



David John Suttey

October 16, 1965 - January 15, 2024

In the loving presence of family, David John Suttey died on January 15, 2024. He was the first child, and only son, born to John and Eletha (Tiefenbach) Suttey on October 16, 1965. David graduated from Butte High in 1983 and joined the US Navy, where he served 4 distinguished years as a submariner stationed out of Groton, Connecticut.

After his military service, he worked as a skilled mechanic at several auto shops. David was smart and very talented. He could build your house, plumb it, wire it, and roof it. He could fix almost anything but his alcohol addiction. David was predeceased by his sister Yvonne Suttey Martin and infant sister Colette Suttey; his grandparents Frank and Ida (Lemler) Suttey and Joseph and Anna (Schmitz) Tiefenbach.

He is survived by his parents, his son Luke Suttey, his sisters Michelle Suttey and Tanya (Thom) White, his aunt Joanna (Dale) McGillen, his uncles Robert (Parkie) Suttey and Butch (Faye) Suttey, his nieces Ayla (Jeff) Anzik and Kenna (Anthony) Amongero, his nephews Kyle White and Brok Martin, and his brother-in-law Jeff Martin, plus numerous cousins and friends who dearly loved him.

Memorials would be appreciated to Action, Inc. 25 W. Silver, Butte, MT 59701 or the Butte Food Bank. Cremation has taken place. Services will be held in the spring.

Rest in your well earned peace David. You will be missed.

Cemetery Details

Fort Harrison Veterans Cemetery

1900 Williams Street
Helena, MT 59602

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR 5. 10:00 AM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home
1800 Florence Ave
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 723-3221
<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

Tribute Wall

TN

“ I am saddened to hear about Dave. The stories about Dave and Steve Ripley were always so much fun to listen to. As of last week they are together again.

Tina M Nagle - March 04, 2025 at 12:26 PM

 Ralph Guay

“ I am very sorry for the loss of Dave. He was a fun guy to be with and helped me many times with my Volkswagen problems. I will continue to pray that he be at rest.

Ralph Guay - January 22, 2024 at 01:19 PM

TT

“ Dave was at our wedding and was always teasing and making a joke! We have deep respect for his talents and his undying love the all things feline 🐱🖥️🙏❤️ Rest in Peace! Dr Turley and Lisa

The Turleys - January 19, 2024 at 12:21 PM

AG

“ Eletha and John, You are in my thoughts and prayers, how hard it has to be to lose David. May you be comforted by the friends and family in your life. With deepest sympathy, Ann Gilmore

Ann Gilmore - January 19, 2024 at 09:22 AM

JS

“ David was my friend for many years. We worked together at several different shops. He was one of the most talented technicians I knew. I taught him how to ride horses and I nicknamed him 50/50 because 50 percent of the time the horses threw him off. I loved David and will miss him. He always treated my kids and my wife with love and respect .(Jerry Stewart)

Jerry Stewart - January 18, 2024 at 06:06 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of David’s passing. He was always very pleasant to visit with when I ran into him. My sincere condolences to John, Eletha, Michelle and Tanya and the rest of the family. Bobbie Stodden

Bobbie Stodden - January 18, 2024 at 01:07 PM

LM

“ I did not know David growing up like a lot of his friends did because I didn’t grow up in Butte. But when I did get to know him I had enough trust in him that he was guardian to my girls when they were growing up. I had trust in him that if anything ever happened he would raise my girls the way I would. It seemed he liked to hide it and put on such a tough exterior, but he was actually a super kind person. I’d like to think that Dave has found peace now and isn’t suffering anymore. I hope the thought of that can bring peace to his family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone at this difficult time. Love you David, rest in peace!
Laurie Merritt

Laurie Merritt - January 17, 2024 at 01:24 AM

JM

“ David was my “Uncle Dave” growing up. He was the only uncle I had as a kid , because my mom’s brother lived so far out of state, I rarely got to see him. But here, I knew I had my Uncle Dave. He was best friends with my dad during high school and when I was a young kid he would help my dad work on cars, houses, you name it! He even took me and my sister for a ride inside the claw of a bulldozer at a job site! Even though he had a tough look to him, he really enjoyed a good laugh (even if it’s at your expense). I remember when he use to tease my dad about telling me stories from their high school days and I still don’t know what the stories were to this day - but oh boy, the thought of sharing them sure got my dad going! I’m happy to say that as a kid, I have good memories of my Uncle Dave. I know that there are no words that can take away the pain of such a loss for all of his family - but I also know that prayers for them will go far! I pray that God will help heal the hearts of everyone that has felt this loss - and want to say that we never know how much time we have here in this world- so hug those close to you a little tighter, and please let go of any grudges you may have (those weigh you down). I pray that you will have peace in your hearts and not be discouraged/depressed.. My Uncle Dave, I pray that you’ve finally found rest. Love you, Jen ❤️

Jennifer Merritt - January 16, 2024 at 11:23 PM

LK

Our thoughts and prayers go out to John, Eletha and especially to Luke during this difficult time. Barry and Lauren Kippen

Lauren Kippen - January 18, 2024 at 08:14 AM

NS

I am so sorry for your great loss. I pray for healing and strength in the days to come.

Naomi Sullivan - January 18, 2024 at 02:36 PM

KJ

I'm so sorry to hear about your son. Prayers to John and Lee and the rest of the family.

Kristy Johnson-Zeier - January 18, 2024 at 03:10 PM

JW

We always hugged , that gruff exterior was a front , this was a very tender soul , I will miss ya Dave , thanks for being there when My bro Bob lost his leg , I have a lot of fond memories , one that stands out was swimming that one big bend in the Madison River with Bear and Bud , now that was livin ! May don't know Dave ran a 1/2 marathon on Feb at Seeley Lake (Snow Joke) , also that V Max was too much bike for sure Dave , I just wanna send my sincere Condolences to Michelle , Tanya , Eletha , John , Luke and also Rich . Wish I could've done more . I'll see ya when I get there Dave . We'll have that Lasagne you promised ok ? Rest Easy my friend , no more suffering 🙏❤️🙏

john willard - January 18, 2024 at 08:25 PM



I am deeply saddened to hear of David's passing. He was such a fun person to be around. My love and prayers to John and Eletha and family. I will be praying for strength and healing in the coming days. Love and prayers to all the Suttley family

Barbara Curran - January 19, 2024 at 08:32 AM

JJ

My thoughts are with you John, Eletha, Michelle, and Tanya. Very sorry for your loss of Dave, I always liked shooting the breeze with him when I ran into him, he left me smiling every time. I was so thankful the day he "flew" me to the hospital in his thunderbird, when I cut my finger off in the neighboring shop. The ride of my life a few times with him. Wishing all of you peace. Jim Malesich

jim - January 19, 2024 at 09:56 AM

SA

My dear friends, Eletha and John, I am so sorry to learn of David's passing. I didn't know David personally, but know how much you loved him. Please accept my condolences and know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Suzanne

Suzanne Andrews - January 19, 2024 at 12:57 PM

CM

*Eletha, John, Michelle and Tanya,
I am thinking of you at this difficult time. What a handsome and sweet character your son/brother was. I adored him in grade school, and throughout our lives. I am so sorry for your loss. He's most likely charming angels, like he did the rest of us. Wishing your peace and comfort - Hugs, Cathy Maloney*

Cathy F. Maloney - January 23, 2024 at 12:31 PM