



David Paulding

April 12, 1945 - June 21, 2023

David Bruce Paulding transitioned to his heavenly home peacefully on the morning of June 21, 2023, surrounded by his family. Dave was born on April 12, 1945 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Leo and Glendola Paulding, both of whom preceded him in death along with his brother, Roger Paulding, sister, Modell Kesner, and brothers-in-law, Andy Pesta, and Rob Allison.

After graduating from Webster High School in 1963, Dave completed 2 years of college before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. Before deployment, Dave married his childhood sweetheart, Margaret Ann Claver, on August 28, 1965. He began his active duty service in January of 1966 during the Vietnam war, and was stationed at Fairchild AFB, Washington, supporting a B-52 squadron. Dave was also stationed in Guam, where the squadron flew bombing sorties into Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1970. Shortly thereafter, Dave and Margaret were blessed with their daughter, Andreana, in 1970, and six years later, their beloved son, John. They raised their family in Oklahoma and California before eventually settling in Texas. By the grace of God, David and Margaret remained life-long friends.

Dave later met the love of his life and the “apple of his eye”, Lark B Allison. He always loved to share the story of the night they met at Studebaker’s. Dave cherished the 38 years he had together with Lark at their home in Terrell, Texas. Together, Dave and Lark created many lasting memories raising their

daughter, Ryanne, with Andie and John completing their family. They worked together to build a home full of love.

Dave and Lark always took pride in their beautifully landscaped yard and backyard oasis where they spent countless hours listening to music and hosting some of the biggest and best family events. Their hard work did not go unnoticed as they were awarded “Yard of the Year” twice, in one case even while Dave’s health was in decline.

Affectionately known as “Big Dave” by his children’s friends, and “Jumbo” by his co-workers, Dave was a giant teddy bear, hilariously funny, and filled with love for life. He was a huge fan of music, movies, sports (especially football and golf), fast cars, great food, the Dallas Cowboys, and the Oklahoma University Sooners. He loved his German Shepherds; Lady, Sheba, Shatze, and Shadow were his faithful companions over the years. He loved to cook; Big Dave’s Chili and Pawpaw’s Green Beans were famous among family and friends. And he loved to take his kids and grandkids shopping, often spoiling them as though money were no object.

But Dave also modeled the value of hard work for his family, and encouraged them not only by his words, but also by his example, that good things always follow when you do your very best. Dave was an illustrious salesman for 32 years, at one point being named Scotts corporation’s “Man of the Year” for three consecutive years. He was also a well-known and highly respected car salesman in the Dallas-metro area and met some of his closest friends while working for W. O. Bankston, John Eagle, and Randall Noe. After surviving a severe heart-attack in 2000, Dave decided it was time to change pace and took a position with Blue Cross Blue Shield where he worked as a security officer until his retirement in 2012.

Other than his backyard oasis, California was Dave’s favorite place in the

world, and more than anything, he loved sharing both with his family. During their annual summer vacations, driving down Pacific Coast Highway 1 (or to any beach town, for that matter), Dave would belt out all the words to a song, show off his dancing “moves,” and demonstrate his love and knowledge of music by quizzing his children to “name that tune or singer.” He would also share trivial stories from history and make up road trip games when the grandkids started to ask, “How much longer?” Always in a hurry to get there, himself, Dave was no stranger to an occasional speeding ticket or two on the way to family vacation. No doubt his love for fast cars, particularly his Corvettes, may have had something to do with that.

Dave’s number one priority was always making sure his family felt his love all the way until the very end. Even when his speech or strength would fail him, he would send a text to share a fun memory, let them know he was thinking about them, and always that he loved them. The proudest title he ever held was being Pawpaw to his grandchildren. Dave left his lasting legacy and his words of wisdom with his grandchildren. He loved to let each one know how much they were loved and how proud he was of their accomplishments.

