



David Paul Flory

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David Paul Flory, 45, of Fort Myers, Florida, died unexpectedly on November 6, 2025. A lifelong resident of Fort Myers, David brought energy, laughter, music and dancing wherever he went.

Born on July 4, 1980, to Charles Ray Flory and Rhea Flory, David's vibrant spirit was evident from an early age. He graduated Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts, where he was proud to be named Homecoming King. His passion for soccer (Go Lions!) led him to play at Palm Beach Atlantic University, where he built lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories on and off the field.

David's love for music and dancing shaped much of his life and began at Fred Astaire. As a professional Ballroom Dancer, talented DJ and the proud owner of Island Ballroom and Entertainment on Sanibel; he taught dancing and filled countless events with joy and celebration. He was also a devoted member teaching at the Swing Danz Club of Southwest Florida and USA Dance (at DanceLife and Suzanne's Dance Fitness).

David was deeply devoted to his family. He is survived by his loving wife of nine years, Kimberly Ann Flory; beloved parents, Charles and Rhea Flory of Fort Myers, FL; son, Zane Flory Ryan of Riverhead, NY; brother, Ryan (Shannon) Flory of Cape Coral, FL; sister, Eva (Darren) White of Cape Coral, FL; mother-in-law, Audrey Chuska of Ocala, FL; brother-in-law, Shawn (Misty) Chuska of Mt. Juliet, TN; his cherished nieces and nephews, Chloe, Willow, Bray and Damon and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

David will be remembered for his infectious laugh, love of all genres of music



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(especially the 50s and 60s), kind heart, and the way he made every person feel like family. His passion for life and the joy he brought to others will continue to inspire all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Tim Tebow Foundation – Night to Shine, by visiting <https://www.timtebowfoundation.org/> an organization that David volunteered with and reflects his love for celebration and community.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 1:00 PM at First Christian Church, 2061 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901. His family will receive friends from 11:00 AM until the start of the service. Entombment will follow at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting <https://www.FortMyersMemorial.com>.



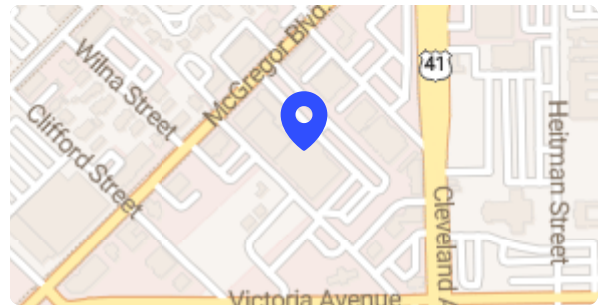
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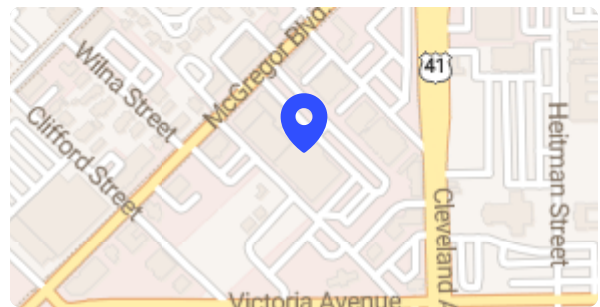
Visitation

- Thursday**, November 13, 2025
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET
- First Christian Church**
2061 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33919



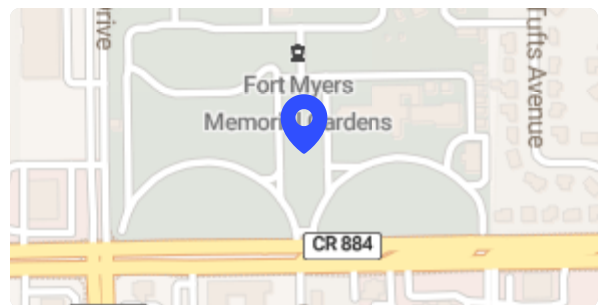
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Cemetery Details

- Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery**
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907
- (239) 243-0014**





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Susan S. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.



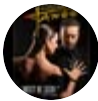
November 13 at 7:43 PM



Joan Winokur posted:

I will always be appreciative of David's patience, encouragement and expertise in helping me dance again after a serious fall. David, may you rest in peace knowing you added joy to many lives. Joan Winokur

November 13 at 2:04 PM



Noelia Guerrero lit a candle in honor of David.

One of my favorite memories with David is when he asked me to dance a WCS with him. Gosh I didn't know much, but Im a professional dancer so i had to step up fr the game and pretend I knew what I was doing. I'm sure he realized I knew not much and he was so kinds and gentle leading me through the dance. It was kind of the first time I felt like dancing wcs the right way!! Will cherish that forever!



November 13 at 12:29 PM



Sincere Sympathy - Debbie & Mark SHEME sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Flory family.



November 12 at 4:24 PM



Sincere Sympathy - Debbie & Mark SHEME planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.



November 12 at 4:24 PM



Dancelife Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Flory family.



November 11 at 11:04 PM



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Dancelife Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.

November 11 at 11:04 PM



Allstar Dance Studio Family sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Flory family.

