



## David Kyle Harder

April 1, 1954 - January 27, 2022

David Kyle Harder was called home by his Heavenly Father on January 27, 2022, at the age of 67, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

David was born April 1, 1954 in Dallas, Texas, to his parents, John Lee Harder and Jackie Jane Lenhart Harder and later moved with his family to Colorado City, Texas, for most of his childhood. He loved growing up in west Texas and shared many of his fond memories. His family moved back to the De Soto, Texas area where he graduated high school. After attending a few years of college, he met a young woman, Carolyn, and they married and had two children Michelle and Michael. Their lives suddenly changed after several years of marriage when Carolyn had a health event that ended her life at the age of 33 years old. One year later, Michelle, then 15 years old, passed on to be with the Lord as well. David, along with his supportive mother, family, and church, raised Michael.

David always credited his Lord Jesus Christ as helping him at every turn. David sacrificially served in numerous leadership roles in churches throughout the years. He served multiple years as an elder in the Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Ovilla, Texas. He led youth trip outings alongside other parents and poured into the children by helping create some amazing church

activities where they could learn about the wonderful life of Jesus. His largest role serving came in leading a multi-church involved mission outreach for several years along the Texas/Mexico border in South Texas. He would consistently teach the importance of putting people first while serving them, not the house you are helping to build, nor the clinic outreach. People are who God absolutely loves. Bring others to know Jesus as you go. In 2001, on a mission trip that David led, he met Susan and they married 1 year later. Until 2016, their home was in Midlothian, Texas. After retiring, David and Susan moved to Buena Vista, Colorado, and then, most recently, to Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

David was a born leader. He supervised large electrical housing jobs in his early 20's. Those who worked under him said his sense of humor, organization, and putting safety first gained their respect and they often sought his advice on many different topics. David had a gifting of working on almost any mechanical machine, oil and water wells, automobiles, etc. He credited his grandfather's teaching him that there are principles to fixing almost any machine... That if you learned the principles, you could use them in any application and be successful. As a result, David helped solve many perplexing mechanical problems. He was an avid learner of science and mechanics.

David was the owner of Harder Electric. INC. in Ellis County, Texas, for over 30 years. People were first in every relationship David had, not the business at hand.

Some of David's hobbies included putting together electrical bicycles for enjoyment, canoeing, fishing, traveling, going to museums that show how

people in the past lived and the inventions that came from them, gold panning, jeeping the back roads of Colorado, bee keeping, rock hounding, wood working, growing food, raising chickens, and visiting state and national parks for their animal life and beauty. In his younger days, he would make his own fireworks studying the chemicals that would produce certain colors. David liked meeting people everywhere he visited. His last big project was remodeling a Colorado mountain cabin located at 9000 ft. The majority of materials came from scavenging quality goods in Re-stores and on Craigslist.

David is preceded in death by his father John Lee Harder, his daughter Michelle Diane Harder, and his brother Bruce Lee Harder. He is survived by his wife Susan Harder, his son Michael Harder and his wife Robin, his mother Jackie Jane Harder, and two sisters: Jeri Jane Krietmeyer and her husband Gordon, and Joni Lynn Lakey and her husband Johnny, 6 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

It is the intention of the family to have a memorial service in the Midlothian, Texas area within the next few months. In lieu of flowers, it would be David's request to encourage all remaining on earth to get right with God and to show love and kindness to the ones they love, for this life is very brief.

“All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; the people are indeed grass! The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.” (Isaiah 40: 6–8)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of David Kyle Harder*



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May 09, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *David Kyle Harder*

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October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *David Kyle Harder*

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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *David's Celebration of Life is planned for April 2, 2022, at 1 p.m. Location location is at the Midlothian Conference Center in Midlothian, Texas.  
Pastor John Lay, of Church on the Hill in Mesquite, TX, will be officiating.  
In honor of David, Michael and I encourage that the dress code be relaxed casual.  
A time for each in attendance will be given to share all kinds of special memories of David. We know he cherished each of you so much! Susan*

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**Susan Harder** - February 21, 2022 at 09:20 AM

LS

*Susan ... Don't know how to reach you Dec. 4, 2022.  
Hope you are doing well! Please contact me if you have time. Regards,  
Leonard Smith // lsmithbv@gmail.com (No Text) // Home Phone: 719-  
395-9129 (No Text).*

Leonard Smith - December 04, 2022 at 06:35 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.stumpff.org/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of David Kyle Harder.

