



## Dr. David O. King

July 24, 1950 - August 27, 2023

Dr. David O. King, age 73, went on before us into the arms of Jesus on Sunday, August 27th at his home in Bartlesville, OK after a long year of battling bladder cancer. He is survived by his wife, Deborah and their four children, Matthew, Nathan, Jonathan, and Natalie (East), his two brothers, Greg and Paul, and 7 beautiful grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Valerie.

David was born in Mississippi to Oscar and Lucille King in July of 1950. In early childhood his parents moved him and his siblings to Dewey, Oklahoma where David grew up. David graduated from a Bartlesville high school, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma, and achieved his doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine from Oklahoma State University/Tulsa Osteopathic School of Medicine.

David and Debbie were married in June, a couple of weeks before he graduated from medical school. The couple moved directly to Staten Island, New York where David began his Internship training with the Public Health Service. He continued on with the Public Health Service, training in his residency program for Orthopedic Surgery. He completed his Orthopedic Surgery Residency with the US Army with the highest rank as Major. After serving in the US Army at various stations, the Kings moved from Manhattan, Kansas to Chanute, Kansas where David was in private practice and worked at Neosho Memorial Hospital.

In 2007, David moved his family back home to Bartlesville where he joined an Orthopedic surgeon group associated with Jane Phillips Hospital. He ultimately joined the Orthopedic group, Tulsa Bone and Joint of Bartlesville, where he closed out his Orthopedic Surgeon career with great love and dedication to his community and to his patients.

What David enjoyed most in life was taking care of the people around him, serving them, and loving them. His great passion for audio books and sharing meaningful ideas with others in order to help them on their life's journey, was to ultimately point them to know the Savior Jesus. He believed that having a personal relationship with Jesus was the most important thing above all knowledge, accomplishment, money, influence, or striving. He often said, "The only thing you can take to heaven with you is other people..." and that was what he tried to do as he shared the vast knowledge, love, and wisdom that the Lord had blessed him with. He hopes he sees you there.

Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, September 2, 2023, 2 pm at Hope Presbyterian Church, 900 South Dewey Avenue, Bartlesville, OK.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Bartlesville Community Foundation for the Dr. David King Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is intended for Bartlesville area students aspiring to become physicians who have a heart to return to the Bartlesville community to practice medicine.

Donations may be mailed to 208 E 4th St. Bartlesville, OK 74003 or online at <https://bartlesvillecf.org/donate/> to the "Dr. David King Memorial" in the drop down menu.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

SEP 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hope Presbyterian Church  
900 Dewey Ave.  
Bartlesville, OK 74003  
(918) 969-6886

# Tribute Wall



“ *Such a wonderful Godly man! We are so safe to hear this! Debbie we love you! Matthew D rose Clark*

Rose Clark - October 28, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ *Dr. David O. King*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Dr. David O. King*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *My favorite orthopedic surgeon. He was a special guy. Love to the family. ❤️*

Kim McCoy - September 05, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ *You were a wealth of information and constant encouragement to educate oneself and others as well a seeker of Christ. Your love of and sharing of books 📖 with me and other aswell as your constant pursuit of "better" made you stand out. You shared knowledge willingly teaching as you worked and never made anyone feel less than for asking if they didn't understand but encouraged. I am grateful to have called you friend and mentor. Prayers to you and your family always.*

Ann Jain - September 05, 2023 at 03:00 PM

BJ

“ Bradley And Leisa James lit a candle in memory of Dr. David O. King



Bradley and Leisa James - September 02, 2023 at 04:27 PM

DS

“ Dr King was my Dr and my Fathers Dr and he was a friend. He was so special and I miss him. He was a great man and LeeAnn is my niece and I know how wonderful he was to her and how much he taught her over the years. He is missed. Prayers for his family

Deborah Smith - August 31, 2023 at 05:50 PM

KG

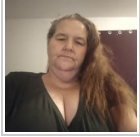
“ The first time I took my mom to see Dr. King, I was blown away. Dr. King spoke to my mom as if she was the only person in the room. He looked at her, he held my mom's hand and spoke to her in terms we both understood. He did not rush us at all. A few years ago, Dr. King became my doctor. I received the same loving & caring treatment. I can't express my sadness at losing such a wonderful, loving, caring Doctor, such a wonderful person. I am so sorry for your family, your staff family and as a patient of yours, I will truly miss you.

karen D greenburg - August 31, 2023 at 02:25 PM

DS

Dr. King was my orthopedic Dr. also..I will miss him so much, such a caring and understanding man..

