



David Randolph Kirchman

September 29, 1938 - December 24, 2014

Mr. David Randolph Kirchman

David Randolph Kirchman, 76, of Bartlesville, OK, went to be with his Lord Jesus on Christmas Eve, 2014. His death was sudden but he was surrounded by his family. He had just returned from Candlelight and Communion Service where he got to sing a favorite Christmas song "O Holy Night".

He was born to Lorene Leftwich Kirchman and Lester H. Kirchman on September 29, 1938, in Van Buren, Arkansas. He went to Sophia Meyer Grade School and Junior High and High Schools in Van Buren, graduating with honors. David was active in Music, Drama and Journalism while working as a Soda Jerk at Langston's Drug Store. Ft. Smith Junior College was the beginning of his college years where he was active in choir while working fulltime at Winton's IGA. College was completed at the University of Arkansas where he received his Bachelors's Degree in Industrial Management while working 40 hours a week at Piggly Wiggly Grocery. David always said his only mark at U of A was his name on the sidewalk by Old Main. He finished his course work in the summer of 1961 and took a job with Arkansas Best Freight in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was involved in Kiwanis, St. John's Methodist Choir and taught Sunday School. Later the family moved to Bartlesville, OK, to work for Phillips Petroleum in the Computing Department. For 30 years he worked in many areas advancing in responsibility and organizational level. David got into computing early enough that the team he led developed the first on-line system for Phillips, REDCAP, still in use. Later was fortunate to be

assigned to a Presidential Task Force (Reagan) and spent some time in Washington, D.C. making recommendations about how to save money. David was married to Hazel Ruth Brannam on August 9, 1959 in Van Buren, Arkansas.

Phillips was his “day” job but his real job was sponsoring the Senior High Youth at East Cross United Methodist Church for 30 years. That meant hayrides, trips, grubby games, overnights, staying up all night with discouraged kids, trying to help them wrestle their way through tough moral problems, weekly Bible studies at our home, and anything he felt the Lord wanted him to do to help his “kids”. He was always grateful to be a part of their lives and help them in their walk with God.

David is survived by his wife of 55 years Hazel Ruth Brannam Kirchman, and Brother Bob Kirchman, Russellville, AR, three children, Karen Kirchman Harris of Fayetteville, AR, Lester Matthew Kirchman of Bartlesville, OK, John Mark Kirchman and Karen Ballard Kirchman, Owasso, OK, Grandchildren are Toby David Kirchman, San Antonio, TX, Nicole Elizabeth Kirchman Ramey and husband Joey, Broken Arrow, OK, Crystal Susanne Kirchman Fitch and Michael Fitch of Bowie, TX, William Reagan Harris, Lauren Margaret “Maggie” Harris, Emma Katherine Harris of Fayetteville, AR, Amber Ruth Kirchman, Tulsa, OK, Heather Brooke Kirchman, Owasso, OK and Clinton Bradley Giles of Dewey, Okla., Great Grandchildren, Zakary Ty Ramey, James Alan Fitch, Elise Veronica Fitch, Rebecca Louise Fitch and Taylor Leigh Giles, and several cousins, nieces and nephews. David loved and treasured his family. David was preceded in death by his parents, Lorene Ruth Leftwich Kirchman and Lester H. Kirchman, brother, William W. Kirchman, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and sister Bette Jo Kirchman Crites of Norman, OK and Granddaughter, Whitney Elise Kirchman, who lives in Heaven with her Grandpa. He always said his greatest job was Grandpa. David you will be missed terribly, but we are rejoicing that we can KNOW you are with Jesus

and all our family that has gone before us.

Funeral services for Mr. Kirchman will be held at 10 A.M. on Monday, December 29, 2014 at the East Cross United Methodist Church with Rev. Jeff Burress and Rev. Chad Perceful officiating. Interment will follow at the Grace Lawn Cemetery in Van Buren, Arkansas directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory of Bartlesville, Arkansas.

