



# Bob Endres

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**O**BITUARY Dr. Robert Kendall Endres, 97 years young, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully with family present on December 12, 2020. Robert was born in Madison, Wisconsin to Otto John Endres and Helen Beatrice (Schlatter) Endres. He grew up in Tulsa and graduated from Central High School in 1941. Growing up, he spent his summers at Camp Chippewa, a camp his father founded in Minnesota. He played a big role in the development of that camp, which in turn played a big role in developing his character, and the character of hundreds of other boys. He attended college at La Crosse State Teachers College in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Before graduating, he enlisted in the army for World War II. The army needed medics badly, and he wished to become a physician, so the army sent him to Cornell University to complete several courses before he could enter medical school. The war ended before Robert got his M.D. degree at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. While he was studying at O.U., he met Esther Haworth and they were married on August 30, 1946. Robert worked as a general practitioner for two years in Sallisaw, Oklahoma and then re-enlisted in the army to serve in the Korean War, where he gave free medical assistance at a nearby orphanage and gained a love of treating children. Upon returning from Korea, he completed a residency in pediatrics at the St. Louis Children's Hospital from 1953 to 1956 and started his career as a pediatrician in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He played a prominent role in Tulsa's first mass polio immunization campaign in 1963. He developed a diabetes treatment and education program that led to the start of both a summer camp and a winter skiing camp for children with diabetes. Dr. Endres served on the board of directors of St. Francis Hospital from 1967 to 1987 and he was a clinical professor at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center in Tulsa from 1999 to 2003. He also served as camp doctor for many years at Camp Chippewa. He was preceded in passing by his parents Otto and Helen, his wife Esther, his brother Richard, and his sister Miriam.



## Obituary

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He is survived by his brother John Paul Endres and his sister Helen Elise Endres, five children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Children (with spouses) are: Robert Otto and Rebecca Endres, Susan (Endres) Sossamon, Lynn Dee Endres, John Howard Endres, Lisa Ann (Endres) and Keith Loos. Grandchildren (with spouses) are: Eric and Amanda Sossamon, Heather Sossamon, Sarah Endres, Adam Loos, Matt and Lauren Loos. Great-grandchildren are: Emme and Mollie Sossamon and Hudson Loos. Due to Covid-19 pandemic concerns, no public services will be held. Immediate family will attend a private interment service at Floral Haven Funeral Home, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.




## Events

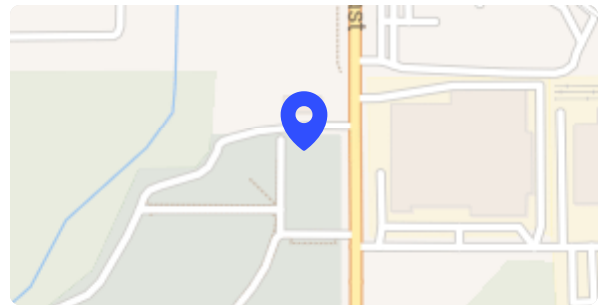
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### Cemetery Details

 **Floral Haven Cemetery**  
6420 S. 129th E. Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012

 **(918) 505-7254**





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RM

**Rusty Middleton** posted:

Dr Endres was my pediatrician until he told me I needed to find a grown up doctor when I was in my second year of college! He was a great man.

August 6 at 2:13 PM

JE

**Jamie English** posted:

My son was diagnosed with diabetes when he was four years old. At that time I didn't even know what diabetes was, nor did I know how to take care of him. Children's Mercy in Oklahoma City, did a great job on teaching me. With in the year my husband found a job in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We met Dr Endres on a weekend. My son became very sick and I needed help. My mom had seen a write up about Dr Enders and suggested looking him up. I was lucky and called him and he immediately told me to meet him at his office. My son had strep throat. When we got ready to go, Dr. Endres picked my son up and carried him to the car. At that minute I fell in love with Dr. Endres. He was our Dr. for five years. He was the best doctor ever! Jamie English

July 30 at 10:41 AM



**Susy Young** posted:

I was one of dr endres patients. I was diagnosed at the age of 12 and he got me through my adolescent years. I got to see him again when he lectured at NSU in the late 90s and he remembered me. I just saw this and wanted to say how much he meant to me

