

## Remembering Dr. Dave

On Wednesday, August 25, David Miller passed away in a Silverdale hospital from natural causes, but who really was David Miller? Sure, he was the David Miller who lived in Kala Point, with his lovely wife Vicky, but how well did you really know David? David & Vicky built their beautiful home in 2008 and moved in during June of 2009. While living there, David volunteered to run for a term on the Kala Point Owners' Association (KPOA) Board and was selected to serve as Vice President during part of his term. Among many other accomplishments, while serving the KP board, David went on a successful crusade to ensure that KPOA's full-time employees would have access to healthcare through a group plan. He knew that would make it easier to attract and retain quality employees.

To some, he was known as Dr. David Miller, PhD. That title came with his Doctorate in Education, earned at Miami University of Ohio, not far from his family home near Dayton, Ohio. That led David to a 30-year career as a school superintendent for several public school districts in Northern and Southern California. He also shared his experience and expertise with countries in Africa and the Middle East by advising them on modernizing and improving their education systems.

After retiring to Kala Point, David utilized his love of music to create and DJ a radio show called "Drift Away" on KPTZ. David went by the handle of Dr. Dave and played a 2 hour set every Monday, with an emphasis on the Beatles and other 60s artists, with some comedic records and Broadway musical tunes thrown in. During these shows, he always included a heartfelt plug for his favorite charity, the Port Townsend Food Bank and its manager Shirley Moss, for the good work they do.

But David always told people that he was best known as "Vicky's husband." David also has a daughter Becky Sims and her husband Bryce who live in Houston, Texas and stepchildren Aaron & Chrissy Murphy, Andrea & Tim Lawton with grandsons Issac (6), Daniel (4) and Julian (2) as well as Matthew and Claudia Murphy and granddaughter Charlotte (18 mos).

David had a "Man Cave" that was the envy of many of his male friends. It clearly reflected his varied interests from Beatles memorabilia, Cincinnati Reds baseball collectibles, countless CDs, and hundreds of books from his favorite mystery and crime authors.

If you knew David and would like to do something, I'm sure he would prefer that you donate a cash contribution to a local food bank, in lieu of flowers. David always ended his radio shows with the phrase "This is Dr. Dave, rounding third base and heading for home." For David, this is the end of the Ninth.

~ Eulogy, written by one of Dr. Dave's best friends