November 11 at 11:38 AM



Allstar Dance Studio Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.

November 11 at 11:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Flory family.

November 11 at 11:09 AM



Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.

November 11 at 11:09 AM



Phil Goble lit a candle in honor of David.

Chuck, Rhea, and Family, We are praying for you all in these difficult days. Words cannot express how much you are loved and how much our hearts break with yours. If there is ANYTHING we can do for you all, please do not hesitate to call! We love you all! Phil Goble Jr. Hayesville, NC

November 11 at 11:04 AM





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David Van Metre posted:

David took couples from Periwinkle Park and Campground on Sanibel and taught us to dance, have fun, and become close friends! We are so saddened by this news. We'll dedicate our next dance to him!

November 10 at 8:00 PM

CB

Carolyn B posted:

David was an incredible, incredible person. Not only was he a talented dancer and teacher, but he also was a great friend and a truly kind and welcoming soul who enriched the lives of everyone he met. In the two years I have been teaching ballroom, David was there to encourage me every step of the way. He also DJ'ed for me when I taught at the Bop Club and provided helpful advice. He created such a great atmosphere at DanceLife when he ran the Wednesday night WCS club and the Sunday night social dance parties. I was devastated beyond words when I learned of his passing. Kimberly, Zane and family, may the Lord comfort all of your hearts. He will be greatly missed. With the deepest of sympathy and profound love, Carolyn Bivans, Modern Steps School of Dance

November 10 at 7:16 PM

SS

Safari Squad! posted:

In Loving Memory of DaveDave will be deeply missed. His joyful smile on the dance floor and his passion for helping others discover the love of dance always shined so brightly. He had a kind and compassionate heart, and we cherish the many wonderful memories we shared dancing with him. Dave had a special gift for connecting with people of all backgrounds and abilities, meeting each person right where they were and inspiring confidence through his encouragement. His light for the Lord was evident in everything he did, especially through his gift of dance. His legacy of joy, kindness, and faith will continue to move in the hearts of all who knew him. Brian and I will never forget Dave and the positive impact he had on our lives over the many, many years. Our hearts will always hold a special place for him. We are praying for your family as you mourn the tragic loss of Dave—praying that your hearts find comfort and healing through the precious memories you shared together. Brian and Julie Chapman

November 10 at 4:07 PM



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Laine Mitchell posted:

His infectious spirit and the honest to goodness way he lit up a room. I never failed to laugh when David was around. I haven't seen him since he graduated ahead of me, but I feel confident in saying: I do know the world just lost a bright bundle of love and laughter. Sending love and comfort to his family and everyone affected by his loss.

November 10 at 1:05 PM



Brian White lit a candle in honor of David.

For David
A warm smile that lit every room,
A gentle soul who chased away gloom.
With rhythm and grace in every stance,
You taught the world the joy of dance.
Smart and witty, full of cheer,
You made us laugh when you were near.
Music played and through each song,
Your heart conveyed.
Talent flowed through all you'd do,
A gift from God, pure and true.
Your love of dance, your laughter's sound
In every heart, your light is found.
Though you've stepped beyond our sight,
Your spirit twirls in heaven's light.
The melody lives, the beat goes on
In memory, your dance is never gone.
You will be deeply missed by many,
Our hearts are hurting plenty,
Until the day we meet again
In our hearts you'll spend. Rlp David....



November 10 at 7:11 AM



Gail Deluccia lit a candle in honor of David.

To the Flory family. I'm so very sorry for your loss. David was very special to all of us in the dance community. We will miss him terribly ❤️🙏

November 9 at 8:02 PM



Gail D. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.

November 9 at 7:55 PM



GD **Gail Deluccia** November 9 at 7:57 PM
I will miss you dancing.



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Anonymous sent a Serenity Wreath to the Flory family.

November 9 at 7:24 PM



Your Beloved Wife, Kim planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.

November 9 at 7:24 PM



Kathy Ortega lit a candle in honor of David.

I was absolutely heart-broken to hear of David's passing. He touched the lives of so many with his kindness, infectious laughter and warm hugs. His spirit touched the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know him. I will forever cherish the memories and impact he had in my life. Please know that my thoughts and heartfelt sympathies are with all of his family during such a difficult time. May you find comfort in the love and support of those around you, and in the beautiful memories you hold dear. David was an extremely talented dance instructor. I was lucky enough to meet him at Suzanne's and later on when he took over for Cindy at Dance Life. May his soul be free of all pain and blessed to dance free in the Lord's Presence. My prayers are all for peace in your hearts and trust in God for the things we cannot understand during our time on this earth.

November 9 at 5:35 PM



Jerome Stein posted:

We met David only once at Chuck and Rhea's 50th anniversary as their DJ at the celebration and we were immediately impressed by his warm smile and attitude he showed everyone. He made us feel like family and really did exceptionally as their DJ. HE knew his stuff! There will be a hole in our world that can't be replaced. May God grant his family peace during this terrible time of grief. God bless, Jerry and Kathy Clevinger Stein (old friends of Chuck and Rhea).

November 9 at 4:42 PM



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Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Flory family.

November 9 at 4:38 PM



Brenda Corbin Perry sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Flory family.

November 9 at 2:23 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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