



David Francis Penn

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David Francis Penn born May 26, 1966, in Austin, Texas, son of parents, John Wilburn Penn and Leticia Flores Penn, died after a courageous battle with cancer on 7/17/21 at the age of 55. He is survived by his beloved wife Tamra, son Dawson and daughter Lexi of Longview, Texas, brother Joseph Penn, MD & sister-in-law Catherine, nephews Oliver and Elliot Penn, of Spring, Texas, his birth mother Sylvia Palumbo of Laredo, Texas, and numerous relatives in Texas and Monterrey, NL, Mexico. David was raised in San Antonio, Texas and attended St. Anthony High School Seminary and graduated from Roosevelt High School. He received a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos. He pursued post-graduate studies and received a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska and a Fellowship in Orthopedic Manual Therapy from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. David's greatest loves were his wife, his children, physical therapy, tennis, technology, and spending time and traveling (e.g., to countless tennis tournaments) with family and friends. David was a lifelong learner, clinician, and teacher. He pursued countless additional certifications, trainings, and achieved Board Certification Specialty in Orthopedic Physical Therapy by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. David promoted excellence in physical therapy as demonstrated by 30 plus years of work as a physical therapist at various treatment facilities and hospitals in San Antonio, Tyler, and at CORE in Longview, Texas. He epitomized quality health care, access to care, teamwork, patient centered care, even while he underwent cancer treatment and recovered from countless surgeries. David was most recently the Director of Therapy Services at Longview Regional Medical Center. David had a passion for teaching physical therapy. In 2011 David received the Dorn Long Outstanding Clinical Educator Award from the Texas Consortium of Physical Therapy. He regularly gave back to his profession by providing lectures,



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demonstrations, supervising trainees, serving on interview panels and other committee work. More importantly, David was all about providing physical therapy advice and treatment to those in need – whether it be neighbor, friend, family member, or someone lacking health insurance. David often invited his patients to stop by his house afterhours, or he would perform house calls, all pro bono, of course.

David had a passion for tennis. He won a state tennis championship as a team during his junior year at St. Anthony and went on to play college tennis on scholarship at Stephen F. Austin, and Southwest Texas State University. David coached Dawson and Lexi starting at an early age; they each went on to win high school state championships in singles. David was passionate about tennis whether it be talking about the game, strategy, rankings, watching matches, and coaching others. David was a competitive tennis player and he played tennis to the very end.

David Penn's family is most appreciative of all the care and compassion provided to him by countless physicians, nurses, other health care staff, and especially Robin Baker-Hill and the Compass Hospice staff and comfort, prayers and blessings by Father Dower and Monsignor Xavier during David's final peaceful hours.

In lieu of flowers please send donations honoring the memory of David Penn to: MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, or the American Cancer Society, or the cancer charity of your choice.

Visitation will be held Thursday 7/22/21 from 5:00 PM through 7:00 PM at the Rader Funeral Home, 1617 Judson Road, Longview, Texas. A rosary will be held on Friday 7/23/21 at 9:30 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 405 Hollybrook Drive, Longview, Texas. A Mass of Christian burial will follow at 10:00 AM with the committal service to follow at Rosewood Park Cemetery, 1944 FM-1844, Longview, Texas.

The Rosary and Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. Please go to the homepage of St. Mary's Catholic Church for the links.






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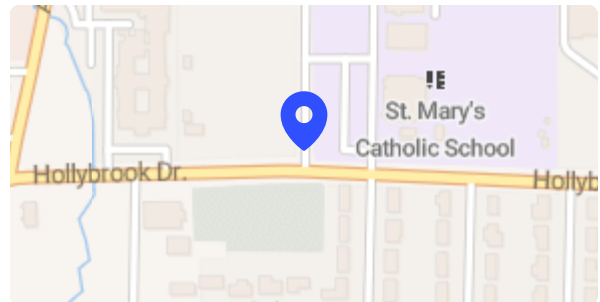
Visitation

-  **Thursday**, July 22, 2021
-  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
-  **Rader Funeral Home**
1617 Judson Rd., Longview TX 75601






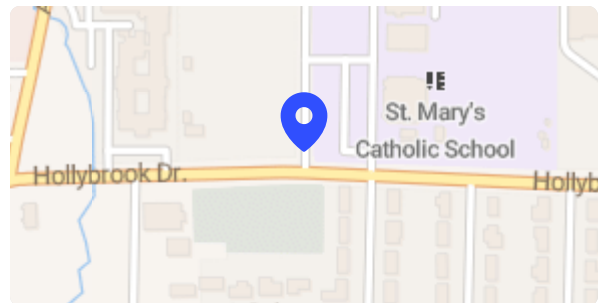
Rosary

-  **Friday**, July 23, 2021
-  9:30 AM CT
-  **St Mary's Catholic Church**
2108 Ridgewood Drive, Longview TX