January 20 at 2:46 PM



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SN

**Sandy L Busse Nunley** posted:

I finally have closure, my Christmas card was returned in 2020. I worked with Dr Endres when St Francis opened new 5th floor Pediatrics in 1969 as RN with Sister Anna Marie. Awesome mentor, learned so much from him, greatly admired and respected him. What a sense of humor, eyes twinkled and raised bushy eyebrows when joking. I moved to Okmulgee Ok in 1970 to work at health department. He was in delivery room for my c-section in 1973 when held baby for me to see and said "you have a beautiful baby girl, what is her name?" I said Amy, what JOY, he was at Springer Clinic then. He and Edrie Bates helped me raise my most precious daughter. In 1974 Okmulgee Health Department sent us to Dallas Tx to get my Pediatric Nurse Practitioner certificate. At Amy's 2 year check up he, Dr Brownlee and Dr Gheen interviewed me, I think because Amy was so delightful they hired me as manager and PNP for new Children's Clinic at Warren Bldg. There I met Bonnie Watson RN who was his Nurse. And her precious daughter, Sarah. Then we lost Bonnie to breast cancer when Sarah was 5yo. So many fond memories working together and forever friendships. In 1977 he paid for and insisted I take new National certification exam for PNP's, I passed! I am now 73 yo and still keep my annual National certification and it has allowed me to have a long and wonderful career. I give him credit for encouraging my career, knowledge and raising wonderful daughter and now 3 awesome grandchildren. I am semi-retired, I have lived with daughter and son-in-law for 23 years now. I am so thankful I got to be included in their awesome family. We have moved 4 times including Colorado for 9 yr and last 10 yr here in MelissaTx. What an awesome family he and Esther and their incredible 5 children and generations that followed. My sympathies for your loss and Praise the Lord for the legacy and beautiful memories. If ever come to Dallas I live north on Highway 75 and would to share memories with y'all. God is so good. Blessings ❤️👤😊 Sandy Busse Nunley, Amy, Chris, Noah, 23yo, Leah 31yo and Jonah 16 yo. Tyner

December 14 at 10:21 AM

ME

**Meredith Endres** posted:

"just do the next thing" Uncle Bob told my mom that as she was struggling to make the transition to nursing. She knew her end goal but it seemed so lofty and far away. Following his advice she went to school, then she got a job, and she is now a doctor. We were lucky enough to send off her thesis to him before he passed and he got to see her success. I was raised on that phrase and it has allowed me to not shrink away from a long process. Exactly a year after visiting him and him encouraging me to just do the next thing I have been accepted to my dream schools to pursue biomedical engineering as a pre-med track. Uncle Bob, I can't wait to sit and have coffee with you and Queen Esther in the A-Frame again. I hope I can have as much of an impact in other's lives as you have. -Your grand-niece

March 22 at 1:16 PM



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**Ron Hull** posted:

I loved my conversations with Bob. He was a kindred spirit about his love for canoeing in northern Minnesota. Such a full life blessed by God. I will leave this story as our last to share. Endless shore lines of the North Through only rock and sand Speak of endless adventures And trips as yet unplanned. A wondering spirit overcomes my mind; It seems to control my mood. In search of the perfect course Towards beauty and solitude. Like the voyageurs of old And canoeists who have gone before. We travel endless portages To find the untraveled shore. To paddle the still water Where most can only aspire. To find shelter in the night Beside a dying fire. And somewhere in the darkness As final embers die; Across the mirror like waters There comes a mournful cry. A loon is calling to it's mate Or perhaps it's calling to me; As I dream of a distant shoreline That I have yet to see. I believe Bob has reached that shoreline. Godspeed. Ron Hull

January 6 at 7:51 AM



**Dana Lavallet** posted:

Dr. Endres was my doctor from age six to 17. He walked my family through life with Type I diabetes. I am now 54 and doing great - thanks to him. I made an appointment after my first child was born and sat and visited with Dr. Endres for a bit. I was able to show him what he had done for me by guiding me through life with diabetes. My fondest memory of Dr. Endres was the first ever ski trip to Colorado. He had me by 40 years, but I can still see him skiing down that mountain with the biggest smile on his face. What a great man! Prayers to his family -- please know that he was loved by everyone.

