

I was born & raised in Helena. Anytime we'd come downtown there was sure to be a "book man" sighting. I grew up - went to college - came back and started slinging beers at Blackfoot River brewing. ~~My father~~ Delighted, I learned a

I first met David at the front desk of the hotel. He spoke to me about his passion for poetry, many many authors, several of whom I was not familiar. David instantly drew me in with his passion and knowledge and who he was. I had seen him around town, but did not truly know him. I heard David speak at a few road and reads, the last of which was in Spring of 2024 where he performed stand up comedy about his wife and death situation in the hospital. David had a great sense of humor, when I performed a poem I wrote at that road and read,

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Book Guy

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Book bag
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After catching a ride to Bozeman to see Patrick Hemingway, David had no way to get home. Helena. So he walked back to

regular customer was
my childhood hero
"book man" David.
He'd always create his
own beers by mixing
several together (much
to our brewers dismay) and
give us detailed reviews of
the concoction.
RIP David.

David's commentary and analysis meant the
most to me. In very few words, he
knew exactly what I was going for. And
I knew there, that I had a receptive
and understanding audience. Since I met
David I would periodically run into him
in town and especially at the library, he
was consistently kind to me and would
take time to talk with me and share a
book. I think one reason I was always
drawn to David since I met him was because
I saw some of myself in him and saw some of
him in me. I really am grateful for David and ~~who he is~~ ^{David is}.

Rest
in
infinity brother

David's
Depth
was
Transparent,
critique
quite unique
To This Beloved
Simple Sage
Never without
a
Drink or a
Wink
a Cry and
a Smile
Did
I
Ever leave
his
presence
The
Same.

How did he do it.

Kathleen