gloria Garrett; maternal grandmother Maxine Purifoy; loving sisters Amy Garrett and Jean Young; nephew Scott and Liza Young, their son Caiden; niece Melanie Young; along with other family members and many friends.

Services will be held Saturday, October 18, 11 am, at River Pointe Church, 5000 Ranson Rd, Richmond, TX. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 3900 BF Terry Blvd, Rosenberg, TX. Following burial, friends are invited to join the family at the Fellowship Hall at River Pointe Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Adam Ryan Garrett Educational Fund, PO Box 1811, Sugar Land, TX 77478-1811.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude for all the thoughts, sentiments and prayers expressed through emails, letters and kind words.

# Tribute Wall

TD

“*Dave will be remembered for so many things. He was a GREAT person. We lost touch after I left college but reconnected last year. He was always good for a laugh or a shoulder to cry on. God Speed my friend.*

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**Theresa Locke Dove** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“*David was my #1 Martial arts student. I was so very proud of him. Getting over his passing has been very difficult for me. I think of him every day now. I remember when he was about 16 or 17 taking him to give a demonstration at Van Binh Academy in Houston. David was better than anyone the master there had ever seen. He was a 7th degree blackbelt and impressed with my #1 student. It was an honor to know him and my heart goes out to the family. Heaven has a new angel. God bless you David. I will never forget you. Sincerely, John R. Fiebiger.*

*Friends and family are welcome to contact me at [artbasics@yahoo.com](mailto:artbasics@yahoo.com)*

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**John R. Fiebiger** - November 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Dear Amy and Family,

*As I heard the news, my heart broke for your family. Our family sends our sincere condolences.*

*My brother and I called each other to mourn the loss of David. We have fond memories of our childhoods together. David was a great kid and we see that he grew to be a wonderful adult. How sad that we lost touch but, as children grow, they never forget those that made an impression. David did that for us. As well as you, Amy. We have always loved you.*

*I'd like very much to reach out to you right now but have no way of finding you. Until then, you are in my prayers and thoughts.*

*With love and fond memories,  
God Bless David.  
Kristi*

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**Kristi Carlson Nolan** - October 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *My prayers go to Dave's family. I hadn't seen Dave in years but was very close to him when we were little in Quail Valley. I remember when he would ride his skateboard over to see me and my sister. Those were great days. Over the years I have kept up with how he is doing thru my sister and listening to him give reports out of the Channel 13 helicopter. He was a wonderful person and will be missed dearly.*

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**Tiffany Macek Williams** - October 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dave,

*You will be sorely missed. I have no words for the grief I feel over your loss. I try to remember the good things that we shared. I thank you for getting me the job at KTRK. Flying with you during training was some of the most fun I had. I remember the days back in Quail Valley of all of us, you, myself, Ronnie and the gang running around wreaking havoc on the neighbors. I remember the times growing up in high school fighting over girls and so on. You really were the best of us all and always will be.*

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**Scott Bulkley** - October 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Amy-

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I was always proud to tell people I knew Dave when I heard his voice on TV. He will be missed by many.*

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**John & Lorene Lindsey** - October 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *It's been many, many years since I've seen David, or Amy for that matter, but my thoughts and prayers go out all all that are affected by this tragic loss.*

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**Becky Barron Williams** - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Amy I haven't seen you in years but I listened to your brother every afternoon and would stop my children no matter what was going on and tell them "Shhh I know this kid" That's the way I will always remember him. He is with the Lord now and he will be with us forever. God Bless you and your family.  
Stan Stark Jr.

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**Stan Stark Jr.** - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ I met David seven years ago when he was in his band Octane and I have never forgotten him. My parents also met him and my Mom would always tell me through the years when she would hear David's recognizable voice on TV. We had some amazing times together & some I will never forget. He was a deep, expressive and thoughtful man. May your son, Adam, grow up to know you were a wonderful person and will surely be missed. David you will always hold a soft spot in my heart. My God Bless your family. Elizabeth

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**Elizabeth Kraft** - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I met Dave when he was 10, I was a school friend of Amy's and he was such a cute and sweet child. Over the years our paths crossed many times and each time we picked up right where we left off the last time we had seen each other. He was endearing, kind and everything a good man should be. When I heard him reporting the news, I filled with pride for him, he lived his dream. I'm sorry he had to go so quickly, but I'm thankful to have known him while he was with us.