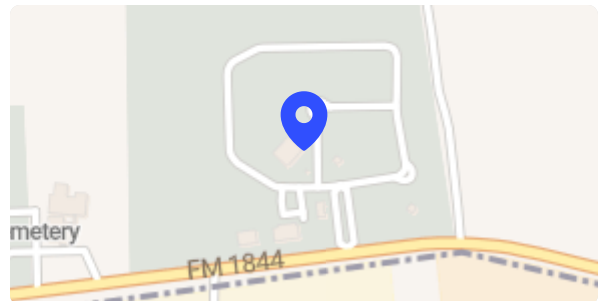
Mass of Christian Burial

-  **Friday**, July 23, 2021
-  10:00 AM CT
-  **St Mary's Catholic Church**
2108 Ridgewood Drive, Longview TX



Cemetery Details

-  **Rosewood Park**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





Tribute Wall

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TW

Travis Williams posted:

I just recently learned of David's passing. I went to PT school with David at Texas State. He was such a nice and genuine guy. We spent many hours studying together and one of the things I remember was his constant need to know "why". Most of us in the program, myself included, were happy to accept the fact that the professor said it and that was what would be on the test. Not David. He wanted to fully understand the background, the mechanics... the "why". I think that is one of the characteristics that made him such a good clinician. I was also always impressed by how people were drawn to David. He was so genuine and people picked up on that. It made people want to be around him. He was such a great guy. I know he will be missed by many. My prayers are with his family. Travis Williams

October 18 at 5:40 AM

LC

Luis Castellanos posted:

I just learned of David's passing over 2 yrs ago. We were good friends at Roosevelt HS, and attended St John Newman Catholic Church together. He was an elite tennis player, but never acted like he was better than anyone else. He was always kind to everyone. After HS, when I was attending Texas A&M, he played in a tournament as a member of SFA. Though he was obviously busy with the tournament, he was sure to reach out and visit his friends. The last time I saw him was at our (?) 20 yr HS reunion. We were scheduled to play golf together, but unfortunately got rained out. Still got to spend quality time together, and met his wife then. I am so sorry for your loss! David was a truly great person, and I know he had his priorities straight always putting God and his family first. May you rest in peace, my friend!

December 16 at 7:07 PM

CH

Cyndi Matula Holt lit a candle in honor of David.

I knew David way back in the day. We attended Southwest Texas State University together. He was always a kind, gentle, happy person. I am so very sorry for your family's loss. Heaven has truly gained another angel!



September 15 at 8:16 PM



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SD

Sue Dunn posted:

While a patient at CORE, I had the pleasure of having David as one of my therapists. He, of course, was my favorite! He helped relieve my discomfort even though I knew he was very ill. The pictures on the wall in his office showed his love of his family. I would asked about the different pictures and he would smile warming and tell me about them. May his family find comfort and joy in knowing that he is with is Lord and Savior. Sincerely, Susie Dunn

August 25 at 6:09 PM

JG

Jessica Guire posted:

Tamra, I just heard about David's passing. I am so sorry. He was a great guy with a smile that lit up the room. This world lost a wonderful man. You and the kids are in my prayers. Jessica Guire

August 5 at 4:33 AM

EE

Ed Santos, Pt (Tyler & East Tx) lit a candle in honor of David.

... .. sincerest sympathies and condolences to David's family and friends. May his soul Rest In Peace. Amen. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Mula po sa tulad niyang PT na tumitingala sa kanyang halimbawa, lubusang pasasalamat, kaibigan.



July 30 at 7:18 PM



Steve Spivey posted:

David was a proud graduate of our program and always gave back whenever he could. His infectious smile and can-do spirit will be missed. In his memory, we made a donation to the American Cancer Society. -Texas State University Department of Physical Therapy

July 28 at 4:26 AM

MW

Mike Whittington posted:

David was a college friend and absolutely one of the nicest/kindest people I've ever been fortunate enough to know. Always a smile and always positive. I will miss him. Prayers to the family.

July 23 at 6:14 AM



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Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Penn family.



July 22 at 3:43 PM



Stephanie Jones posted:

I was fortunate and blessed to work with David at CORE for 7 years. He was always excited and willing to help anyone that came through the CORE doors to getting them back to 100%. He also was researching and learning new techniques to help improve the way he treated and helped his patients. He was always a joy to work with and be around. My prayers go out to his family and friends. Stephanie Jones

July 22 at 12:26 PM



Tamra Penn July 22 at 10:46 PM

Thank you!



Tamra Penn July 22 at 10:46 PM

Thank you!!



Tony Williams posted:

Dear David you will truly be missed. I enjoyed my time with you and will always keep those moments in my heart. Peace be with you, Tony and Debra Williams.

July 22 at 10:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Penn family.



