



David Peter Kohanski

July 23, 1965 - January 11, 2026

David “Dave” Peter Kohanski, AKA to so many as “Rockin’ Dave”, age 60 was born in Norwich, Connecticut, July 23, 1965 and received his complete healing in Heaven in the arms of our Lord and Savior, January 11, 2026. He was born in the same hospital as his mother, Mary Massie, and sister, Cindy King. Dave grew up in Yuba City, CA where he graduated from Yuba City High School and went on to attend Sac State. He worked at Food 4 Less for ten years before relocating to Las Vegas, NV, where he spent the past 30 years of his life. During that time, he built a long career as a realtor and leasing agent, a profession in which he was well known and respected.

Dave was an entrepreneur at heart with a big love for adventure and a heart for Jesus. He lived life to the fullest just about everyday the Lord gave him on this earth and did it with great joy and gratitude even on the hardest of days. He loved animals, playing the guitar, jet skiing and water skiing with his family and friends in his younger years, riding his unicycle, even through his recent years, and anything to do with flying. Dave also loved just being by the ocean. His dream of flying came true in November when his friends took him paragliding off the cliffs, over the Pacific Ocean, in beautiful LaJolla, CA.

Dave was preceded in death by his loving mother, Mary J. Massie (Nowakowski), and step-father, Gerald “Jerry” L. Massie. He is survived by his father, David Paul Kohanski, sisters, Cindy King (Rodney) Yuba City, CA,

Kathy Spearing (Roland) Milton, FL, Kelly Cook (Carl) Kirkland, WA, Susan Straface (Pete) Grand Junction, CO, Teri White, Kihei, HI, brothers, Larry Lydon (Val) Scenic, AZ, Ken Massie, Scenic, AZ. Dave is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was closest to Justin King (Cyndi) and their boys Wylan and Parker, Live Oak, CA and Jordan King, Yuba City, CA. He was also a beloved cousin, nephew and friend to so many. Dave will be missed dearly by everyone who knew and loved him.

Dave will be remembered for the life he built, the connections he made, the many people whose lives he touched throughout the years. He had a heart of Gold and would give the shirt off his back to a stranger. Dave had a deep love for the Lord and lived his faith boldly; sharing his testimony with everyone he met, even while courageously battling cancer. His famous quote is "The 3 F's: Faith, Family and Friends."

A celebration of life for Dave will be held at Sutter Community Church, Sutter CA. on Friday, March 6, 2026 at 2 pm. A private graveside service will be held at a separate time where he will be laid to rest along side his mother, Mary, at Sutter Cemetery.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 2:00 PM (PT)

Sutter Community Church
2900 Acacia Ave
Sutter, CA 95982

Tribute Wall

FM

“ I really loved Dave! We both went through the same cancer the same time!

I was about 2-3 weeks a head of Dave of being diagnosed.

In fact I did the test on Dave as they done on me.

Unfortunately I told Dave he has the same cancer as I have after doing a couple test on him as the doctors done on me.

I don't understand how the c" word got Dave & didn't get me!! I always think about that!!

Just know the cancer we both went through is a 100 times worst than either one of us could explain to anyone.

Dave was a True Warrior for all he went through.

God Bless Dave and now he is not suffering. Although Dave didn't really complain. You have no idea how bad it really is going through this Horrible treatments!!

RIP Dave ❤️💪

Frank maddera - January 25 at 12:11 AM

FN

“ Dave was one of my younger cousins. He & his sister Cindy moved across the country with their mom, Mary. (My Aunt Mary was my dad's only sister.) The 3 of them moved from Connecticut to California over a number of years. Fortunately, they always kept in touch with family in Connecticut. Dave was loved by family on both coasts. I regret that we didn't get to know one another better. Was grateful to hear, from Mary, when Dave & Cindy accepted Jesus as their LORD. I know Dave is healed now & making music for Jesus OXO Franny

Francesca Novak - January 24 at 01:51 PM

MP

“ I admired Dave's courage to publicly share his journey with cancer, and how he used it as an opportunity to share his faith in Jesus Christ. He will be missed. May his soul RIEP.

Maureen A Peters - January 22 at 10:36 AM

DF

“ Dave was always so upbeat. He used to reach out to me on messenger just striking up conversation needing someone to talk to and I would always give him words of encouragement! He was always so positive and such a warrior fighting so many years, his battle with cancer! My heart goes out to all of his friends and family! He's definitely in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus!! He will be greatly missed!



Denise Fuleihan - January 22 at 06:27 AM

JE

“ My memories are of a kind, funny and heart centered friend. Passionate with whatever he pursued. Loved talking with him every once and awhile out of the blue. I believe people that have passed still come to visit and show up in your thoughts and events from time to time. I recognize this and always say hi. Waiting on a visit from you Dave. Love you Brother.

Jeff - January 22 at 01:08 AM

KC

“ *I miss you so much Dave! Thank you for being my crazy big brother! As much as we were different I think you and I had so much in common. Always up for whatever shenanigans. I see you in every eagle I see soaring through the sky! Always reminds me of you brother! Give Dad and your mom big hugs from us! We will all be together again someday ❤️ Love you littlest sister, Kelly*

Kelly Cook - January 21 at 04:41 PM