



## Ricky David

December 1, 1952 - May 11, 2023

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Ricky David, age 70, passed away on Sunday, May 11, 2023, in Maurice, LA.

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555, (337) 740-3123, is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *I LOVE YOU DADDY!!!  
I can't wait until the day that we all reunite!*

*Love,  
your daughter  
Tonya*



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*This is almost 2 yrs too late, but I decided to go ahead and post something on here anyhow since we just found out a few days ago that he had passed away.....*

*I have so many memories of Ricky, who I lovingly consider my dad, even though he was technically my stepdad. He was the best dad I could've ever asked for. From the very beginning, he treated me as his own, never making me feel any less than his blood daughter. Even after my sister Kristy was born, his biological child, he continued to love and care for me just the same.*

*One of my earliest memories is of him insisting that my last name was David. When I was in kindergarten, I proudly wrote "Tonya David" on all my assignments until my teacher told my mom that I should use "Tonya Ford" instead because it was "confusing" me. But I wasn't confused—I knew exactly what I wanted, even at just five years old. I wanted to share his name because he wanted to adopt me, and to me, he was my dad through and through.*

*We were so close, doing everything together. He taught me how to work in the yard, pick up and burn sticks, and even build things. I still remember helping him construct a big shed next door to our home. He was so talented and hardworking. We spent hours laughing and wrestling, creating a bond that was unbreakable. Ricky and my mom got together when I was just six months old, and he raised me like I was his own child.*

*Ricky wasn't just a great dad—he spoiled me too! For Christmas and my birthdays, he always went above and beyond. He gave me big, thoughtful gifts like a bedroom suite, a massive stereo system with tall speakers and a microphone, a motorcycle, a go-kart, and so many bikes. He made sure my childhood was filled with joy and unforgettable memories.*

*After his tragic accident, life changed for all of us. The doctors said he wouldn't survive the brain injuries, but I never lost faith. I knew he wasn't going anywhere. Against all odds, after nine months in a coma, he woke up. Although he never fully recovered and couldn't walk again, he showed incredible strength and resilience, managing to do so much despite his limitations. He was an inspiration to everyone who knew him.*

*Daddy's strength and courage will stay with me forever. I regret not visiting him sooner while traveling across the country with my husband for many years. My heart is heavy with guilt, and I don't know if I'll ever forgive myself for not being there. It devastates me that I only learned of his passing on March 14, 2025, and that no one had informed us. Not having the chance to say goodbye or even learn what happened makes it all feel unreal, leaving me in limbo.*

*I wish I could have told him how much he meant to me—that he was the perfect dad that I needed when my biological father wasn't there. I loved him deeply, and his love for me shaped my life in ways I will forever cherish.*

*Daddy, thank you for being the wonderful man and father you were. I love you endlessly and will always hold you close to my heart. I know we'll see each other again on the other side, and when we do, you'll be walking freely, no longer hindered by earthly struggles. I'm sure by now you've reunited with Mom (Rita), your parents (Big Mom and Big Dad), and everyone else who has gone before us. Until we meet again, have fun, and save a spot for me.*

*Fly high, Daddy, with all the other angels. I love you, infinitely.*

*Always and Forever  
Your Daughter,  
Tonya (David💖) Ford Griffin*

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