



David Thomas Balabanis

February 24, 1958 - April 22, 2023

David Thomas Balabanis, 65, of Fresno, CA, passed away on April 22, 2023, due to unfortunate complications from a recent diagnosis of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. Born on February 24, 1958, in Wichita Falls, TX to Achilles and Charlyn Balabanis, he was the second eldest of four children.

David attended Cheney High School in Washington State. He was a varsity track athlete and held multiple records in distance running. His record for the mile was only recently broken by the son of a teammate. After graduating from high school in 1976 he ventured to University of Texas El Paso with a cello scholarship but left after a year to Salt Lake City, Utah where he played professionally in a quartet. He excelled in diverse occupations from businessman, field worker, and hobby farm tending before choosing to return to school in his 30's to pursue a career in nursing. He graduated from the Intercollegiate Center for Nursing Education in Spokane, WA and then the Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia in Pasadena, CA. He served passionately in his career as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist for over 20 years and most recently established his company, Sierra Southwest Anesthesia, providing anesthesia services throughout the valley.

David married Katharine Nelson, in Glorieta, NM on September 1, 2002. He was most proud of their children, Alec and Elena Balabanis. A beloved son and brother, loving husband and devoted father, David's talents and passions

were many. He was a curious and lifelong learner with a passion for cooking, coffee bean roasting, yogurt-making, rollerblading, golfing, and listening to music. He was most at peace when walking his dog along the beautiful San Joaquin River Valley. He expressed genuine interest in whomever he met and sported a delightful sense of humor, often engaging with people in unexpected and memorable conversation.

He is survived by his spouse, Katharine Nelson, and his two children, Alec and Elena Balabanis; his parents, Achilles and Charlyn Balabanis; his sisters, Nadine Baxter, Helen Balabanis and Kathryn Peabody.

A celebration of his life will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd, at 3:00 PM at St. James Episcopal Cathedral in Fresno, 4147 E Dakota or streamed online [HERE](#). In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Balabanis Children Legacy Fund via GoFundMe or via check (made payable to Katharine Nelson) sent to St. James Episcopal Cathedral at 4147 E Dakota, Fresno, CA 93726. <https://m.facebook.com/events/1666508697103577?mibextid=ZbWKwL?>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

St. James Episcopal Cathedral
4147 E.Dakota Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726

Tribute Wall

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“ Our hearts ache for you and the children, Katherine. Dave and I remember and celebrate the joyous occasion of your and David's wedding at Glorieta. We're happy for the years you and your children shared with him. We watched and shared with you his memorial service and slide show. David's wonderful, ever-ready smile made us grin. Hold on to the good times and good memories. We wish you peace and strength through this difficult time and for the journey ahead. Blessings to you.
Nancy Witter

Nancy Witter - May 02, 2023 at 07:04 PM

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Thank you Nancy and Dave for your presence and love. Trina came out and was amazing help. We are feasting on all the love.

Katharine Nelson - May 04, 2023 at 02:15 PM

JG

Katharine -- I was shocked to hear about David's passing. I can't imagine the agony you're going through right now. And with help from all those who knew David, you'll make it through this. I will help you all I can -- just as much as I can.

Joe Gray - May 10, 2023 at 05:09 PM

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“ David was a lovely person and a light in this world. Katharine, Alec and Elena, our prayers and support are with you at the loss of your wonderful husband and father.



Fr. Jim and Cheryl McDonald - May 02, 2023 at 11:38 AM

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Thank you Jim & Cheryl for your kind words. They are a salve for wading through the grieve.

Katharine Nelson - May 04, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Thomas Balabanis.*



May 02, 2023 at 10:30 AM