



David Wayne Cunningham

December 3, 1946 - October 10, 2017

David Wayne Cunningham, 70 passed away on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 in Tulsa surrounded by his family. David was born to the late P.W. and Ozelle (Smith) Cunningham on Tuesday, December 3, 1946 in Henryetta, Oklahoma. David was a Vietnam Veteran, serving in the United States Army. He had a passion for his job as a social worker and worked for the Okmulgee Department of Human Services until his retirement. David was amazing at helping so many people in various ways and always giving 110% with everything he did for them. His second passion was running, participating in multiple 5K races in Tulsa. David enjoyed biking and going down to the Y.M.C.A. to play racket ball. He has always loved horses. David attended the Asbury United Methodist Church in Tulsa.

Preceding him in death are his parents and brother, Paul Cunningham. Left to cherish all of the great memories of David is his wife Jennifer Cunningham of Bixby, sons Jason Cunningham and wife Leslie of New Castle, Oklahoma, Drew Cunningham of McKinney, Texas, Ben Cunningham of Weleetka, Oklahoma, daughter Beth Young and husband Jack of Sparks, Oklahoma, a step-daughter, Becky Fox of Catoosa, Oklahoma, grandchildren Alexis, Kambri, Emma, Paisley, Jace, Cohen, Aiden, Sophie, Brant, Emmett, Roper, Cash, and Harlee, brothers Don Cunningham and wife Cathey of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Jimmy Cunningham and wife Diana of Henryetta, and nephews William Cunningham of Oklahoma City and Paul Cunningham of Henryetta. A funeral service for David will be held 11:00 A.M. Tuesday,

October 17, 2017 at the First Assembly of God Church in Okmulgee with Minister Diane Twist officiating. Interment will follow at the Morris Cemetery. Friend may visit the funeral home Monday, October 16, 2017 from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. with family will be present between 5:00-7:00 P.M. to receive friends. Pallbearers will be Jason Cunningham, Drew Cunningham, Ben Cunningham, Jack Young, Tom Sullick and Jim Godfrey. Honorary Pallbearers will be Don Cunningham, Jimmy Cunningham, Paul Cunningham, and William Cunningham. Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on David's Tribute Page of our website at www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Morris Cemetery

Morris, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee

303 E. 7th Street

Okmulgee, OK 74447

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Visitation

OCT **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God
4th and Seminole
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Wayne Cunningham



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - October 15, 2017 at 08:32 PM



“ David Wayne Cunningham

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ Marsha Robinson lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham



Marsha Robinson - October 17, 2017 at 03:21 PM



I will miss you my friend.

Marsha Robinson - October 17, 2017 at 03:21 PM

RH

“ Rhana lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham



Rhana - October 17, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ I met Dave at the Okmulgee YMCA during lunchtime. I worked at the MCN and we would go to the YMCA during lunch and play basketball. He was always there playing with us young men. Very competitive and he loved to talk. We talked about life and he would always listen and offer advice. The last time I seen him was a few years ago. He still talked about those times with a smile on his face. Thats how I will remember my friend Dave. Rest in peace in my friend until we meet again!

Lucas Taylor - October 17, 2017 at 10:53 AM

DP

“ David Pascale lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham



David Pascale - October 16, 2017 at 03:11 PM

KC

“ I met David when I started work at DHS in 1991. He gave me some good advice and I thought about it and used it often. He was one of a kind and I used to tell him that. Made life at work a lot more fun! You will be missed by a lot of people. A really great and caring man.

Kimberley Bruner Cash - October 16, 2017 at 11:42 AM

PP

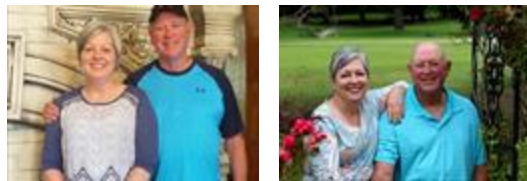
“ I met David when I began working for DHS in Okmulgee County in 1980. As one of the more experienced workers, David modeled how to be caring and fair to our clients. He was a great worker.. and by the way, he didn't mind telling everyone what a good worker he was. His sense of humor brightened many days. He remained my friend even after I transferred to other counties. Although we only visited occasionally by phone, it was a friendship I treasured.