*You are in my thoughts Amy, as well as the rest of your family.*

*Deborah*

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**Deborah Starnes** - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ You will truly be missed as a wonderful reporter. My hearts and prayers go out to your son and family, and your family at Channel 13. May you fly with the angels.

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**Joyce Addkison** - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Garrett's family and also the Channel 13 family. Such a tragic loss for everyone. GOD now has an eye in the sky to help watch over all of us. May your memories bring you peace.

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**Linda Thompson** - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I was shocked when I heard the news and they said it was Dave. I've often thought about him and prayed what happened, would not happen. It was such a pleasure being with him and the family. He was a special person. God Bless the families and may they have peace of mind in the near future.

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**Keith Bodine** - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Although my family and co-workers did not know Dave personally, we felt we did because of his warmth and knowledge that got us through many breaking news events. He always had a calming voice and attitude that made him a special person. He will be missed by all.

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**Lee Stines** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dearest Amy and Ms. Garrett,

*I have really great memories of your home growing up with Amy and Dave, so many friends and lots of laughter. I will always remember Dave with a smile . My thoughts are with all of you.*

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**Sheila Spears McInerney** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ As a former co-worker, and friend of Dave's mother, Gloria, I felt as though I knew him personally. I also had the pleasure of knowing his stepmother, Mary. His entire family is in my prayers at this time of overwhelming loss and grief.

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**Maurice Novosad** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ My family and I have so many fond memories of growing up with Daivd. We loved him so much and he will be missed. He truly was one of the good guys!

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**Monica Gorden Peterson** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Al & Mary, Kathy and I offer our deepest sympathy for the loss of your son. Although we'd never met Dave, I'm sure he and his family brought great joy to your lives.  
May God bless and comfort you.

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**Bob & Kathy Gabel** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Dear Garrett Family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I had the great pleasure of selling Dave and Shelley their home. Your son was such a great guy. He constantly made me laugh. I will keep you all in my prayers.*

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**Stephanie White** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I met Dave last year through a common friend. The first time I spoke with him, I was immediately struck by his intellect and sparkling personality. Dave is a thoughtful, philosophical soul of great depth. He is a cherished friend, and I am grateful for the time I was able to spend with him. Those are some of my favorite memories.

*We love you and miss you, Dave! :-*

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**Cynthia Hodges** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JI

“ I did not know Dave except by his calm voice when he was providing the Channel 13 viewers with breaking news each day. He will be missed by many people. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

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**Jackie Instone** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dave,

*You will be missed by many people. You touched so many people in different ways. I was lucky enough to have known you when we were growing up in Quail Valley. I remember when we used to get in the ditch behind our houses and get all muddy, lol. I remember all those Saturday mornings when we played football in your front yard. Im glad that I got a chance to know you and your family. Even though we lost touch with each other for about 15 years, it was nice getting to meet you again in our adult age a few years ago. To all that knows Dave, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. If I didn't live all the way in Spokane, WA I would be there in this time of grief.*

*Take Care, and God Bless my friends!  
brenthenley@yahoo.com*

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**Brent Henley** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Dave and Mary, I wanted to let you know how sorry I am for your loss. It is a tragedy to lose a member of your family, especially your son.

*Sincerely,  
Barbara*

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**Barbara Batten** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ Dave will be missed by all CHANNEL 13 viewers. We will miss his distinctive and kind voice. We are so saddened by this tragedy, and we will remember your family in our prayers. May GOD bless your Family thru this difficult time.

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**Wendy Tucker** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ To the family of Dave Garrett: We know your pain and we share your loss for all of us are richer for having him in our lives and poorer in his death. We will truly miss his calm voice in the midst of chaos.

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**Karen and Don Peach** - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I am a loyal viewer of Channel 13 and considered Dave like family. My thoughts and prayers go out to his loved ones at this tragic time.

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**Shannon Lilley** - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM