



## Representative David R. Brumbaugh

December 2, 1960 - April 15, 2017

David Brumbaugh, 56 of Broken Arrow, OK passed from this life on Saturday, April 15, 2017 in Tulsa, OK. He was born in Abington, PA on December 2, 1960. David was a loving husband and father, a businessman and a true citizen legislator. Brumbaugh was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 2010, proudly served District 76, located in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and was elected Republican Majority Caucus Chairman in 2014 and re-elected in 2016. David Brumbaugh was married to Shelley Edwards Brumbaugh. They recently celebrated their 19th anniversary on April 4th and were blessed with two daughters, Abigail, 17 and Hannah, 14. Brumbaugh was an ordained deacon, former chairman of the deacon board, and Sunday School teacher at Tulsa Bible Church. Brumbaugh attended Belmont Abbey College, earning his BA in Political Science with a minor in Theology. He attended Pacific Western University where he earned an MBA in Commercial and Industrial Economies. In 2005, Brumbaugh founded DRB Industries LLC, a leading company in the electric power industry, where he was owner and President. Brumbaugh also served as a consultant for Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) in Palo Alto, California a chief research industry leader in electric power worldwide. Brumbaugh served in the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army, in a Rapid Deployment Air Assault Infantry Unit, and was decorated with the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. He had served in many local committees and organizations, including the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee; the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Communications Committee; and the Government Relations Division with the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce. As a Tulsa City / County Library Commissioner, Brumbaugh served on the Budget and Finance Committee and the Physical Facilities Committee. He had been a Precinct Chairman of the Tulsa County Republican Party since 2009 and served on the Executive Committee and was also a delegate to the County, State Convention, and was elected as a 2016 National Delegate to the RNC for District 1. Brumbaugh was also a member of the American Legion Post 110. Brumbaugh was named the Broken Arrow Elected Official of the Year for 2013 by the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce and had received recognition from the Oklahoma Conservative PAC as the 2011 Conservative Freshman of the Year for 2011 and 100% Conservative Index ratings in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. In

2015 and 2016 the Oklahoma Conservative PAC declared Brumbaugh their “Conservative Representative of the Year” and the Oklahoma Association of Realtors awarded him with their 2015 “Legislator of the Year” designation. He was also personally awarded the 2015 Oklahoma Eagle Forum Council Award by Phyllis Schlafly, the 2015 Conservative Excellence Award from The Conservative Union, and received a 100% rating from the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs. Brumbaugh was honored to serve on the Energy Council as a member on behalf of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Beginning November, 2014 Brumbaugh was appointed to serve on the Energy Council Executive Committee representing Canada, the United States and South America. Brumbaugh’s passion was spending time with his family and traveling the world. As a child, family time in Canada was a big part of his life with his brothers, dad, and grandpa. David shared his love of drawing with Abigail and she inherited his artistic talent. Hannah campaigned with her dad and enjoyed spending time at the Capitol. His wife, Shelley, was his rock. David Brumbaugh was preceded in death by his father Frank “Sam” Brumbaugh, mother-in-law Elada Edwards, and sister-in-law Emily Hayes. David is survived by his wife Shelley of the home and two daughters Abigail and Hannah. David is also survived by his mother Catherine Diane Whitfield of Limerick, PA and step-mother Martha Brumbaugh of Pen Argyl, PA, four brothers, Sam Brumbaugh, Jr., husband of Wendy, of Perkasio, PA; twin brother Stephen Brumbaugh, of Silver Spring, MD; Michael Brumbaugh of Philadelphia, PA; Scott Brumbaugh, husband of Christine, of Pen Argyl, PA; and one sister, Mary Glaser, wife of Rich, of Westport, CT. He is also survived by his father-in-law J.W. Edwards of Wagoner, OK, brother-in-law Chris Edwards, husband of Julia of Wagoner, OK and brother-in-law Andy Hayes of Muskogee, OK. He is also survived by many special nieces and nephews. Services are scheduled for 1 PM Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Tulsa Bible Church, 5838 S. Sheridan Road, Tulsa, OK. Graveside military burial will immediately follow at Floral Haven Funeral Home, 6500 S 129th E Ave, Broken Arrow, OK. On Thursday, April 20, 2017 Rep Brumbaugh will lie in state at the Oklahoma State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City from 10 AM to 2 PM on the 2nd floor rotunda. Viewing will be available at Floral Haven Funeral Home, Broken Arrow, OK beginning at 10 AM, Friday, April 21, 2017 with the family available to receive visitors from 6 PM – 8 Friday evening. Services have been entrusted to Floral Haven Funeral Home. Share your memories of David at <http://www.floralhaven.com>. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Gideons International Processing Center, P.O. Box 972 51, Washington, DC 20090-7251 or Mend Pregnancy Resource Center, <http://mendpregnancy.org/>, 6216 S. Lewis Suite 100, Tulsa, OK 74136.

# Comments

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“ David always made me feel like the smartest person in the room when I visited with him at the capitol. He honored me with his undivided attention and he always left me feeling better than when I walked in. We loved to talk baseball, and transportation, and Broken Arrow. His contribution was so much more real and personal than any pending policy. I will truly miss him.

**Darita Huckabee** - April 21, 2017 at 04:56 PM

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“ Shelley, Abigail, & Hannah, We are so very sorry for your loss! Jeff and I remember the first time we met both you and David, it was Halloween 1998. We had just moved in to our home and you both came over to introduce yourselves...none of us could believe that we had the same last name, Brumbaugh! ?? David was always so kind to us and both Jacob and Madeline enjoyed working on his campaign. They both still talk about the night that Jacob drove his car through the neighborhoods while Madeline threw flyers from the car onto peoples driveways...they were excited to be out in the middle of the night without their parents! I am so glad that they have these memories. If you or the girls ever need anything please don't hesitate to call Jeff or I. Jeff, Lisa, Jacob, & Madeline Brumbaugh

**Lisa** - April 21, 2017 at 10:52 AM

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“ Dear Shelley, Abigail, Hannah, We express our sincere condolences to All David's Family. We cherish the moments and conversations with David during the Brumbaugh gatherings. God Bless Bob and Carolyn Buzzard

**Bob Buzzard** - April 21, 2017 at 10:47 AM

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“ Shelley, Abigail and Hannah: You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this hard time. The few times that we got together and I got talk to David I certainly enjoyed it.

**Andrew Pulley** - April 21, 2017 at 08:27 AM

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“ Shelley, Abigail, Hannah, My deepest condolences to you and your family. David was such a man of integrity and a loyal supporter of the profession of optometry. He will be truly missed. May God bless and comfort your family during this time. Tracy Tran, OD Arrow Eye Care

Tracy Tran - April 20, 2017 at 11:13 PM

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“ Thank you Mark! What a beautiful, meaningful tribute to David!

Shelley Brumbaugh - April 20, 2017 at 04:31 PM

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“ What a blessing it has been to get to know Representative Brumbaugh and his beautiful family. He was an exceptional man who lived an exemplary life. And, he left behind an enduring legacy of service . . . to God, to our country, to our state, and to our community. He will be greatly missed. And, his influence and impact in the lives of those of us who knew him and loved him will never be forgotten.

Gene Gregg - April 20, 2017 at 03:54 PM

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“ David and I came to know each other just a few years ago. No matter what was going on, he found a way to stroll by my desk on the floor, and would often change his course when he saw me out and about. Invariably, he checked to see how I was doing, he offered some encouragement over events of the day, and then he told me how great it was that I was here. He rarely spoke of himself, and when he did, he quickly moved on to mention his good fortune in life, in his faith, in his marriage to Shelly, and his love for his daughters. He truly lived the 6 critical life messages: I believe in you, I trust you, I know you can handle it, you are listened to, you are cared for, you are very important to me. The shock of his passing will eventually fade, but we won't forget how he blessed our lives. And we know he is peacefully, joyfully, present with Our Heavenly Father, and all the angels and saints, while he awaits reunification with his loved ones and friends. Linda and I will keep the entire Brumbaugh family in our prayers. Mark Lepak