July 22 at 4:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Penn family.



July 21 at 5:08 PM



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Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Penn family.

July 21 at 5:07 PM



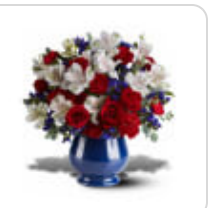
Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Penn family.

July 21 at 1:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Liberty to the Penn family.

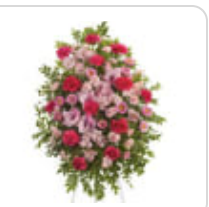
July 21 at 12:20 PM



TS

The Malone's & The Savony's sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Penn family.

July 21 at 7:27 AM



SB

Sunita Brimmer posted:

I had to pleasure of having Lexi as a doubles partner in high school, and we ended becoming great friends. David always treated me like I was one of his own.. his involvement in his kid's lives and the love he had for his family was unmatched. An exceptional father and friend.. you will never be forgotten.

July 21 at 6:14 AM



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AH

Annalisa Martinez Hollingsworth, Pt lit a candle in honor of David.

I was very saddened to hear of David's passing. I was one of his classmates in PT school at Texas State. We were the same age as I too was born in 1966. He was such a smart and kind person. I remember the parties we had with him and Eddie at his apartment. Playing volleyball and football on campus. Miss all those guys: Mario, Steve, Skip.... and all the rest of our class. Have been praying for him and his family.
Annalisa Martinez Hollingsworth, PT.

July 21 at 5:58 AM



DM

David Minihan sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Penn family.

July 21 at 4:22 AM



RN

Rachel Nilsson posted:

I met Dr. Penn at one of my labs for Baylor DPT and I've never met someone so caring, genuine, heartfelt, and willing to just sit and have a conversation about anything and everything. He told me about his health struggles and how all he wanted to do was play tennis with his family because that was such an important part of his life. And yet he remained so hopeful and appreciative of every day that he had, and that's a strength not very many people have. He helped me so much and I will always appreciate my time with him, and I can only hope to be half the PT and person that he was. I hope he's playing lots of tennis up there!!

July 20 at 7:33 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Penn family.

July 20 at 5:58 PM





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JN

James Nichols posted:

What a wonderful father, husband and friend you were and will always remain to us. You were there for many special times with our children and you will forever be in our hearts. If we all had a fraction of your great attitude and contagious optimism the world would be a better place for us all. RIP David, you're home now. Until another day. James and Karen Nichols, Tyler, Logan, Mabry, Emmaline, Ansley

July 20 at 5:49 PM

SJ

Scott, Steffani, And Lexie Jones sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Penn family.



July 20 at 4:26 PM

TL

Thomas Longbottom posted:

I had a chance to interact with David on several occasions when he worked with us teaching DPT students at Baylor. He was a joy to be around while preparing for labs, during classes, and when faculty would go out for meals and socializing afterwards. I am fortunate for having been able to be touched by his life, as it is evident so many others are as well. My prayers for your family.

July 20 at 3:18 PM

RQ

Rick And Stephanie Quevedo sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Penn family.



July 20 at 1:44 PM

TO

Tonya Olson posted:

July 20 at 1:31 PM



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Toyia Urbaniak posted:

I worked with David at CORE when I had my speech therapy contract agency. What I remember most about him was his kindness to everyone and what an amazing clinician he was. David was always approachable for staff. He was a great leader. I'll be praying for all of his family and making a donation to MD Anderson in his name. As I walk through my new journey with cancer, I hope I have the courage and grace that David showed throughout his journey. He's an inspiration and touched so many lives.

July 20 at 12:56 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Penn family.



July 20 at 12:39 PM



Deborah Buntrock posted:

Our prayers are with you all during this difficult time. We enjoyed visiting with David this past year at tournaments, laughing and talking about family and tennis. The Buntrock family

July 20 at 11:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Penn family.



July 20 at 11:27 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Penn family.



July 20 at 10:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Penn family.



July 20 at 10:13 AM



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Deborah Ross, Ceo W/Staff At Ncchc sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Penn family.

July 20 at 9:37 AM



From Jesse Torres sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Penn family.

July 20 at 9:25 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Penn family.

July 20 at 9:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Penn family.

July 20 at 9:03 AM



Frank Vasquez posted:

I always think of how you caught that TD pass against Center Point with seconds remaining. You were Mr. Clutch, Mr. Calm during the storm. You wanted the ball and with such confidence, you delivered. Seems like you retained that attitude throughout your life.

July 20 at 8:57 AM



Lisa Ashton July 22 at 8:36 AM

David hired me on at Core in 2016. Without any knowledge whatsoever about the PT field. I worked at the Lonestar clinic for 7 years. He was a great guy and I'm saddened at the loss of him... praying for Tamera and the kids at this time. No more pain. RIP DP!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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