



Bob Endres

February 27, 1923 - December 12, 2020

OBITUARY 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. 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.

Cemetery

Floral Haven Cemetery

6420 S. 129th E. Ave.

Broken Arrow, OK, 74012

Comments



“ 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

Ron Hull - January 06 at 12:51 PM



“ 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.

Dana Lavallet - December 30, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ James N Palik is following this tribute.

James Palik - December 20, 2020 at 02:50 AM



“ 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.



Naomia Morton - December 18, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ 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.

Connie Love - December 18, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ 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.

Tia Stout - December 17, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ 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.

Kurt Scullawl - December 17, 2020 at 09:05 PM



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Amanda Smith - December 17, 2020 at 05:01 PM



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Floral Haven Funeral Home, Crematory and Cemetery - December 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ 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!

Shea Bowling - December 17, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ 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

Anne Sellars - December 16, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ 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.



Sharon Austin - December 16, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ 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

Janice Sharpton - December 16, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ 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.

Jim & Janell Sinclair - December 16, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ 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.

George Otey - December 15, 2020 at 01:47 PM



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

Dallas A Judd - December 14, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ 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.

Barbara Sappenfield - December 14, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ 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!

G. Kevin Donovan - December 14, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ 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

Robert Fletcher - December 15, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ 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.

Judy Perkins - December 16, 2020 at 09:55 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.

Deborah Liebig - December 16, 2020 at 02:57 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

David Martin - December 16, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ 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

Becky Carter Burke - December 18, 2020 at 03:39 PM