



## David C. Van Buskirk

September 30, 1947 - November 23, 2010

David Charles Van Buskirk, 63, died unexpectedly of natural causes Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at his home. He was born on September 30, 1947 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. With his parents he traveled to all 48 states and their capitals. He attended Lincoln High School and graduated from South West Minnesota State University. David was a person with profound physical disabilities. However he never complained and he lived his life for the betterment of others. He always looked at the abilities of others not the disabilities. He was one of the founders of the Sioux Wheelers sports team in Sioux Falls. He played wheelchair basketball all over the United States. David also co founded the National Wheelchair Softball Association. He worked for many years at Quest Communications before founding SE Unlimited Travel. His goal in life was to improve travel accessibility around the world. He worked in research directly with airlines, hotels and cruise lines. David traveled to over 50 countries accomplishing studies on over 100 cruise ships. This information was used to select the ideal trip for clients vacationing with special needs. Through his consulting business he published many articles and conducted travel agent training. He also consulted directly in the design of many of the major cruise ships on the water today. Many improvements were accomplished as a direct result of his drive. David was preceded in death by his mother Caroline, his father Charles and his grandmother Martha Ross. Grateful for having shared his life are his cousins, many friends and special family and friends including Julie Duimstra, Mark Owens, Janet Enger, the

Karen Scurlock and David and Deanna Dawson and their families. Memorial services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010 at Il Reformed Church, Lennox with burial to precede the service at the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I always admired David for his adventurous spirit and love of travel. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to cruise with him and other family members to the Caribbean a number of years ago. Peace to you.

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**Marilyn Miller** - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I didn't even know you but know Taylor and just hearing him tell about you makes me feel like I know you. You sound like you were one special individual that made a difference in a lot of lives. You will certainly be missed by many.

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**CRISTY SHEEHAN** - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ I will miss all the times on the wheelchair basketball court with you David. You were a great person and you truly will be missed. God Bless and Rest in Peace.

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**Bryce Neu** - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Rest in peace, David.

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**Anne Welch** - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Spent many an hour traveling with Dave to either Basketball or Track & Field competitions.

*Thanks to Dave, and others who started the Sioux Wheelers, I played Basketball for 35 years.*

*Will miss him.*

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**Larry Falk** - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Cousin David, I will miss you! You were a tenacious student of our family history and I was proud to be part of your family. Taylor Van Buskirk

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**Taylor Van Buskirk** - November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ My deepest condolences. I will announce this in the next issue of the Van Buskirk Newsletter.

*Stephan Donovan  
(my father was a VB before his adoption, hence my last name.)*

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**Stephan Donovan** - November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ David was a very good friend and great mentor. It was a pleasure working with him in business and I will never forget his vast knowledge and wicked sense of humor. I will truly miss him.

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**Karen Scurlock** - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM