



## David Carl Plainer

July 27, 2019 - October 5, 2019

David Carl Plainer, 58, born in Connecticut on July 27, 1961, died October 5, 2019 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Carl Plainer*

October 22, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ *David Carl Plainer*

October 05, 2023 at 07:13 AM



“ *Dave, I will always remember jamming with you, you playing bass, Glenn on drums, and myself on guitar, in your cellar, God bless you,*

**Jeffrey J. Sasso** - August 01, 2022 at 08:43 AM

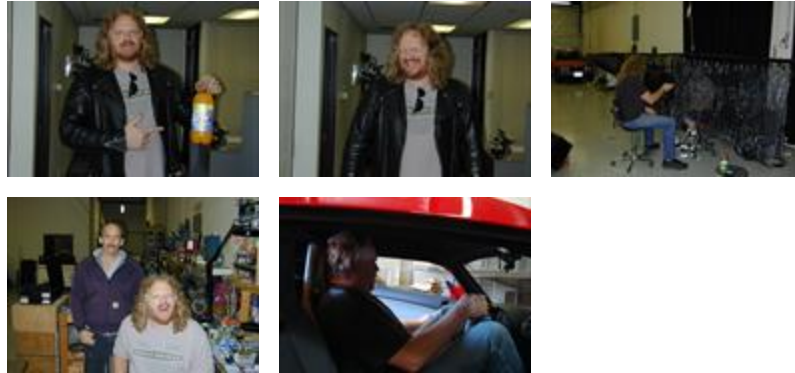


*Dave, I remember driving your small green sports car, and your Harley motorbike, I vividly remember going to LA and staying in that cliffhanger house, then going to Ceasars palace to see the show with Ann Margaret. But mostly I remember your passion for life, electronics and music. You taught me so very much about electronics and music, your determination to play gigs was undeniable. We lost contact when you moved West, and I looked extensively online for you. I read when your dad passed, I was an honor to know you, Laura , and your mom and dad. Again, God bless you,*

**Charles Willington** - August 01, 2022 at 01:49 PM

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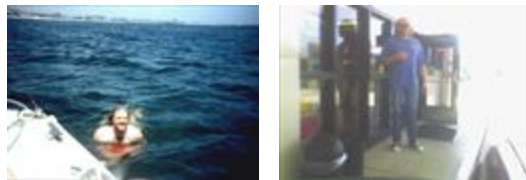
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Tom McWilliams - November 09, 2019 at 08:17 PM

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Kraig Aaronson - November 07, 2019 at 03:03 PM

KA

*Dave was one of my closest friends. We were co-workers at PPS and roommates in Seal Beach in the mid-late 1990's. We had many adventure sailing and riding motorcycles. Going to many bars and going to hear many bands. May he find peace.*

Kraig Aaronson - November 07, 2019 at 03:07 PM

LB

*Hi Kraig; thank you for those 2 pictures; I know you two had lots of good memories with the boat, and Seal Beach, lots of fun times. We miss him and that big smile of his. Laurie*

LB - November 07, 2019 at 03:22 PM

DB

“ I will always picture Dave with that huge, HUGE smile and occasional shake of his head, or toss of the long hair he used to have. He was easily the Bright Star wherever he was. So humble, with SO much talent and creativity.

I spoke to Laurie yesterday, returning her message while I had been out of the country and had no idea of Dave's passing.

But having grown up with Laurie and as a dear friend of the family, this is to share in remembrance of what moments we have had with Dave in our lives. My condolences reach out to all the family, co-workers and friends that loved and are surely missing this amazing man we had hoped to spend more moments with.

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**doreen bennett** - October 30, 2019 at 03:35 AM

PC

“ My sincere condolences... I was very shocked and saddened to hear that Dave had passed. He was one of the nicest guys, always great to be around. I considered him a true friend. I first met Dave back in 1988 working at Expo88 in Australia. He and I were the technical leads on several Laser systems installed there. I Spent most of that year working and hanging out with Dave. We had some great times partying there in Brisbane. I went on to work with Dave through 2008 designing, building, and installing Lighting and Laser entertainment systems. Dave was a valued part of the team, vary organized and good at getting things done. Time and time again Dave was always there to lend a helping hand on most any project that was going on in the shop..