Pam (Walters) Peterson - October 15, 2017 at 04:37 PM

JE

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jennifer - October 15, 2017 at 12:10 PM

CH

“ He will truly be missed.



Charlotte - October 14, 2017 at 07:27 PM



“ *Wings of Gold Set was purchased for the family of David Wayne Cunningham.*



October 13, 2017 at 04:50 PM



“ *Phillip Evington lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham*



Phillip Evington - October 13, 2017 at 03:48 PM



“ *I saw him last at my brother's funeral in January of 2014. Appreciated his presence there. I was his neighbor in Henryetta.*



Linda Smith Ree - October 13, 2017 at 10:23 AM



“ *Mark Downing lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham*



Mark Downing - October 13, 2017 at 04:31 AM

JS

“ *Juliene Stone lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham*



Juliene Stone - October 13, 2017 at 01:08 AM

RF

“ *Robbie Fleming lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham*



Robbie Fleming - October 13, 2017 at 12:03 AM

PB

“ *Phyllis Berryhill lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham*



Phyllis Berryhill - October 12, 2017 at 11:05 PM

PW

“ *Pat Wilson lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham*



Pat Wilson - October 12, 2017 at 08:13 PM

MB

“ *Melissa (Sharp) Berry lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham*



Melissa (Sharp) Berry - October 12, 2017 at 08:11 PM

PW

“ *David was always very special to me...a dear and loyal friend as well as co-worker who would go above and beyond to help someone. Always unselfish with his time and knowledge. He always made sure I had room in his truck when he would pick me up for work during inclement weather, even it meant threatening another co worker that would be moved to the back end if no room 😊 I will miss you dear friend. we worked together for 30 years*

Pat Wilson - October 12, 2017 at 08:11 PM

JE

“ *I have been blessed to know David these past 3 years. He was invariably full of life and humor, and brought great joy into the lives of those of us who saw him at Lifetime Fitness. He was a good man and will be greatly missed. Requiescat in pace, friend.*

Joe Eble - October 12, 2017 at 05:51 PM

TS

“ I have known David for 70 years. His loss is tough for me. As kids we played when I was in Henryetta and when we left, we could hardly wait 'til we saw each other next time.

He is one of the four finest brothers I have known in this life. He was a patriot and a loyal American Veteran, who sacrificed for this wonderful country of ours, in war and in peace.

He has left behind a fine family of children and grandchildren and relatives, who will continue on, but miss him very much,

The world has truly lost one of its finest.

Tom Sulick
Cousin

Tom Sulick - October 12, 2017 at 05:13 PM

BY

Thank you Tommy...I know he sure thought a lot of you and would have been so excited to see you...thank you for making the long journey here!

Beth Young - October 13, 2017 at 04:13 PM

TS

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Tom Sulick - October 12, 2017 at 04:50 PM

NH

“ I worked at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital as the social worker for 17 years total and for about 15 of those years David was the DHS worker I called on almost daily. When ever I had a client that needed help or direction David stepped up to the plate. He was a fierce advocate for the mothers and babies. A caring person, his position wasn't a job but a calling.. I admired him greatly for his caring spirit and he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his loving family.

Nathaniel Hill,MSW

Nathaniel Hill - October 12, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of David Wayne Cunningham.



October 12, 2017 at 04:22 PM

SH

“ I met David years ago! He helped me with my first child and we became great friends. He never met a stranger and would be highly offended if you didn't remember him! Lol! He helped everyone he could and never saw color, social or economic background! I will miss our lunches! I will miss my friend! He was a great man and an even greater friend! He will be missed by many!!!

Shelly - October 12, 2017 at 03:48 PM

SR

“ *Retirees' luncheon will never be the same without David. Will greatly miss him.*

Sharon Rogers - October 12, 2017 at 12:40 PM

ML

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for you all. ❤️*
Marsha and Jerry Lamm



Marsha Lamm - October 12, 2017 at 12:39 PM

BA

“ *I met and became friends with David when we started first grade at Webster Grade School--continuing through high school graduation. Extremely good and nice guy!! We never had contact after we all went our separate directions, however several years ago when my brother Skip Minyard became suddenly gravely ill, I contacted David via phone and he walked me through the process to obtain care for my brother until his demise 12-2002. Genuine people like David are such a rarity in the present day. My sincere sympathy to his family.*

Betty Minyard Allen
HHS Class 1964

Betty Allen - October 12, 2017 at 12:37 PM

BO

“ Beverly Ogden lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham



Beverly Ogden - October 12, 2017 at 12:07 PM

BO

It was a very sad day knowing that you have gone.... keep on walking the walk and talking the talk... I will miss you David.