December 30 at 4:13 AM



**Naomia Morton** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Doctor Endres was my children's Pediatrician in 1973 and 1976. He was the best Doctor and so kind. He guided this young mother through the first years of my children's lives. I was so thankful for that. My prayers and thoughts are with his friends and family.



December 18 at 9:50 AM



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**Connie Love** posted:

Dr. Endres was special to me. He was not only a pediatrician I worked with but a friend. When I started the Pediatric resident coordinator position under the direction of Dr. Dan Plunket and Dr. Robert Block Dr. Endres was my supporter. He was loved by all he came in contact with. He will be remembered.

December 18 at 3:38 AM



**Tia Stout** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Dr. Bob's passing. He was my Dr when I was a child and I remember him making house calls! That was a long time ago! He was always so caring and kind.

December 17 at 5:21 PM



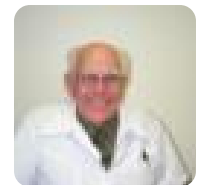
**Kurt Scullaw** posted:

I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at age three. I started seeing Dr. Endres in 1976. Dr. Endres taught my family and I how to live with Type 1. Thanks to him, I am now 50 years old and have no complications from the disease. I owe that to Dr Endres. He was an amazing doctor and an amazing man.

December 17 at 4:05 PM



**Amanda Smith** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



December 17 at 12:01 PM



**Cynthia Louise Mcdaniel** July 6 at 3:05 AM

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**Shea Bowling** posted:

I am so grateful to the Endres family for sharing Dr Endres with us! I have such wonderful memories and cherished wisdom I was able to enjoy with Dr Endres. I remember him telling me when he started in medicine there were only 2 antibiotics to learn. He shaped me & molded my training as a doctor. He was humble, kind, and full of delight. I am forever grateful for what he sowed into my being. What an honor to have known him!

December 17 at 4:48 AM



**Anne Sellars** posted:

Dr. Endres was one of the kindest people I have ever met. When our son was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, his help and understanding were wonderful. He was an outstanding doctor and I will always remember his compassion and professional manner. We were grateful to have him as our son's doctor until he retired. Anne Sellars

December 16 at 4:06 PM



**Sharon Austin** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Dr. Endres was my daughter's pediatrician in 1972, he was so gentle, kind and patient with my daughter. He was like a wonderful Teddy Bear to her. She sat on a small stool on one of our trips to see him, she thought it was where she was supposed to use the bathroom, when he came in the room I was embarrassed, but Dr. Endres just laughed and said everything was okay. We loved him, he was a kind and gentle man.



December 16 at 10:50 AM



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JS

**Janice Sharpton** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Endres passing. Prayers to his family. He was my pediatrician at Springer Clinic in the 60s and 70s. I think about him every time I go to that building or drive by. I could be really sick, but after my visit with him my mom always said I "perked" up fast! I lost my dad when I was five and I think he reminded me of him. I was never afraid of shots or getting blood drawn. I think that was because he was so kind and calm. Rest In Peace. God bless!!Janice Sharpton

December 16 at 5:45 AM

JS

**Jim & Janell Sinclair** posted:

Sorry to learn of Dr. Endres passing. He took care of our children from 1960's, he was an exceptionally fine doctor who genuinely cared about his patients and we enjoyed our association with him. Also, his dad was one of my teachers at Will Rogers in the early to mid 1950's.

December 16 at 4:21 AM

GO

**George Otey** posted:

My deepest condolences to Bob's family. Your loss is felt by so many. What a blessing he was to me and my family. He was always smiling and no matter how he felt, he always had a positive spin that things would get better. I especially cherish the time we spent on the self study course "The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience." He was always searching for that spiritual/biological/scientific connection to help explain a myriad of questions, especially about being born again. From his wheelchair, his quest for knowledge and use of the Socratic method not only taught me about the brain but helped me delve into areas that have strengthened by own spiritual walk. To say he loved his wife Esther and his family, and was proud of them, is an understatement. He was a blessing to me, my family, our worship communities, the medical profession, and every person and family with whom he unselfishly shared his time, talent, and knowledge. He was a true Christian whose life's example radiated the love of the Lord. I know Bob's questions about being born again were answered when he crossed over, met his beloved Esther and Savior, and was told: "Well done, good and faithful servant."What an honor and blessing to have shared some extended time with Bob. He will be missed greatly, not just now but through out my life.

