



## David Bryan Yardley

November 16, 1945 - August 20, 2024

David Bryan Yardley was born in Arkansas City, KS on November 16, 1945. As a child, David enjoyed collecting baseball cards and playing an old-fashioned game of marbles. He played the coronet, serving as first chair in the Arkansas City High School band; worked in various positions at Safeway grocery as a teenager; and began dating the love of his life, Linda Kathryn Naegele. On June 10th, 1967, David and Linda married and lived in Manhattan, KS for one semester while David earned his Mechanical Engineering degree from Kansas State University. He was a member of Triangle Fraternity. Upon graduating Summa Cum Laude, David and Linda moved to Houston, TX where David began a lifelong career in the oil and gas industry. David and Linda joyously welcomed their first son, Randall Bryan, in 1970 and the family later moved to Baton Rouge, LA. In 1974, David and Linda were thrilled to welcome their second son, Mark Brandon. That same year, David joined Phillips 66 and they moved to Bartlesville, OK where the family remains to this day. David retired from Phillips 66 after 26 years of loyal service.

David's faith was always first in his life. His friends called him "the parson." He carried a piece of paper in his billfold quoting, "What is right is right, what is wrong is wrong, there is no in-between." David was a member of the First Baptist Church for 46 years where he developed deep friendships. He helped the 5th grade boys Sunday school class and was a Royal Ambassador Leader

for several years on Sunday evenings.

As a dedicated father, David's community service was motivated by his sons' activities. He served on boards for the Y-Indian Guides and YMCA and spent years coaching basketball and Little League baseball. David was an active supporter of Bartlesville Bruin and American Legion baseball and was always seen on the field prepping for the next big game.

In retirement, David learned the art of fly tying, became a bonsai enthusiast, enjoyed traveling the world, spent time fishing with friends and family, developed into a master gardener, and remained an avid K-State fan. But David's true love was spending time with his four grandsons-playing board games, teaching chess, modeling work ethic, and sharing his love of sports. David attended hundreds of baseball, basketball, football, and soccer games which proudly earned him the title, "Sports Grandpa."

David lived with Parkinson's for 18 years. He fought hard, exercised hard, and loved his family and friends dearly. Above all, he was a Godly man. David is survived by his wife, Linda; son, Mark Yardley and his wife Melissa Yardley, grandsons, Logan and Tanner Yardley (Bartlesville); daughter-in-law, Robin Yardley-Page (Bartlesville) and grandsons, Tyler Yardley (Carrollton, TX) and Grant Yardley (Prairie Village, KS); and numerous extended family members. David is preceded in death by parents Melvin and Vera Yardley; brother, Steve Yardley; and son, Randy Yardley.

The Funeral will be held at Bartlesville First Baptist Church at 11 am CT on Saturday, August 24th. In lieu of flowers and in honor of David's strength and determination, those interested may donate to Elder Care-PWR (Parkinson Wellness Recovery), 1223 Swan Drive, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral

Home and Crematory Walker-Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Bartlesville  
405 S Cherokee Ave.  
Bartlesville, OK 74003  
<http://www.bfbc.net>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Bryan Yardley*



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**Davis Family Funeral Home** - August 22, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *Very sad to hear of passing of Dave. I have known him for 48 years and worked with and for him. A man of integrity, honesty, who was always calm , polite and collected.  
I suspected he was not doing well as he did not respond to my messages the last few years.  
May he rest in peace as he was truly a peaceful man.*

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**Hisham Hashim** - August 25, 2024 at 01:03 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Bryan Yardley.*



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August 23, 2024 at 03:54 PM

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“ *The Fitzpatrick Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Bryan Yardley.*

The Fitzpatrick Family - August 22, 2024 at 09:56 PM

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“ *The Fitzpatrick Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Bryan Yardley.*



The Fitzpatrick Family - August 22, 2024 at 09:56 PM

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“ *I had the pleasure of working with Dave for many years. He was a wonderful human being and a great engineer. My condolences and best wishes to his family.*

Leslie ("Fritz") Krusen - August 22, 2024 at 02:20 PM

FM

“ *David was a colleague at work and a friend. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

Fred Mayes - August 22, 2024 at 12:07 PM

MS

“ So sorry to hear of David's passing. We have been lifelong friends, literally, growing up together. His family and mine. We have a fun history filled with great memories. Blessings upon your family as you make this transition. You're all in my thoughts and prayers. Real friends, are friends forever. I consider David one of my real friends, and I'm grateful for his friendship.

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**Michael Schooley** - August 22, 2024 at 09:26 AM