February 08, 2022 at 01:25 PM

RR

“ Ray C Rogowicz sent a virtual gift in memory of David Kyle Harder



Ray C Rogowicz - February 06, 2022 at 05:45 PM

RR

“ David was a wonderful Ovilla neighbor and friend. I went to school with him, Bruce and Carolyn. He was a man, our kids grew up together. He suffered many hardships during his life but never lost his perspective nor his belief in God. He will always be remembered well and missed. My heart goes out to all his family and his mom who is still a good neighbor. Raymond C Rogowicz



Ray C Rogowicz - February 06, 2022 at 05:44 PM

CE

“ After we graduated from high school, David and I decided to go on a road trip before life took over. We loaded his new Camaro with everything we could fit and headed out of town. We didn't have much of a plan, but new we wanted to see places we had not been and learn about those places. When we went through Colorado, it was one of the most beautiful places we'd seen and it would be no surprise David would later move there. We drank water from the streams, played in the snow and saw rain storms from above looking down from the tops of mountains. We watched rivers in Montana flowing uphill because of the pressure from the melting snow. In Canada, we floated down a raging river on logs to escape a bear. We visited 13 states, 3 provinces and were on our way to Alaska, through the Yukon territory, before we finally decided home was a pretty good place to go. I share those memories with David and many others from nights by the campfire to the burial of loved ones. He is ever present in my mind and heart. My friend

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**Clayton Elerson** - February 04, 2022 at 01:32 PM

AM

“ I met David in 2000 and worshipped in the same church with him for several years. When David and Susan moved from Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church, I lost contact, but thought of them as the decades passed. I often think of him when I read Matthew 5:16. His light shone brightly. Goodness and Mercy followed him. He was a faithful servant, and he will live in the house of the Lord, forever.

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**Alana Marquis** - February 03, 2022 at 10:46 AM

MA

“ 1 file added to the album Uncle David



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**Maria** - February 02, 2022 at 10:31 PM

TR

*Susan, Micheal, Jackie & The Rest of the Family: I am so saddened to hear of David's passing. I know He is home with His Lord. He was a great neighbor & a wonderful human being. We just heard of his passing , from a post made on our High School remembrance page. May God Comfort you in your loss.  
Tamara L Rogowicz*

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**Tamara L Rogowicz** - February 06, 2022 at 04:45 PM

ST

“ *We enjoyed knowing David and Susan while they lived in Buena Vista. They graciously let us try out their electric bikes and we shared some meals together. Susan, you're in our prayers!*

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**Shannon and Patsy Tucker** - February 01, 2022 at 10:53 AM

MA

“ 5 files added to the album David



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**Maria** - January 31, 2022 at 09:13 PM

JJ

“ God joined David & Susan Harder to Our Most Precious God Covenant Friendship of our lives in Waxahachie, TX in 2009. Every moment we spent together was God ordained and anointed. We are SO THANKFUL to Our Heavenly Father for David’s constant God given sacrificial LOVE which permeated him, his tremendous knowledge of all things, wisdom and sense of humor. David would ALWAYS assist John on anything and would work tirelessly to a job well done. David was a C3 Prayer Partner with my Father CB Swanner & my Father cherished David’s friendship and Godly Word insights. I know Papa was there to meet David as he entered. We look forward to one day PRAISING & WORSHIPING GOD together again in Heaven.

We know Heavenly Saint multitudes welcomed Our God Anointed Servant David Harder as he entered His Eternal Heavenly Home while hearing “WELL DONE THOU GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANT”.

Our Spiritual Prayers are centered and knitted together for Susan and David’s families.

THANKING GOD for Precious Memories!!!

DAVID’S LIFE BEST DESCRIBED IN GODS WORD ROMANS 12:9-14

“Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

Be kindly affectioned one to another with heavenly love; in honour preferring one another.

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulations; continuing instant in prayer;

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Bless them which persecute you; Bless and curse not.”

John and Donna Johnson

Hewitt, Texas 76643

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John and Donna Johnson - January 31, 2022 at 05:52 PM

BL

“ Uncle "Date" was one of the most monumental figures in my life. I will always miss saying "Hi Uncle Date!" and hearing "Hey, BR!" I know he is holding all our loved ones right now. I never heard him say a cross word about anyone and he is who I see as the modern day version of Job, from the Bible. He was always the helper in our family. He was an amazing Son, Grandson, Father, Husband, Grandfather, Uncle, Nephew, Friend, Elder and so much more! I can't wait to hug him again, in eternity!  
Give my Daddy a hug for me, Uncle Date. I love you! Thank you for blessing me with your wisdom!

--Love,  
B.R.

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**Brandy Lewis** - January 31, 2022 at 02:29 PM

LB

David is what I call "an encourager". My husband and I were just getting to know David and Susan when they started attending our church in Salida. Then they bought a home 45 miles away and we had very little contact until they moved to Bartlesville where we now live. It has been a joy to spend time with them as they searched for homes here. All the places we went David always had encouraging words for the people we intersected with. He always had good advice and thoughtful words and prayers for us. We are going to miss him greatly.  
Loretta and Bill Bird

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**Loretta Bird** - January 31, 2022 at 03:57 PM