December 15 at 8:47 AM



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**Dallas A Judd** posted:

Susan, I am so sorry about your father. He was a great man. You and your family are in my prayers.  
Dallas

December 14 at 10:33 AM



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BS

**Barbara Sappenfield** posted:

Susan and family, everyone will miss your Dad and his many talents. I will miss his special smile that would light up his whole face and conveyed his love for me and others.

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BB

**Becky Carter Burke** December 18 at 10:39 AM

I, like Tia mentioned, remember Dr. Endres from my childhood making house calls. He was so kind to our family. Many people never realize their calling in life, but he did, a perfect fit. Such a kind man. Becky Carter Burke

DM

**David Martin** December 16 at 3:17 PM

Endres family-My sympathies for your loss. Bob lived a good, long life, but it's still hard to let him go. He left me with plenty of memories & lessons on how to be. The best were related to The Farm. After we bought it from him around 1999, in everything we did, the question was, Would Bob do it this way?And then later when I would have a chance ask him that, his answer was, It's your Farm now. God bless Bob. God bless your family. David Martin

DL

**Deborah Liebig** December 16 at 9:57 AM

Dr.Endres I will always remember working with you at St.Francis Hospital Pediatric floor from the late 1970's thru 1990's. The kids loved you, and it never would surprise me to see you rocking a crying baby or playing w/ a toddler. You loved your patients, and it was very evident! I also got to know you and your wife, through the church. What a beautiful voice you had in the choir. Your eyes always sparkled with an elf like grin! I know heaven opened their gates and you now belong to the end of times at Jesus' side. It was an honor to work along side you as a pediatric nurse.

JP

**Judy Perkins** December 16 at 4:55 AM

What a joy it was to have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Dr. Endres in the OU Pediatric Clinic. At the time I was the medical students nurse and they loved working with him and benefited greatly from all the knowledge he was able to share. He will be greatly missed but he is at peace now and with his beloved Esther, his eyes lit up when he talked about her. Rest in peace dear and faithful servant.

RF

**Robert Fletcher** December 15 at 7:11 AM

Dear Susan and family, i am very sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. Today, there is definitely joy in Heaven

GD

**G. Kevin Donovan** December 14 at 11:55 AM

I will miss Bob's sense of humor and his warm personality, manifest in the clinic setting - Which belied his competitive nature on the tennis court , where we made many happy memories!



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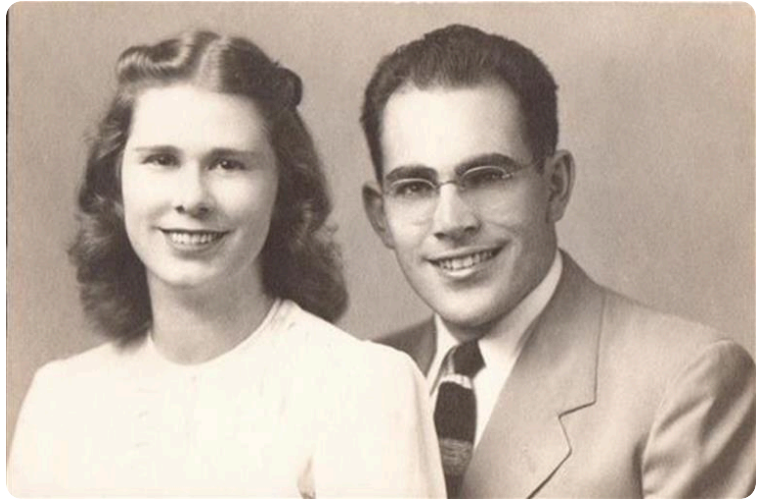
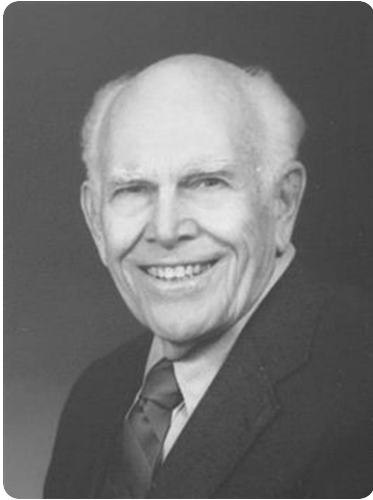




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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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