



Jay David King

July 10, 1957 - March 9, 2019

Jay David King of Tulsa, Oklahoma passed away Saturday, March 9th, 2019 in Tulsa. He was 61.

Jay was born on July 10, 1957, at St. John's Hospital to Jay and Jean King. He was happily received into his new home at 46th and Rockford by his two brothers Tom, who was 14 and Ed, who was 11. He only briefly lived at that address, and during the next summer they all moved to a small rental house at 46th and Birmingham while a new home was under construction at 56th and Zunis. He started grade school at McClure on 61st St. He finished grade school at Francis Scott Key, after moving again to a nearby house on 61st Court. He went on to Byrd Junior High followed by Memorial High School and graduation in 1974.

After working at several jobs including as a projectionist, he decided to attend Tulsa Tech, and became a surgical technologist which ultimately led him to his Physician's Assistant license. With this training, he started working in the surgical facilities at Saint Francis Hospital in cardiology, but was soon discovered by Eastern Oklahoma Orthopedic Center (EOOC), and for more than 30 years he worked in their Orthopedic practice

He took up residence on 1227 S. Jackson Ave. and it is there that he

met his future spouse (Larry), in June of 2009. They bought a house in the Wedgewood neighborhood together in 2011, and have lived there since. After 4 years of being together, and with persistent inquiries from Larry about when he would make him an honest man, he was officially married on June 30, 2013 in Olympia, Washington. The best men and witnesses to share this occasion in the celebration of their union were Ron and Steve. After a 2 week honeymoon, with stops including Ft. Collins to visit with family, they returned to their residence to settle down. He officially became a 2nd father to his husband's daughter Holly and a grandpa to his 1st grandchild Wyatt, to be known as Pa Pa Jay. He would be blessed with a 2nd grandchild, (a granddaughter named Phoebe), in February of 2015. He was a loving husband, father and Pa Pa for the rest of his life. He unofficially retired as a certified 1st Assistant in June of 2015 and officially retired in the spring of 2016. He was well loved and respected by his peers, and by anyone who had the privilege to work with and/or be around him.

By those who knew him, he loved and enjoyed the life and times of all things vintage (especially from the 20's and 30's), which included: music (think 78's), his Victrolas vintage cars (owner of a 1930 Desoto, and a 1966 Mercury Colony Park), Fans (Emerson), Vacuum cleaners (Hoover), pottery (Roseville), mod/mid-century and 1920's clothing, furniture, glass and light fixtures.

He was well read and truly was "a jack of all trades". He mastered many things, (vintage radios, fans, cars, plumbing, gas, electricity, tile, and construction) just to name a few. He was well loved and respected by his peers, and by anyone who had the privilege to work and/or be around him. He was loved by all, within and

outside of the hospital setting, and will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his father Jay, his mother Jean and his oldest brother Tom.

Surviving family members include his husband Larry, his daughter Holly, his grandson Wyatt, his granddaughter Phoebe, his brother Ed and his wife Jo, his sister-in-law Claudia King, 2 nephews, 1 niece and many cousins.

Memorial Service will be 4:00pm Friday March 15, 2019 at Serenity Funerals and Crematory Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial

MAR 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Serenity Funerals and Crematory
4170 East Admiral Place
Tulsa, OK 74115

Tribute Wall

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“ He was such a wonderful, unique individual, who truly was a "one of a kind" man. I remember the 1st time I met him, & he had such a warm smile & the 2 dogs (Al & Lu Lu) at the time. They also greeted me so warmly. When he worked on his Desoto or Land Cruiser he seemed to be so happy.

Larry Ward - April 05, 2019 at 05:55 PM

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“ It was my pleasure to work with Jay even before he became an ortho scrub. He was always professional and always had a smile on his face. Every one I know loved to work with him. He always made the day a little better when he was in your OR suite. The last time I saw him he was the patient and I was his nurse and he still had that wonderful smile on his face. He will be missed and he has been missed since he retired. His family needs to know that he was loved by his hospital family. Gorda Leach

Gorda Leach - March 15, 2019 at 03:23 PM

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“ Larry and Ed, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We loved Jay and he will be missed terribly.
Our love,
Claudia, Randy and Kyle

Claudia King - March 15, 2019 at 02:47 PM