Mark Lepak - April 19, 2017 at 05:47 PM

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“ I had the honor of knowing David and working with him, first as my State Representative, then as my cherished friend. His deep understanding and wisdom were a great blessing to the state of Oklahoma. His genuine Christian testimony will effect many lives for years to come. I will miss him greatly. – Linda Murphy

**Linda Murphy** - April 19, 2017 at 04:20 PM

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“ I have watched David for a number of years as a friend and now legislator. Our offices are in the same building in Broken Arrow. I only saw David get aggravated one time and it was completely appropriate. Most of the time he was the quite voice in the middle of the storm. The one time David did get aggravated it was in protection of others against lies being told by another individual. His passion for our country and for this great state were undeniable! David's love for Jesus and his family were the only things he held above his service to others. David you are already missed on the house floor. I miss seeing you slide quietly into a seat to whisper to another legislature a simple thought to ponder about a bill. Those whispers were powerful because you were loved. I also miss your comments and personality in Caucus meetings as you led them. We will see each other again my friend and that will be a great day! – Kevin McDugle

**Kevin W. McDugle** - April 19, 2017 at 11:59 AM

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“ To the Brumbaugh Family, My family and I are sorry for your loss. David was a great mentor to me not only as a legislator, but as a husband, father, and a follower of Christ. David, always was kind to those around him and his compassion for others was unmatched. His legacy as a servant leader will be felt in Broken Arrow for decades to come. I was blessed to get to know him over these last three years and he will have an effect on my life moving forward. Your family will be in our prayers. – Michael Rogers

**Michael Rogers** - April 19, 2017 at 11:10 AM

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“ Shelley, loving thoughts and prayers for you and the girls. Dee Lemon

**Dee Lemon** - April 19, 2017 at 11:03 AM

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“ To the Brumbaugh Family: I am so sorry for your loss. David was a great, honest, sincere, thoughtful and humble man. I got to know him with our dealings in the Economic Development Corporation in Broken Arrow. He was always the first to champion a cause and effort that 1.) was to benefit the citizens of Broken Arrow, 2.) made economic sense and 3.) was all above board and honest to the tax payer. We share this loss with you. He was a friend to me and a mentor to so many. I know that his Christian beliefs and principals were true and that he was devoted to his Heavenly Father and to his family. We pray for your comfort, peace and God's arms surrounding you for all time to come. Jim Beavers

**Jim Beavers** - April 18, 2017 at 03:42 PM

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“ Shelley, Abigail and Hannah, Please know that David was one of the most honorable men we have ever known. My husband, the late Labor Commissioner Mark Costello had the deepest respect and love for him. Mark talked about David all of the time with the highest of regard. They were cut from the same cloth, and thought alike. Mark truly enjoyed David's company and expected great things for his future as he nobly served the state of Oklahoma. Mark and David were elected together in 2010, and Mark was privileged to knock doors for David in 2012. They walked together in the March for Life in Tulsa, and bonded through their entrepreneurial endeavors, their faith in Christ and their conservative values for the state of Oklahoma. I spent a lot of time in David's office last year while I was working on mental health reform at the capitol. He always received me with joy and felt deeply the pain of our loss. I began to see why Mark adored him so. I have no doubt that David and Mark are now reunited in their friendship, in joy and love in the glory of the Lord. However, My heart aches for you. There are simply no adequate words. Please know that I am wrapping my heart and my prayers around your family. It would be an honor to visit with you in the months to come if you need to talk. All of our love, Cathy Costello and family

**Cathy Costello** - April 18, 2017 at 01:15 PM

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“ David was a great friend, a spiritual leader and an example for all of us. He understood what we try to do at the Tulsa Beacon and he was a great supporter, with his subscription, advertising and submission of articles. But the greatest impact perhaps came from his prayers. The effectual prayer of a righteous man avails much. I cherish the long conversations I had with David, mostly about putting the events of the day into spiritual perspective. He was a great listener. What a sacrifice he made to run for the House. He was devoted to Shelley and his daughters. He served unselfishly on the Mingo Valley Christian School Board. David and I talked about how God always keeps a remnant of faithful followers in a fallen culture. David was a true leader of our remnant. And I am going to miss a dear friend. Charley and Susan Biggs

**Charles Biggs** - April 18, 2017 at 08:23 AM