I worked with David @ DHS for several years, and it was a pleasure to working with him. He was truly the best social worker there was..... He had a very caring soul, and his laughter was so exhilarating. You will be missed David..... prayers for his family

Beverly Ogden - October 12, 2017 at 12:26 PM

EC

“ Ericka Carter lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham



Ericka Carter - October 12, 2017 at 11:24 AM

EC

I worked with David at DHS until his retirement. He loved what he did and we all loved him! He helped many people from his office at the hospital and they probably still go there looking for him!

Ericka Carter - October 12, 2017 at 11:27 AM

IC

“ Iva Clements lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham



Iva Clements - October 12, 2017 at 09:36 AM

LA

“ Laura lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Cunningham



Laura - October 12, 2017 at 08:34 AM

LA

“ I worked with David at Okmulgee county DHS. Such a fine man. Always had a sense of humor and a smile. He would help all that he could. Wonderful example of a social worker helping others. He will be greatly missed!

Laura - October 12, 2017 at 08:34 AM

JS

“ I worked with David when DHS had an office at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. He truly cared for his clients, spending hours helping them. He was a wonderful person. When David walked into our office everyone smiled. He had a great personality. He'll be missed.

Juliene Stone - October 12, 2017 at 12:39 AM

MH

“ I worked with David for over 20 yrs at DHS. He was a true friend and would do anything for you. He was funny and caring. Even though we have not kept in touch since our retirements, I am so saddened to hear of his passing. I send my condolences and prayers to his dear family.

Mary Hendrickson - October 11, 2017 at 10:42 PM

JM

“ David was a very dear friend of both my mother Margaret Cameron and me. Mom and he worked together at DHS in Okmulgee, but their friendship began when he delivered her newspaper. Later, he brought his children in turn, to mow her yard, always making sure they did it right! He brought Mom fresh tomatoes from his garden...she baked pies for him. Just last summer he brought her blackberries, her favorite. She loved David and treasured their friendship. He was a wonderful and kind man.

Judy Cameron Martin - October 11, 2017 at 08:56 PM

BY

I was trying so hard to figure out how to get a hold of Margaret...I am so glad you saw this. Your mom was soooo special to my dad. Please pass along how much he just loved her!

Beth Young - October 12, 2017 at 10:04 AM

JM

Thanks. I read your reply to her. I'm so sorry I will be out of town all next week. Either my brother Tom or a good friend will bring her to the service.

Judy Cameron Martin - October 12, 2017 at 02:44 PM

MS

Im so Sorry to hear about David, I knew him from Henryetta and then from the YMCA, I was lucky enough to run into again the last 5 years at Life Time and we had a lot of good talks up there, He was one of a kind who loved his family and country, And he will be missed so much, RIP My Friend, Mark Shurden

mark Shurden - October 13, 2017 at 12:34 PM

MD

I spent many great days with David while growing up together in school, church, etc. Many days sledding, even though he hit the house at the bottom of 5th Street one night. Playing on frozen ponds, working for the state highway department one summer, Going to Northeastern together for a while. Our sons were born one week apart, mine was named David Justin to honor David since he was also our Best Man. THEN he went to Vietnam and I went to California to do our duties. Rest in peace good friend.

Mike Doak - October 13, 2017 at 05:59 PM

CT

My prayers are with the family of David. I was the Director of Social Services at OMH and remember David as a kind and caring person. May God grant the family peace until they meet again.

caryl Taylor - October 16, 2017 at 01:05 PM

LD

I moved to Arkansas 13 years ago but still remember David well from our racquetball playing days at the YMCA in Okmulgee. We would start trash-talking each other in the parking lot and it carried over into the matches all night as he and Jim Godfrey would play me and Don Butcher in doubles. David never met a stranger and was well-liked by everyone. He was truly one of a kind and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May you rest in peace.
Larry Davis

LARRY DAVIS - October 16, 2017 at 05:50 PM

BY

Judy-Do you have an address for Margaret? If you wouldn't mind sending it to me...byoung@stroud.k12.ok.us

Beth Young - October 18, 2017 at 12:47 PM