Left to cherish Dave’s memories are his love of his life of 38 years, Lark Allison; daughters: Andreana Patsch and husband Stephan, Ryanne Hamilton and husband Ryan; son, John Paulding and wife Rachel; grandchildren: Joshua Reiner and Jackie Parras, Gracie Hamilton, Chloe Patsch, Allison Hamilton, Emily Patsch, Josiah Paulding, Noah Paulding, Caleb Paulding, Owen Hamilton, Abigail Paulding; lifelong friend Margaret McBride; brother, Jerry Paulding and wife Misti; sisters-in-law: Ann Allison, Della Jo Pesta, and Gena Hunter and husband Michael, and multiple nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Dave will always be remembered for his famous jokes, golfing skills, unique

and loveable mannerisms, pride for his country, and being the gentle giant. Dave always gave every part of himself that he could and will be immeasurably missed. He lived a life definitely worth celebrating.

Funeral services of Dave are scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2023 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel. The family will receive guests one hour prior to service time.

Cemetery Details

College Mound Cemetery

15151 FM 429 South
Terrell, TX 75161

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of David Paulding*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - June 30, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *David Paulding*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Karo Stewart lit a candle in memory of David Paulding*



Karo Stewart - June 27, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Paulding.*

June 27, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Paulding.*



June 27, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Paulding.

June 26, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David Paulding.*



June 26, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Paulding.*



June 26, 2023 at 10:51 AM

DT

“ Donna Tapp lit a candle in memory of David Paulding



donna tapp - June 26, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Paulding.



June 26, 2023 at 08:07 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Paulding.



June 23, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of David Paulding.



June 23, 2023 at 04:04 PM

LR

“ Linda Riedel lit a candle in memory of David Paulding



Linda Riedel - June 23, 2023 at 03:19 PM

LR

I'm so sorry to hear about Dave's passing Lark. My love and prayers for you & the family. May God bless you with his comfort and strength during this sad time.

Linda Riedel - June 23, 2023 at 03:28 PM

YF

“ Your Hospice Plus Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of David Paulding.



Your Hospice Plus Family - June 23, 2023 at 03:17 PM

KC

“ I'm so sorry to learn about David's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Lark and all of the family as you grieve the loss of this good man.

Kim Christian - June 23, 2023 at 12:55 PM

SB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Lark and your family at this sad time..May the great God above give each of you peace strength and comfort at this time 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Sharon Boyd - June 23, 2023 at 11:57 AM

BW

Lark and family I am so sorry for Dave's passing. Dave loved his music and keeping the yard look beautiful. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. ❤️🙏

Beth Wilder - June 23, 2023 at 02:33 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Boyd lit a candle in memory of David Paulding*



Sharon Boyd - June 22, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - June 22, 2023 at 04:56 PM

JP

Dave was a sweetheart of a man. Loved his family and time together. You will be forever missed and remembered.

Janet Pennington - June 22, 2023 at 05:43 PM

DW

Much love and prayers to Lark and her family .So very for their loss! Bless your heart precious friend . - Darla (Boyd) Whitley

Darla Whitley - June 22, 2023 at 08:21 PM

PY

*Much love to you Lark and your family.
Dave was a great person, he will be missed.*

Patty Yocum - June 23, 2023 at 08:43 AM

NC

What a nice guy, he will be missed!

Nancy Cain - June 23, 2023 at 10:18 AM

TE

Great tennis player, David always beat me, enjoyed at Reed Park..Good Person all the time. RIP my friend!

Terrywilburn@att.net - June 23, 2023 at 11:54 AM

HE

Sending love and prayers sweet Lark, for you and your family. I know how important he was to you all and how greatly he will be missed. May God comfort you all and give you peace that surpasses all understanding, remembering all of the wonderful times you had together.

Holly Eastep - June 23, 2023 at 03:15 PM



Beverly Carrington Goff

*Lark, So sorry to hear about Dave. He was such wonderful man and I know how much he meant to you and your family.
Love, Beverly and Randy Goff*

Beverly Carrington Goff - June 24, 2023 at 11:56 PM