

## David Brian LaPlante

April 18, 1978 - June 10, 2017

David Brian LaPlante, 39, born in Pittsfield, MA, died early Saturday morning in an accidental heroin overdose. He is survived by his daughter Chloe LaPlante and his son Mason LaPlante, his mother Kim Brookman and father Richard LaPlante, grandparents Nancy Barnum, Louis Brookman, Sonny and Ann LaPlante, sister Angie (LaPlante) Burgess, brother James LaPlante, and his children's mother Crystal Wright. He is also survived by many aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

David was a person who was and will be remembered by everyone he met. He was bold and loud; he spoke his thoughts freely; he loved fiercely; he laughed and made everyone laugh harder than anyone else; he was smart and artistic and skilled. He believed he was fantastic and indestructible, and at the same time he was filled with self-doubt and disappointment and regret. David was an addict, and in the end the fears that he battled all his life claimed it. When he was punished for his crimes, locked up, the biggest question was why he wouldn't get his act together; but now that he's gone for good the questions are harder to bear. What could we have done? What if we had been more encouraging, more available, more supportive? What if we had told him EVERY DAY that he WAS fantastic and that our family needed him? What if we could have saved him? David said it himself: "Regret is a terrible thing." Don't ignore the people in your life who are struggling. Don't push them to the fringes. David made mistakes, many, but he will always be remembered most for his big sense of humor and big love.

Funeral Notice:

Calling hours for David LaPlante will be Friday, June 16, 2017, from 4:30 to 6:30PM. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA. A service will follow at 6:30PM officiated by Pastor Jeff Black. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the David LaPlante Memorial Trust, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, in his memory. The trust was formed to provide for the future needs of his children and other Berkshire County youth affected by the opioid crisis.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

RW

“ You were a great friend David, many ,many days I have needed you to see me through the battle , and then it hits me again , David is gone. You were a steadfast friend, through thick and thin, even taking the rap for me once, saying” not to worry , “I’m here anyway” that’s the kind of guy you were. I never laughed so hard as when you and I hung tight. We accomplished many projects together, and would’ve rather had no one else as my right hand man on jobs. You would say” nothing to it but to do it”! I will see you on the other side my friend!💔

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**Robert Wincek** - June 09, 2021 at 08:41 AM

CL

“ hi dad, I have been thinking about you a lot recently and what I have noticed is that I am starting to feel the pain and facing reality that your really gone. I am so sorry that, that had to happen to you....I still don't understand why you were chosen to leave me and mason so soon. I know that we didn't have that close of a relationship...and I'm so sorry that I didn't respond to you when you messaged me "I love you cc" I regret not messaging you back because you are now gone and I am not able to express how much I love and think of you as my hero. That is always going to stick with me...but I know that you love me... I just wish that you talked to me about your problems and your sadness because I would've been there for you! me and mason love you dad... so much. I just wish that it was all a dream like how I coped with it but its true....you are gone. I miss your smile and laugh... so much love your c.c.pants there is so much more to say but ill stop it now. you are the best thing ever. love you...

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**Chloe LaPlante** - January 12, 2020 at 08:09 PM

BT

“ You loved him. He KNEW he was loved. You did nothing wrong. You did all you could. May his spirit live on forever....and, it will. Know we love you, Kim. Your BCC colleaege, Barb Tracy.

Barbara Shea Tracy - June 15, 2017 at 10:59 PM

IM

“ I do not know any members of the grieving family, but I would like to express both my sympathy and my gratitude for their honest obituary. My family and friends have been spared first-hand exposure to the heroin crisis and it is courageous families like the LaPlantes who can increase awareness and reduce stigmas. The description of David's lovable features, combined with the honesty about his addiction deeply moved me and filled me with admiration. Ingrid MacGillis

Ingrid MacGillis - June 15, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Brian LaPlante.



June 15, 2017 at 02:46 PM

LB

“ Kim, It was with great sadness that I read of your loss. I remember David as a friendly, smart, lovable little boy. My heart aches for you and my prayer is that God will be your comfort and strength. Debbie Gallup Baumgartner

Lynn Baumgartner - June 15, 2017 at 01:38 PM

MA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Chloe, Mason and the family during this difficult time. May David rest in peace now.*

*Blessings, Margherita*

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**Margherita** - June 15, 2017 at 10:14 AM

RF

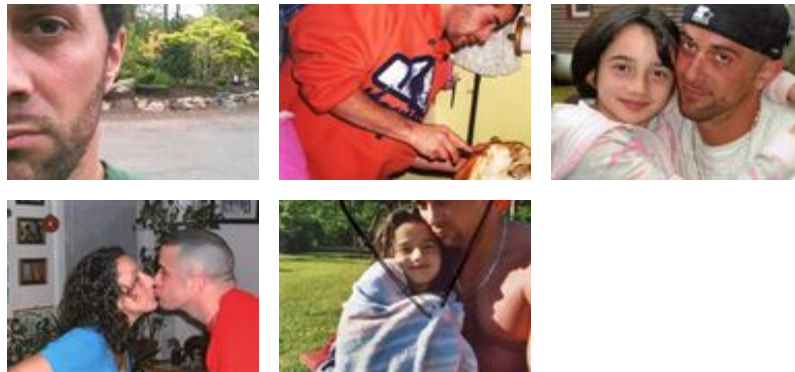
“ *Blessings to David's family and blessings to them for their including his struggles with addiction. You words will reach out and help others. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**rev belle fox-martin** - June 15, 2017 at 07:34 AM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - June 14, 2017 at 01:28 PM

CA

*I am sorry for your loss and the hard troubling times everyone endured. I did not know David but do know many people in that same situation. I felt compelled to write and commend you for the beautiful, truthful, and inspiring obituary. May God bless you all and may David Rest In Peace.*

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**carol** - June 15, 2017 at 05:29 PM

RD

*Kim, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son, David. The photos that you shared are beautiful. We all are on a path and why we choose one way or another it is hard to know. We can only do the best we can. My prayers are with you and your family. Rochelle Daverin*

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**Rochelle Daverin** - June 25, 2017 at 07:44 AM