Dave was also a talented musician. He had a 5 string Bass (that he made himself) and he played it well. For several years I played guitar with Dave and the guys in the Just like That band Again a lot of good times and great memories.

I Hadn't seen or talked much with Dave for several years. The last time I spoke with him he said he was selling his things and moving to Salt Lake City to be with his girlfriend. I was sad to hear he was leaving but could understand his reasoning. I Had no idea of the tragic turn of events that subsequently transpired in Dave's life. Its most sad that none of his friends were around to console and foster a different outcome . It is hard to believe he is no longer with us. I can say it was a pleasure to know and work with Dave. His great personality and positive spirit will be sincerely missed by us all. God bless you Dave.... RIP

Pat Conlin

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Pat Conlin - October 30, 2019 at 01:06 AM

DM

“ *My heart is filled with sadness. I went to high school with Dave and I remember fondly the good times back then. Dave was always the happy guy who just made you happy being in the same room. The jam sessions, the Mach one, and the wiring help on my car. Always there when needed. Rest In Peace.*

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**deane moss** - October 27, 2019 at 03:38 PM

“ There is simply no way that I can adequately convey the loss I felt when I heard of Daves passing.

*Dave worked with Jim and I at PPS for nearly 30 years, and he was instrumental in so many of our projects that I can't count them all. Our company built the laser effects systems for Expo 88 in Brisbane, where Dave lived for over a year. We built similar systems for the Disney theme parks in Anaheim, Orlando, Paris, and Tokyo, and for Universal Studios in Orlando and Osaka, and for many other attractions. Dave built practically all of these systems, and helped with the installation of many of them. To say that he was instrumental in our success would be an understatement. We are a family business, and Dave was a key part of our working family without a doubt.*

*I also consider myself fortunate to have been a part of Daves musical family as well. He built his custom aluminum bass here, and played with the "Just Like That" band locally for several years. Watching him wring impossible note combinations out of his bass with those giant hands is something you don't forget, and playing with him was a joy and an adventure at the same time.*

*I can't say that I was part of Daves true family (although it was a near thing, as my brother Jim and Daves sister Laurie were close years ago), but between the working and musical families, Dave was a very big part of my life. I started missing him when he stopped playing about two years ago, and even more when he left in January to relocate and retire in Utah. I'm so sorry that what should have been a long and happy chapter in his life turned out to be so sad, and so tragically short.*

*My sincere condolences to Daves family, and to all of those who knew him, and loved him as I did.*

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**Carl Hannigan** - October 25, 2019 at 11:16 PM

LB

*Thank you Carl; your words mean alot to us. You and everyone there were his family for so many years; we thank you for all you did for him. For giving him the opportunity to be part of your team and for the music you played together and all the many memories you shared over the years. I know you all feel the sadness and loss we do. Our hearts go out to you too.*

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**LB** - October 27, 2019 at 04:49 PM

RC

*“ I met Dave about 25 years ago. I would go to the shop in Cerritos and play music with Carl and the guys. All of those guys are good people. Dave and I would hang out a lot and go out to eat, go to concerts and many other things. Dave was a sweet guy. Extremely smart and had such a great sense of humor. I remember early in our friendship I was buying a new drum set, it was expensive. I put it on layaway. After a while Dave said let's go and get your drums, I will put the balance on my credit card and u can pay me off. I never forgot that. He trusted me to pay him and he didn't know me that long. Over the years our lives went in different directions and I didn't see Dave that much. The last time was about 6 months ago at the shop. Same good old Dave. Had a few laughs and talked about the old days. Little did I know it would be the last time I saw him. It breaks my heart that his life came to such a sad ending. I so wish someone could have been there to comfort him and keep him from ending his life. I'm still in shock. Can't believe I will never see him again. God bless you my brother. I hope and pray that you are in gods hands. RIP!*

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**Russell Carter** - October 20, 2019 at 01:13 PM