Denise Spence-Taylor - September 01, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ *Dr.King was my Dr and will be missed.  
My Thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏 go out to his  
Family.*



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**Donna Davis** - August 30, 2023 at 08:19 PM



“ *Elizabeth Booth lit a candle in memory of Dr.  
David O. King*



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**Elizabeth Booth** - August 30, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ *In the years I worked with Dr. King I always felt I had gained  
something positive after a day in surgery. His insight and  
examination of life's nuances always led to intelligent discussions.  
His sense of humor was highly developed but he could still chuckle  
at the silly observations too. I'll miss the texts...  
I was so hopeful for more time but I will hold close to my heart the  
generous gift God gave me in allowing our paths to cross. God  
bless you Dr. King, may you rest in peace. Our world is no longer a  
burden you have to worry about or ponder. Matt*

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**Matthew Arbuckle** - August 30, 2023 at 06:46 PM

JS

“ *Jeanne Foreman Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Dr. David O. King*



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**Jeanne Foreman Shepherd** - August 30, 2023 at 10:20 AM

JS

*Prayers for comfort and strength.  
Jeanne Foreman Shepherd and Clyde Shepherd*

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**Jeanne Foreman Shepherd** - August 30, 2023 at 10:22 AM

LC

“ *I was blessed by knowing all the family (some of the kids i taught in children's ministries) Debbie & David were both such kind devoted church family. May God bless each one of you & Esp Debbie and may you all know the peace & comfort only God can give.*



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**Lora Hughes (previously Culbertson)** - August 30, 2023 at 05:43 AM

TB

“ *He made my friend Deb so happy, and together they raised a beautiful family. Well done sir!*

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**tamra bowman** - August 29, 2023 at 11:34 PM

BR

“ *i am so sorry for your lost i like David,king*



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**brucesumter** - August 29, 2023 at 10:04 PM

DC

“ *♥️🙏A quiet but eloquent and strong man of God and Prayer🙏♥️*

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**Debra Cook** - August 29, 2023 at 09:01 PM

DC

“ *I remember him as a man of great courage and conviction. An inspiration to and for me. David Call*

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**David Call** - August 29, 2023 at 07:51 PM

BB

“ *Christine and I remember David as a soft-spoken, gentle but passionate Christian man. He would listen to others intently, most likely due to his physician training, but he would also relay his deep Biblical understanding with firmness and resolve. We always had a good time laughing and playing with David and Debbie, and their friendship help develop us in the past and will continue to be a guidepost into the future. David ‘waited’ on the Lord...and as Isiah wrote...he is soaring on ‘wings’ and will never be weary or faint. Our love to Debbie and family.*

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**Bob and Christine Biles** - August 29, 2023 at 06:25 PM

RY

*Thank you for your kind words and deeper insight into my nephew David. 🙏♥️🙏♥️🙏*

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**rosalie yett** - August 29, 2023 at 08:48 PM

EB

“ Elizabeth Booth lit a candle in memory of Dr. David O. King



Elizabeth Booth - August 29, 2023 at 05:39 PM

DB

“ We had the pleasure of being patients and always adored his work ethic and dress for success. He will be missed. Michael and Deniece Bush

Deniece Bush - August 29, 2023 at 05:17 PM

DL

I also had the pleasure of being a patient of Dr King. I had the upmost confidence in his work. I always said I had a in with him because he is my grandson (Justins) uncle. I also always appreciated him saying a prayer when he operated on me. I will miss him and my prayers are for Debbie and family. Debby Lucas

Debby Lucas - August 29, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ God Bless you Dr. King. You are True healer of Man. I appreciate all your texts filled with knowledge and truth. The world just got a little dimmer.



Larry Birch - August 29, 2023 at 03:58 PM

PM

“ I was fortunate to work with David on many occasions during his practice years at Jane Phillips. He was an outstanding physician, skilled surgeon and a caring and compassionate human being. He will be missed.

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**Paul McQuillen MD** - August 29, 2023 at 03:47 PM

DS

“ I had the privilege of working with Dr King at Allen County Hospital in Iola, KS. He was a wonderful caring Dr and a skilled surgeon. In 2001, I was badly injured in an auto accident. My husband and I insisted that I be transferred back to Iola, rather than a big city trauma unit. Dr. literally reconstructed my leg, and cared for me through multiple procedures, even after he moved to Bartlesville. He prayed with me before surgeries. I am convinced that I am walking today because of his expertise! He truly made the world a better place. Rest in Peace with your Savior!

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**Dee Singer** - August 29, 2023 at 01:58 PM

RY

Praise the Lord! Love from his Aunt Rosalie ❤️🙏

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**rosalie yett** - August 29, 2023 at 08:49 PM

JC

Dr. King was my orthopedic surgeon since 2007 doing both hip replacements, one knee replacement and orthoscopic carpal tunnel surgery. He was the most compassionate person and the BEST surgeon I know. I will miss him so much. I know he is now free of pain and sickness and with his Lord and Savior with a new body. I didnt know his wife and family but our prayers are with them for peace and comfort during this time and many more days, weeks and years to come. Miss you Dr. King,

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**Jerry and Vela Coldren** - August 31, 2023 at 10:25 PM