



## David Alex Kindred Sr.

January 5, 1947 - August 13, 2014

David A. Kindred, 67, of Tulsa, Ok., passed away August 13, after a long courageous fight with pulmonary illness. David was born Jan. 5,, 1947, in Newton, Ks., to Elizabeth and Turner Kindred. Preceded in death by both parents and brothers Turner, Jr. and John. As a young boy the family moved to Henryetta, Ok. where David attended school. After graduating from Henryetta High School, David attended East Central University in Ada graduating with a BA and BS degree. David worked for Ray James and Assoc. in Ada when he received his architectural license. While attending an Army Reserve meeting in Tulsa, he met his wife, Linda on a blind date. This November 1, they would have celebrated their 46th anniversary. Soon after they married they moved to Tulsa where David went to work and became a partner with MPI architectural firm. In 1990 David became the sole owner changing the name to KPI, Inc. KPI was the University of Tulsa's architect for many years. In the 1980's David started designing schools in California, where he became one of the top three architects for the California School District. He also designed for the Union Public School District. David was a member of Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church. He was led by a strong faith in all aspects of his life. One of David's passions was serving on the Board of Salvation Army where he was instrumental in starting the Christmas food baskets. He also enjoyed flying his Waco bi-plane, and when he wasn't in the air he could be found riding his bicycle. He and his sons enjoyed many memorable fishing trips to West Yellowstone. David is survived by his wife, Linda, sons, David and Scott and his wife, Terry. Grandchildren, Calvin, Brecken, Ellison, Grayson, Carter, and Tatum, all of Tulsa. A sister, Janet Dunn of Choctaw, Oklahoma, nephew, Bill Fisher and wife Heather, of Tulsa, a very special niece Malinda Neal of Wilson, Oklahoma, and other niece and nephews, Jennifer, Turner, Chris and Nathan. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, Monday, August 18, 2014 at Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to the Salvation Army.

# Comments

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“ Hi Linda: This is for you! David was on my mind again this weekend. I was actually searching for a OU Architectural School mate who I had not seen since university days Brett Karson. He was from Chicago. Well I found his Obituary too. It was in September of 2014. It seems that Ray James, David and Brett all passed within a few months of each other! It just lets you know how short life is and how blessed each day is that GOD gives us! As you know, David and I started at Ray James associates along with Gary Cooper and Tony Cisneros. I often wonder where Tony is. (If you know where Tony is, I would like to say Hi). Gary still lives in Ada. We all had a great apprenticeship under Ray James. Another giving man and gift to us all. I was 18 and David 21. Then, I went to Architectural school at OU and later after graduation in a few years, David and I met and he hired me with McCune & McCune Partners in Tulsa with later became McCune Partners, Inc. I later started my company in Edmond, OK. I would get architectural work in Henryetta, OK and David and I would laugh about it, since it was his hometown and seemed never to get work there and he always wondered how I did it. My Secret? I just had a little help from Kent Pharaoh! Also a great man from Henryetta, OK. Great people come from great God loving families in small towns in America! Later I moved to California during a downturn in the economy and I called David and convinced him to come to California and let me introduce him to some people in the education business that I knew that had new school work. David came and took the initiative from there at LAUSD, Long Beach and Chino. We had some good times. I was so pleased that I could help him during the tough Oklahoma downturn. In December of 2015, there were some new school bond programs that I was aware of and wanted to let David know about them. So I called his California office and then the Tulsa office and both had been disconnected. I thought, "Well, David must have retired"! He always said he was going to retire early. So, I was going to Google his home phone number. That is when I found David's passing! My heart broke! I loved this man! The last time I saw David was on a connector flight from Las Vegas to Ontario in 2011. I had not seen him or spoken to him in some 12 years. Too long! He sat in first class and I came on board the plane late and I saw him in the first seat in first class but he did not see me, so as I passed him I bumped him on the shoulder and said "Hi Okie" a smile came to his face and he said "DERYL! I was sitting in the rear of the plane and when we landed, David was waiting to greet me in the terminal as I was one of the last to come out. David was just that type of man! A caring, accommodating, giving person and generous with his time! David was a "Dear Friend" never to be forgotten. Always cheerful and always close to GOD! He kept his Bible near at all times and it was well worn and used if you ever saw it. David helped me several times during times of need. As I did for him too. We were friends. He was a great man! I know that he was so proud of you too Linda! He was always thinking of you when he was here in California and saying I need to call Linda. I know you were the best for him too! It was not easy for you or David and him having to run two offices in two states and having to be away from you and the kids. "Thank You" for supporting him through the years. David and I had a lot in common as I have read. We both lived in Ada, OK., my home town, we both went to East Central State College, we both started at Ray James Architects, we worked together McCune & McCune, MPI and KPI, we both were in the High School bands (I was a drummer and in a marching band too), both pilots, both loved the Salvation Army (I actually grew up in that Salvation Army at an early age), both achievers, both givers and both GOD Believers. David is MISSED! I look forward to seeing David

again in Heaven. The Lord Jesus Christ holds our souls (Our days) in his hands. We do not know I time. But I know that David is doing w

**Deryl Redden** - May 09, 2016 at 11:09 AM

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“ Lit a candle in memory of David Alex Kindred

**MaLinda** - November 18, 2014 at 07:34 PM

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“ What word can I say about David Kindred, he was a great man!! I wish god didn't want him already but he took him and wanted him for something else. I've worked for David for the past 20 years. He was the BEST boss I've ever had!! He was such a generous man he would give the shirt off his back if you needed it. I would say he was my 2nd Dad. He took me under his wing 20 years ago and I really appreciate what he has given to me all those years. He was my friend and I miss him dearly, my heart is broken. I would just like to hear him say "Hi! How ya doing?" Then give me a fist bump with a blow up!! He knows what I mean if no-one else does. One day I will see you again David and get to give you a big hug!!

**Renee** - August 19, 2014 at 02:04 PM

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“ I just heard from Phyllis B. about David's passing. I know as an adult he was a successful business man, but to me he was a classmate and bandmate at good ole Henryetta High. He was always one of the 'good guys.' My fave memory was his first game marching as drum major. He was so nervous he told me he was afraid he'd signal us to turn at the wrong time. So we worked out that he would watch me from my twirler position, and I'd nod to him when to blow his whistle!! Such good times and great memories. God speed my old buddy. Joyce Jones Billiet Class of '65.

**Joyce Billiet** - August 18, 2014 at 02:20 PM

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“ One of the most sincere people to have graced this earth, his smile and kind word of encouragement will always be remember with warmth and the kindness David expressed to all. Rest in Peace, Dear Friend. Lynne

**Lynne Murray** - August 18, 2014 at 10:15 AM

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“ David will be deeply missed by my self and all who were lucky enough to know Him.  
Bob Smith employee

**bob smith** - August 18, 2014 at 09:10 AM