LB

“ You were our gentle giant, who would rather laugh than fight. Feeling things more deeply than you’d ever admit. As kids, you would entertain us all with your sound effects and renditions of comedy routines from the back seat of the car rides, having us all laughing. In middle school you amazed us when you built a robot that moved by remote control, using photosensors. That home project made the newspapers, and we knew your talent was in electronics and all things technical. When I was working on the music for the high school play and needed a drummer, you -- who were only in 8th grade -- filled in better than anyone who tried out in high school. Music became a part of your life, transitioning to bass guitar, playing with many musicians, friends and bands --music was always a source of joy. You received commendations for your work and efforts at both Sikorsky and Rockwell. Wherever you went, you made friends fast. As I walked behind you leaving the Expo site one night, a hundred people said goodnight to you. By name. You had only been there 2 months. 8 years ago, you met Donna, and found the love of your life. Retiring to Salt Lake together, you looked happy and well; no one could know then that a month later she would be taken by cancer, and a month after that you would follow. Your light has left us, but we keep you in our hearts and miss you deeply. The world isnt the same without you brother. All my love, Laurie



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LB - October 19, 2019 at 10:57 PM

LT

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Dave's passing. I went to high school with Dave and have such fond memories of him and the fun things we did. From working on the Sunbeam Alpine in his garage, to the many "jam sessions" in the basement, and of course many a midnight at The Rocky Horror Picture Show!

Dave was the type of person who genuinely cared about you and wasn't afraid to show it. I remember him always laughing, smiling, and making others happy. He was so very talented as well, from his music, to electrical, to cars, they guy could do just about anything!

Although I lost touch with Dave after high school, I always hoped he was doing well and was happy. I will miss this gentle giant and will hold all these happy memories close to my heart. I was truly blessed to be part of his life and to have had him as a friend.

Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was." – Hebrew Proverb

May the sorrow you feel in your heart lighten by the love that surrounds you, I am so very sorry for your loss.

Lori Dietman Thompson

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Lori Dietman Thompson - October 19, 2019 at 03:18 PM

LB

thank you Lori; hope you are well! Funny memory about the Rocky Horror show --- he loved going to that. And the Sunbeam! best to you...

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LB - October 19, 2019 at 11:04 PM

SH

“ I am sorry for your loss. I remember David as the tall, long haired, quiet man who was Paul's son. I remember his story of standing in line for a job at Sikorsky and the interviewer giving him a hard time thinking he was a hippie type until he found out he had top level security clearance and top level intelligence to match. You're in my prayers. Sharlene Randolph

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**Sharlene** - October 19, 2019 at 01:12 PM

KS

“ Such awfully sad news to hear today. I knew Dave in high school and have so many wonderful memories. We graduated, moved on with our lives and lost touch. Now, all these years later, they will be just that, memories, as there is no chance to catch up and make new ones. God bless you Dave, you were a good friend back then, may you find peace and health in Heaven. May God help ease the sadness for friends and family, as I know you will be missed!



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**karen myrick smith** - October 18, 2019 at 09:20 PM

PY

“ I cannot begin to express my feelings of loss right now. Dave and I grew up together. He was part of my family and I was part of his. He taught me about music. He taught me about forgiveness. He was definitely the Alpha in our friendship. He'd make the snowballs and I would throw them. He showed me there was more to this world than our home town. Some time after we moved to California together, we went our separate ways but I never forgot him. As it turns out he never forgot me either. We would see each other from time to time and would pick up right where we left off as if no time had passed. So Dave, until we can pick it up again, take my love with you, and thanks for being my very best friend.

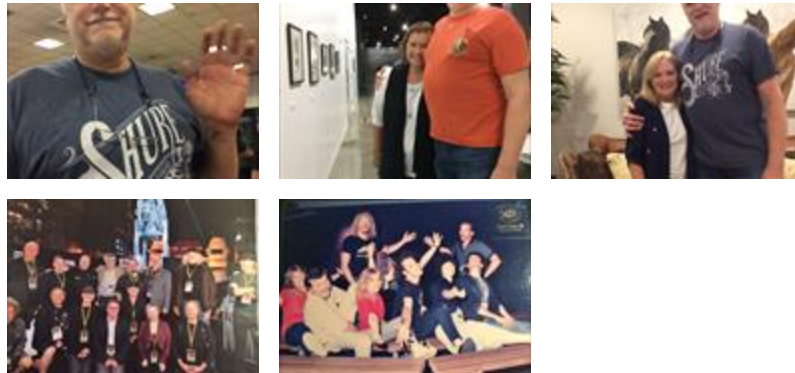
Paul...

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Paul Yanutik - October 16, 2019 at 09:54 AM

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laurie birch - October 14, 2019 at 07:47 PM