



David Alfred Isaac Foland

March 27, 1974 - March 3, 2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of David Alfred Isaac Foland, a devoted father, esteemed Cybersecurity Technical Design Architect, decorated Army veteran, and loyal friend. David's unwavering love and commitment to his son and those he loved, his passion for his work, and his courageous service to his country have left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

Born on March 27, 1974, in Battle Creek, Michigan, David was the son of Gerald and Mary-Jo Foland. He shared a special bond with his younger brother, Gregg A. Foland, and their happy memories together will be forever treasured.

David was a man of remarkable intellect and dedication, graduating from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in history and archeology, and later making significant contributions as a Cybersecurity Technical Design Architect for nearly a decade. His meticulous attention to detail and expertise in his field left a lasting impact in the technology industry.

A proud United States Army veteran, David served his country diligently, earning accolades for his bravery and valor. His service in various campaigns, including Operation Iraqi Freedom, Korean DMZ, Kosovo Campaign, and Operation Enduring Freedom, exemplified his unwavering commitment to

protecting and serving his country. For heroism in combat against hostile enemy forces during Operation Iraqi Freedom, he received a Bronze Star for Valor - Task Force Bayonet - Iraq, 173rd Airborne Brigade. On November 13, 2003, near Balad, Iraq, an IED went off, disabling his convoy. Sergeant Foland distinguished himself by directly engaging the enemy while evacuating fellow wounded soldiers under enemy fire. His valorous actions and exceptional leadership helped save the lives of four wounded soldiers that day.

David received a Purple Heart on August 2, 2003, after being wounded in action in Al-Hawejah, Iraq. He was a proud lifetime member of the Jewish War Veterans.

David's love for his son, Ari Samuel Foland, was unparalleled. They shared countless moments full of joy, whether it was dressing up for Halloween, watching Star Wars, or embarking on exciting adventures. He always called Ari "Buddy" and told him tons of "dad jokes." He taught Ari how to tie his shoes, swallow a pill, and how to make all the vehicle sounds for play. His role as a father was what he lived for, and his favorite place to be was on a guy's night out with Ari. David's devotion to his son was evident in every aspect of his life.

David was all-in when it came to who he loved and what he did in life. He was fiercely protective of his family and friends. His passions included a love of history, Israel, and Judaism. He celebrated Jewish holidays with enthusiasm, led family Passover seders each year, was an unwavering supporter of the State of Israel, and attended Congregation Shearith Israel.

A man of diverse interests, David found joy in simple pleasures like watching documentaries, listening to rock, nu metal, and symphony, and engaging in outdoor activities like skydiving. He loved the finer things in life, particularly because he did not have them growing up. He loved to dine at the best

places, and his favorite part of the meal was dessert. He had a passion for cooking. His specialties were lamb chops and deviled eggs.

David is survived by his beloved son, Ari Samuel Foland, his former spouse, Erica (Bloom) Foland, his significant other, Rabbi Amy Rossel, his brother, Gregg Foland, his dog Lola, and a host of friends and colleagues who admired and respected him.

He is preceded in death by his father Gerald Foland and his two fur babies Toula and Emma.

A memorial service to honor David's life and commemorate his numerous contributions will be held on March 8, 2024, at 11:30 AM at Temple Emanu-El, Stern Chapel. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in David's memory to organizations close to his heart, including the Wounded Warrior Project, Friends of the IDF, Jewish War Veterans, and Warrior Scholar Project.

David Alfred Isaac Foland will forever be remembered as a man of integrity, courage, and unwavering love. May his legacy continue to inspire and uplift those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 8. 11:30 AM (CT)

Temple Emanu-El
8500 Hillcrest Ave.
Dallas, TX 75225

Stern Chapel with reception to follow