



## David John DeCoux

November 4, 1972 - October 28, 2025

David John DeCoux (née Smith) died on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, in St. Louis Park, Minnesota at the age of 52. The cancer that killed him was unexpected and sudden. He fought bravely, but the cancer was discovered too late for medical intervention.

David was born on November 4, 1972, in Duluth Minnesota. He graduated from Cloquet High School in 1991. David attended several colleges, including Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, The University of Minnesota Duluth, Harvard Extension School, and Brown Institute where he received a technical certification for software engineering.

David's natural acuity in the technical space and his penchant for leadership quickly propelled his career forward. He was a vice president of software engineering by the time he was 28 years old. Over the years, he developed software in multiple industries, including logistics, medicine, hospitality, and finance. Most recently he worked as a principal software architect at RBC Wealth Management Financial.

David had a creative spirit which expressed itself in music and poetry. In school, he sang in the choir and learned to play the drums. He drove his teachers crazy with his constant drumming, but it was an excellent avenue for his irrepressible energy. As a young man, he began singing in local bands and

learned to play the guitar. His passion for music continued to grow over the years. He loved listening to music and had a large and diverse collection of music at home. He enjoyed seeing live music and jamming with friends. He was always composing new songs and writing down the poetry and lyrics that came into his head. He began posting his music, short stories, humor, and poems online and received attention nationally and globally. In recent years, he started a new band, PyroScene, with whom he recorded music, posted online, and played live in the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota.

In 2005, David married the love of his life, Lucille DeCoux. They built a family in St. Paul and then Bloomington, MN and had twenty happy years together. He was a devoted father to his two children, making every effort to help them develop their strengths and find their true selves. A phrase he often repeated to his family was, "There is only love in this house."

David sought to surround himself with beauty, both artistic and natural. He crafted glorious wildflower gardens, took his family on long walks in the woods, biked on rural and urban paths, and vacationed in pristine locations. One of David's favorite things to do was to sit with his wife and a glass of wine, listen to music, and enjoy a beautiful view.

David was charismatic and gregarious. His smile was as infectious as his humor. He was an engaging conversationalist and loved to talk for hours with friends and family. He especially enjoyed hanging out with a friend or two by a bonfire, talking late into the night about politics, software, music, and biking.

David will be sorely missed. He is survived by his wife Lucille, children Adder and Henry, mother Dorothy DeCoux, stepfather Curt DeCoux, father Richard Smith, and siblings Steve Smith (Tara), Heidi DeCoux, and Dominic DeCoux (Amanda). We will honor David's memory on Friday, November 7th at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel, 5000 West 50th Street, Edina. There will

be a visitation at 5pm, followed by a memorial service at 7pm, and a reception following.

If you would like to contribute to Adder and Henry's college funds, please follow the link: [www.ugift529.com](http://www.ugift529.com) and enter the code T14-C5W for Adder (Adele)'s fund and Q8L-B4Y for Henry's fund. To make a charitable donation in David's name, please send a check to First Nation's Kitchen in Minneapolis and write "in memory of David DeCoux" on the memo line. May he rest in peace.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Memorial Service

NOV 7. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Reception

NOV 7. 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Graveside Service

NOV 10. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Resurrection Cemetery (Mendota Heights)  
2101 Lexington Avenue South  
Mendota Heights, MN 55120-1211

# Tribute Wall

CT

“ Chris T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David John DeCoux.

Chris T. - November 07, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ Dear Lucille, Adder and Henry John, Harmon and I are so very sorry for the loss of David. I was so happy that we were able to become friends and our world is better that he and you all were in it. We were so happy to see him every time he came to June Jam and we will miss him so much.

We are out of town right now and unable to make the service - but please know that we are all thinking of you, praying for you, and missing David so much.

John, Rebecca, and Harmon Metz

Rebecca Metz - November 07, 2025 at 09:06 AM

WF

“ With love, Carmen, Matt and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David John DeCoux.



With love, Carmen, Matt and family - November 06, 2025 at 10:01 PM

FR

“ Friends and Coworkers from RBC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David John DeCoux.

Friends and Coworkers from RBC - November 06, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David John DeCoux.



November 06, 2025 at 03:39 PM

RM

“ Rebecca M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David John DeCoux.

Rebecca M. - November 06, 2025 at 01:25 PM

DS

“ Don Shuler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David John DeCoux.

Don Shuler - November 06, 2025 at 01:11 PM

DS

“ Don Shuler purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of David John DeCoux.



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**Don Shuler** - November 06, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David John DeCoux.



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November 05, 2025 at 08:56 AM

SS

“ Sarah S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David John DeCoux.

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**Sarah S.** - November 05, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of David John DeCoux.



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November 04, 2025 at 02:01 PM

AR

“ Annie Rients planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David John DeCoux.

Annie Rients - November 03, 2025 at 11:13 AM

AR

“ Annie Rients purchased the *Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum* for the family of David John DeCoux.



Annie Rients - November 03, 2025 at 11:13 AM



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Sheila Regan - November 02, 2025 at 10:23 PM

EB

“ Eileen Cullen & Amal Bhattarai planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David John DeCoux.

Eileen Cullen & Amal Bhattarai - November 02, 2025 at 10:21 PM

EB

“ Eileen Cullen & Amal Bhattarai purchased the Pr  
etty Please for the family of David John DeCoux.



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**Eileen Cullen & Amal Bhattarai** - November 02, 2025 at 10:21  
PM

FF

“ From Ann, and your California family planted a <a  
[Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518)</a> in  
honor of David John DeCoux.

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**From Ann, and your California family** - October 31, 2025 at 06:20 PM

FF

“ From Ann, and your California family purchased  
the Serenity Wreath for the family of David John  
DeCoux.



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**From Ann, and your California family** - October 31, 2025 at  
06:20 PM

BF

“ Betty, Vienna, Shea, Tyrone & families purchased  
the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of  
David John DeCoux.



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**Betty, Vienna, Shea, Tyrone & families** - October 31, 2025 at  
05:40 PM



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**Francis Keys** - October 31, 2025 at 05:08 PM