



## **David Witt**

WITT, DAVID Restaurateur Dies David Thomas Witt, a long-time San Diego resident, businessman and gentle soul died August 15, 2006 in San Diego. He was 57. David was born in Dayton, Ohio and moved to Santa Monica in 1968. He entered the restaurant business shortly afterwards and eventually moving to Hawaii for a management position. Upon his return to California, David completed an Accounting Degree at San Diego State University while he co-founded his first restaurant Fifth & Hawthorn. Most recently David was realizing his dream of creating and operating a fine-dining restaurant. The restaurant Hawthorns, located in the North Park neighborhood of San Diego, opened in April of 2006 in the historic North Park Theater and continues operation under his wife's ownership. David was an accomplished athlete who competed in bodybuilding, triathlons and cycling events. A generous and loving man, he was always quick with a boyish smile or clever joke. Others were David's first concern and he was one of the rare people that it always felt good to be around. We cherish our memory of him and feel the world is diminished without him. He is survived by his wife Rose, his brother William, his mother Wilma and his

granddaughter Ryan. Services for David will be private and the family requests that those who wish to, make donations in David's memory to NARSAD ([www.narsad.org](http://www.narsad.org)) Please sign the guest book at [obituaries.uniontrib.com](http://obituaries.uniontrib.com)

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