



David Dion III

April 7, 1949 - April 5, 2021

On April 5, 2021, Louis David Dion III died at age 71 in Birmingham, Alabama after being diagnosed with a glioblastoma brain tumor in March, 2021. He was born on April 7, 1949 in Claremont, NH. He is preceded in death by his parents, Louis David Dion II (2011) and Pauline Kendall Dion (2020).

David earned his PhD from the University of Florida and later performed microbiology research at the National Cancer Institute and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. At UAB he supported research to develop adenoviruses as a gene therapy agent to treat lung cancer. Later in his career he played a key role in producing a method that is being used today to better define the margins of brain tumors for surgical removal.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Breland Dion, his daughters Kristin Dion and Jeannie Dion Johnston (Chris), his 3 stepchildren; Jeremy Breland (Paige), Zachary Breland (Caroline), and Jenni Breland Johnson (Alex), his sister Deborah Dion Krischke (Ryan), and his niece Alexandra Dion Pazzaglia (Nick). David leaves behind 5 grandchildren; Logan David and Lena Dion Johnston, Ann Whitney and Emily Catherine Breland, and Elizabeth Claire Johnson.

David retired from UAB in 2017 and moved to the White Mountains of New Hampshire where he enjoyed skiing, hiking and biking. He was an active

member of the community as he volunteered at Squam Adaptive Summers and served as a substitute teacher at the Lin-Wood Public School in Lincoln, NH.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the UAB neuro-oncology research fund. <https://everloved.com/life-of/louis-dion/donate/>

UAB Neuro-Oncology
510 20th Street South
Faculty Office Tower Room 1020
Birmingham, Alabama 35294-3410
Attn: Shirley Gibbs

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Baptist Church
5450 Mt Olive Church Rd
Trussville, AL 35173

Celebration of Life

APR 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



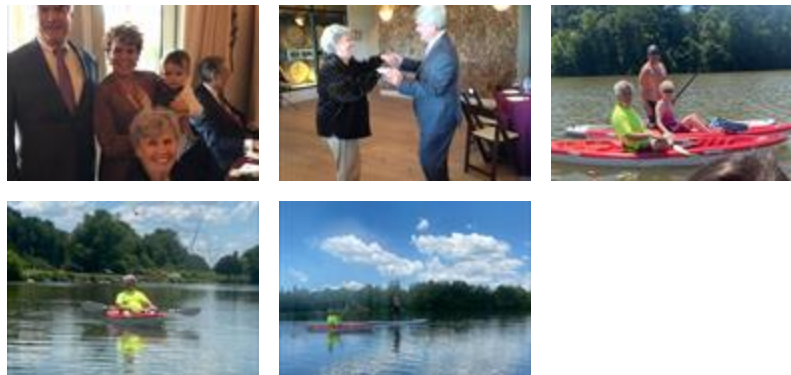
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Deerfoot Memorial - April 10, 2021 at 10:10 AM



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Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - April 09, 2021 at 11:16 AM



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