



## David Cole Boyer

August 20, 1960 - July 6, 2025

David Cole Boyer passed away on July 6, 2025, in Bloomington Hospital from colorectal cancer. David was born on August 20, 1960 in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Charles Boyer and Cynthia Ann Cole Boyer, and survived by his sisters--Kim Boyer of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Becky Underwood of Bloomington--and his children Maerose Adora Boyer and Noah Emmanuel Boyer, both of Portland, Oregon

In his teens David developed a passion for the fine arts, working in paint, pen, and ink. After he graduated from the Alternative Program of the State College (PA) High School David moved to San Francisco where he lived for most of the next 20 years. It was there he met and married Mary Sweeting and became stepfather to Solomon Sweeting; soon Noah and Maerose were born into the family. David worked at and then bought a small offset printing shop in downtown Oakland where he printed environmentally-responsible materials for area business, including the Sierra Club, the Oakland As, and the Golden State Warriors. He also designed and created t-shirt designs which sold in the thousands at the Haight-Ashbury T-Shirt store.

In 2000 David moved with Maerose to Bloomington and lived with his father until Robert's passing in 2010. David took a job with the Bloomington Bagel Company on Dunn St. and soon became a beloved member of the IU community, known as "Bagel Dave." He served up delicious bagels with side

orders of genuine affection and intellectual inquiry. He managed the BBC shop on E. 3rd Street where many Jacobs School students grabbed an encouraging (very music-savvy) word along with their favorite bagel or muffin. Since the pandemic, David has been a fixture at the BBC location in the Shoppes on College Mall Road.

David was also embraced by the community of the Neal Marshal Black Culture Center of Indiana University, where he had a second job working with his beloved friend Tim Womack.

He read voraciously, studied omnivorously, philosophized eclectically. He could talk with almost anyone about almost anything; a man with a more generous spirit would be hard to find. He will be sorely missed.

A memorial is being planned for what would have been David's 65th birthday in Bloomington.”

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 has been entrusted with the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be share

# Tribute Wall



“ I first met David around 2000/2001 when he worked the downtown store and I was just around the corner at Greetings (where he also did a short stint). I have had the honor of continuing to catch up with him over the past 20 years and my kids have grown to know him as well. I loved his travel stories. It says a lot about a human that while at Greetings he worked with a bunch of us young new adult ladies and we always felt safe with him. In the chaos of college upheaval, we were grateful to have a safe person.

David: We made it to Iceland back in May and brought the bagel you sold us for the trip (multi-grain as recommended by you for sturdiness in travel). Sad we never got to turn the photo in back to you directly so you could add Iceland on the map at the Shoppes location. Thank you for telling us about your travels there many years ago.



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**Lisa Thatcher** - July 29, 2025 at 12:52 PM

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“ We were so sad to hear of David's passing. We often enjoyed bagels from the Bloomington Bagel Company, and since moving to the east side of town, we frequented the location in The Shoppes and always enjoyed seeing Dave there. He always greeted us with a smile and was a joy to chat with. We didn't know Dave beyond these brief encounters at the bagel shop, but we knew him well enough to know what an amazing person he was. He will be sorely missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.

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**Katie Watson and Tim Shier** - July 26, 2025 at 02:58 PM

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“ Sending sympathy to David’s family and friends. I didn’t really know David, but saw him often at BBC. His kindness and good nature shone. We shared many short but interesting conversations, and I was always struck by his genuine interest, breadth of knowledge, and kindness to everyone. He will be missed by many.

Delia - July 20, 2025 at 10:00 PM

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“ I send my sympathy to you all at this time of David's death. I worked for several years with David at the Dunn Street BBC and enjoyed and respected him as a fellow worker and friend. What a great sense of humor he had and such kindness. He will be much missed.  
Antonia Matthew

Antonia Matthew - July 20, 2025 at 09:59 AM

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“ Wiz lit a candle in memory of David Boyer



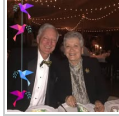
Wiz - July 19, 2025 at 04:09 PM

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“ I knew David in my youth growing up on the same street in State College, Pa. I’m very sorry to learn that he has passed away, and send my heartfelt sympathy to Kim, Becky and his children. May happy memories carry you all. Shelley Nelson Hanisch



shelley Nelson Hanisch - July 18, 2025 at 07:24 PM



*David was in my wedding as ring barrer at University Baptist Church. I would love to catch up with Kim or Becky. I was calling David to congratulate him on bringing winning football from State College to Bloomington. It took awhile. Could someone call me? 3023838050 I'm sorry I'm late.*

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**Robert George** - January 30 at 11:21 AM