



David Joe Masterson

December 31, 1949 - May 14, 2026

David Masterson, 76, passed away at his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on the evening of May 14, 2026. Born and raised in Tulsa by his parents Isaac and Alice Cartwright, David was the eldest of nine children, a role where he likely first perfected his signature trait of affectionately tormenting his loved ones.

In 1976, David married the love of his life, Patricia. After starting their family, David and Patricia moved to Nederland, Texas, where they raised their five children. David's career and life took them on a few adventures—living in Austin, Texas, Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Joplin, Missouri—before ultimately bringing them full circle back home to Tulsa.

David spent the majority of his professional life in the waste management industry, working dedicatedly both behind the wheel as a driver and in management roles. His career even fueled one of his favorite pastimes: collecting model trash trucks, alongside an impressive collection of Hot Wheels.

David was known for his mischievous sense of humor. He absolutely loved to tease and affectionately torment his loved ones—a trait his family will deeply miss and fondly cherish.

David was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Patricia, and his dear

daughter, Kelly Simmons Beck.

His legacy lives on through his children: Joni Quick (and husband Ron), Alice Masterson, and Diane Johnson-Thomas (and husband Damian); and Kenneth Richmond (and wife Christina), whom he loved and raised as his own. He was the incredibly proud grandfather to fifteen grandbabies: Jayden, Asher, Meghan, Desmond, Krissy, Gavin, Taylor, Aleah, Sean, Jasen, Dejah, Alaina, Trysha, Tre', and Alyssa, as well as a proud great-grandfather to eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Norma Cartwright, and his brother, Roger Cartwright.

The family is currently planning a private gathering to celebrate David's life.

Tribute Wall



“ *Man daddy its so hard waking up on my own and not hearing your voice yelling for coffee! We cant function without you. I really just cant..its so hard to go on...when momma passed at least we had you to make us go on and keep busy...this time we are just looking at each other wondering what do we do? Its been almost a decade where we have been taking care of each other. Just stinks you left us too soon! We miss your stories and your bullying us i mean all in fun but still miss you soooo much love you daddy! To the moon n back times infinity and beyond! I hope you and memaw and Kelly and both of our grandma and grandpas are all celebrating and spending time in heaven!*

Ally Masterson - May 23 at 07:16 PM

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“ *I will miss you daddy. Love your Baby Girl*

Diane Johnson-Thomas - May 18 at 10:05 AM