



## David Wayne Heaton

March 12, 1955 - December 7, 2020

David Wayne Heaton, 65, of Sarasota, went to be with the Lord he loved December 7 after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

Throughout his life, he was a faithful servant of our Lord and touched many lives by sharing his testimony all over the world. He lived his life preaching the Gospel each day as if it was his last. He inspired and uplifted others with his unconditional love, generosity that knew no limits, and unique sense of humor.

Dave was born in Springfield, IL on March 12, 1955 and was the son of Robert and Rose Heaton.

He graduated from University of Illinois in 1983. He served in the United States Air Force from 1975 to 1986 and then in the Air Reserves until he was honorably discharged in 1992. He started his dental practice in 1987, where he loved helping his patients and making them laugh with his "bad" singing for 30 years.

He cherished his family and friends and was loved by all who knew him. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife of 43 years, Debbie, his three children, Daniel Heaton (Danielle), Deanna Mitchell (Kenny), and Danielle Horton (Doug), and his grandchildren Decklin, Diem, Brigitte, Maegan, Brayden, Matthew, Isabella, and Savannah. Other survivors include

his brothers Robert Heaton, Jr. (Joann), Ronald Heaton (Wanda), Donald Heaton (Jenny), and Michael Heaton, sister Patricia Haarer (Bill), and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, December 11, 2020, from 6-8 pm at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel, 40 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota.

A Funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2020, at 10:30 am at TouchPoint Community Church, 7601 Clark Rd., Sarasota, FL 34241 with visitation one hour prior.

Interment will be at Sarasota National Cemetery at a later date.

The family requests that memorial donations be sent to TouchPoint Community Church, 7601 Clark Rd., Sarasota, FL 34241, where the donations will be distributed among his beloved church and the charities he was passionate about.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory-Colonial Chapel  
40 N. Orange Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34236

## Visitation

DEC 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

TouchPoint Community Church  
7601 Clark Road  
Sarasota, FL 34241

## Funeral Service

DEC 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

TouchPoint Community Church  
7601 Clark Road  
Sarasota, FL 34241

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ I’m so sorry, didn’t realize he passed but was wondering. I worked for him a few years before, great guy. I lost my husband this year.

S Schlissel - November 18, 2025 at 08:12 PM

KR

“ I just saw this. I had no idea he had passed away. I was terrified of going to the dentist. That is until I met Doc Heaton. His jokes and singing as well as his kindness, compassion, caring and generosity was such a delight. His sense of humor was incredible. When my husband passed away in Feb. 2006, Doc helped me so much. Prayers to his family. I'm so sorry.  
Kim Robinson.

Kim Robinson - January 10, 2021 at 05:49 PM

YP

“ My heart is broken, but I am so proud of my big brother for fighting as hard as he did. He knew that God wasn't finished with him and he did his best to tell anybody and everybody about our savior, Jesus Christ. His love for life was contagious; he wasn't afraid of anything and made everything fun for those around him. Crazy, goofy, adventurous. I'm surprised he could still hear after exploding as many objects as he could get his hands on, shooting off fireworks and shooting his guns. But oh could he hear, listen and console anybody that needed him. Thank you, Dave, for all the love you gave me and my family. I love you with all my heart and I will see you again.

Your "favorite sister", Pat - December 11, 2020 at 03:03 PM

PH

*Your "favorite" sister, Pat*

**Pat Haarer** - December 11, 2020 at 03:04 PM

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“ *Pat Haarer lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Heaton*



**Pat Haarer** - December 11, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Wayne Heaton.*



December 11, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Wayne Heaton.*



December 10, 2020 at 06:10 PM

JG

“ I started with Dr. Heaton when he first opened his practice. I took my young boys who loved going to the dentist! He would have water fights with them and of course his singing was what kept me going back. He was such a wonderful, kind and loving man. I am so sorry for this huge loss to his family. I loved him and will miss him, RIP Dr. Heaton.

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**Jeannie Marie Griffis** - December 10, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of David Wayne Heaton.



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December 10, 2020 at 09:10 AM

PB

“ I have so many fond memories of Dave, Debbie, and his family. Dave as my dentists, singing through my procedures and throughout his office. Memories of attending the same church, of watching the children grow from very young, to the lovely adults they became. Traveling to the Holy Lands together, our family's sharing the 3 Stooges race team, from being asked to be Danielle's wedding coordinator. He was a unique and special man that gave freely of his time and talents. I am sure our Lord and Savior is very proud of this man and the many kind and good deeds he did, at the same time sharing the gospel word. You will be missed by many, and replaced by no one.

Lovingly,  
Pamala Bailey

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**Pamala Bailey** - December 10, 2020 at 08:55 AM

JZ

“ *Debbie, Dan, Deanna, Danielle. Bob, Rose and your whole family, My deepest sympathies goes out to all of you. I have been praying for you all. I love you all.* ”

Judy Zillion - December 09, 2020 at 09:30 PM

RN

“ *Rob And Jeanne Neville lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Heaton* ”



Rob and Jeanne Neville - December 09, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Wayne Heaton.* ”



December 09, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Wayne Heaton.* ”



December 09, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Wayne Heaton.* ”



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December 09, 2020 at 03:22 PM