The Kirchman family will receive guests for visitation at the Stumpff Funeral Home on Sunday, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

A memorial has been established and those who wish may send their contributions to Mary Martha Outreach, P.O. Box 314, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74005.

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Randolph Kirchman*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *David Randolph Kirchman*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Mrs. Kirchman,*

My mother informed me the other day that your husband Mr. Kirchman had passed away suddenly. I was very sorry to hear this news as I have found memories of spending New Years eve at your house with the youth group from church, and many other youth group activities. I just wanted to say we were all very lucky to have the both of you so involved in church youth group for all those years.

Jason Tohlen - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have always had fond memories of David and Hazel and do treasure those memories from East Cross and personal time spent with the entire family. He made an impact on so many young lives. God Bless*

Joel Stinson - December 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *My heart aches for the loss of such a kind and generous soul. I was one of David's "kids" from the weekly Bible study at his home in the late '90s, and I have so many great memories of my time there. I'm a better person because of David, and I am so glad for the time I knew him.*

Jess and Jon Turner - December 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *We are keeping you and your family in our prayers.*

Sally and Stan Likens - December 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *My sincere sympathy to all the Kirchman family members. David was an admirable man and sterling example to all who knew him. May peace come to all. . .*

Paula K Steeper - December 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Dear Hazel and family,
I am so sad at hearing of David's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. David was a wonderful man, and his years of service to the East Cross youth are legendary. Peace and blessings on you all.*

Karen

Karen Hobbs - December 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My prayers for you Karen, sweet friend and all of your family are that you can always here O Holy Night knowing that Jesus knew indeed it would be, preparing to embrace your Daddy into His loving arms. Janet Holman, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Janet Holman - December 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Hazel and family, we share your pain at the loss of David here on earth. We share your joy at where he now is. You have meant so much to all of us all these years. Our love and thoughts are with you all. Love, Linda David and Mary Claire.

David, Linda and Mary Claire Seyer - December 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ My deepest sympathies to Hazel and your family. My God comfort and keep you all. Peace be with you.

Lisa Pruitt Kuntz - December 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I moved to Bartlesville in 1979 during my Junior Year at Sooner High School. David, Hazel, and the East Cross Youth made me feel welcome and at home right away! I so enjoyed the Bible Studies and prayer times at the Kirchman's house. May God comfort you all in this graduation! I know with his many life connections he will be greatly missed! I will be praying for you all!

Rick Byrd - December 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Hazel, my thoughts are with you and your family at this time. I saw the notice in the Tulsa World today and was hoping it wasn't our David. I have so many memories of you and David and good old Van Buren. I know you have so many wonderful memories. Keep them close in your heart. Give all of your family my love and I am so glad to have known David and you. You will be in my prayers. love,
Donna Kay Killgore Talley

Donna Killgore Talley - December 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Years ago, I had the pleasure of working with David in Computing. He always had a great smile and showed his love of fellow workers. He will be missed.

Joe R Tucker - December 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We will miss your smile, David, and your wonderful care of young people. Heaven rejoices to have you now!

Debbie & Kevin Graham - December 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ David was a second father and spiritual mentor to me and many others. The impact he has made on lives through his ministry to youth at East Cross United Methodist Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma cannot be calculated. I AM one of David's "KIDS"!!

Don Gregg - December 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So sad with the loss of David. He will be greatly missed but he leaves a legacy of blessings in the lives he touched. Our prayers go out for his family.

Mike and Carol Smith - December 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ All our love, prayers and thoughts. May God hold you gently in the palm of His hand and give you peace. Love you very much.

Joyce and Dan Rapier - December 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I grieve for the loss of a dear mentor and friend. David was an inspiration and a non judgemental refuge for many a confused kid who found themselves with no one to confide in. In the grief, I also celebrate the life that was lived in service to God, and his example of faith for everyone to see - the joy David had in living a good life showed many that Christians could indeed have fun and laugh in a righteous life on earth.

Jarold Addington - December 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM