



David Wayne Doell

August 27, 1954 - December 23, 2015

David Wayne Doell passed away on December 23, 2015, in Midland, Texas. David was born on August 27, 1954, in Denver, Colorado, to Alvin E. and Kathleen A. Doell (now deceased), who were missionaries. David lived in the United States until the age of 12. He resided overseas until he returned to the states at age 55. During the time David lived abroad, he called many places home, living in the countries of Ireland, England, Scotland, and Northwestern Africa. David also lived in Spain during his parent's lifetime, and returned to reside in Spain again after 11 years in The Gambia. Dave loved life and participated in a variety of occupations. He enjoyed tutoring English as a second language (ESL) wherever he went. He very much enjoyed the culture in The Gambia while teaching ESL to school children in that area. While living in Barcelona, Spain, he taught ESL to factory workers, as well as factory supervisors. As a devout believer in Jesus Christ, David was a bold witness for Christ wherever he lived and in whatever language he spoke. Dave initiated several new businesses and worked in various professions, as he took pleasure in meeting people, attempting new things, and traveling extensively. David utilized Facebook to continue many relationships with long-time friends because to David, people mattered. David had a number of friends overseas who always wished that he would someday return to their area of the world, and assured Dave that he would never lack for a place to stay should he ever decide to return. Anyone who was privileged to know Dave found that he was very gifted linguistically and spoke nine languages

fluently. David always communicated in another person's native language whenever possible. He was especially fluent in Spanish, which caused him to be endeared by all Spanish speaking peoples. People appreciated David's language skills, as well his great sense of humor, which he used in unique gags and pranks on fellow employees. As a result, David always had a following of friends wherever he lived and worked. Dave is survived by his sister, Bunny Becker Holz and her husband Curly Holz, and by his nephews Steve Becker and Paul Becker of Midland, Texas. The family wishes to express our sincere thanks to all of the friends, church members, and fellow employees who faithfully visited Dave as he dealt with the rapid onset of his illness. Special thanks to all of the Midland Memorial Hospital staff, physicians, nurses, aides, assistants and housekeepers who made extra efforts to not only care for Dave in his last days on earth, but also to be his friend. The care he received and the friendships he enjoyed brought great joy to his last months of life. A memorial service has been held at First Baptist Church Chapel of Midland.