



## Dr. James W. Zeiders

December 16, 1933 - November 5, 2017

Jim entered Heaven on November 05,2017. As promised, this obituary will be a short narrative of his earthly life. Jim was raised in the Oklahoma City area and graduated from the University of Oklahoma with his medical doctorate degree. Lest we forget, but we are ever reminded, Jim attended his beloved Oklahoma State University for undergraduate studies in engineering.

Jim began his career as an orthopedic surgeon in the Bartlesville community in 1965. He gave the United States Air Force 2 years of service in the Vietnam conflict. Returning in 1968, Jim began his medical practice, serving the Bartlesville and surrounding communities until 2006. His last 10 years in practice was spent as the Rehabilitation Medical Director at Jane Phillips Medical Center. After he retired in 2016, Jim believed he fulfilled his final medical career purpose in helping the family care for Nathan,"Nate the Great" in the home setting.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Mary Zeiders, and one grandson, Nathan Fitzsimmons. To humor Jim, he wants to include and all to know, Sully and Wilson, the family Great Danes, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Robin and several children: David and Mary Lou Zeiders of Brenham, Texas; Mike and Lynda Thurman of Norman, OK; John and LaDonna Zeiders of Edmond, OK; Carol Porter of Bartlesville, OK; Stephanie Zeiders of Ardmore, OK; Greg and Robyn Zeiders of Edmond, OK; Mike and

Mary Beth Washington of Bartlesville, OK; Tom and Elizabeth Zeiders of Tulsa, OK; Justin and Julie Fitzsimmons of Wann, OK; Thomas and Randii Harrald of Bixby, OK and Mary Harrald of the home. Jim is also survived by a brother, John "Jack" and his wife, Louise of Houston, Texas, 23 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Jim wanted to include in this list Robin's parents, Floyd and Pat Thompson of Ramona, OK and family members: Doug and Carol McCabe of Dewey, OK; Rick and Cheryl Shull of Copan, OK; and Nick and Amy Foster of Copan, OK.

Finally, Jim leaves behind a community of dear friends and colleagues. He enjoyed taking care of people and assisting in their medical care. Jim said to share he had the "house in order" and will await the happy reunion in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home in Owasso, 12700 E 76th Street N, Owasso, OK 74055.

A Celebration of Life will be held 10:00 am, Thursday, November 9 at First Baptist Church of Bartlesville.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Bartlesville

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. James W. Zeiders*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Dr. James W. Zeiders*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Dr. Zeiders was a wonderful man. He saved my leg after a motorcycle accident... because he spent time in Vietnam, he gave my husband & I time. Because of him, I still have my leg. He was one of the best men I know. I'm sorry for your loss.*



**Glenna McGuffin** - September 26, 2023 at 10:40 AM



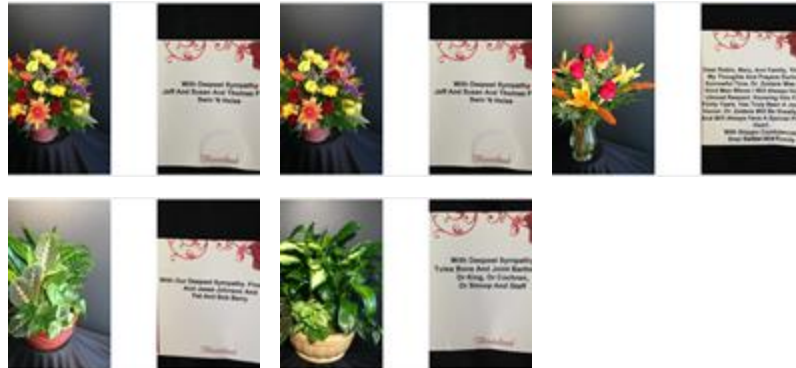
“ *you were always a joy to work with, Elizabeth*



**Elizabeth Booth** - November 18, 2017 at 07:13 PM



“ 29 files added to the album Flowers



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - November 10, 2017 at 02:38 PM

 Diane Jones

“ Diane Jones lit a candle in memory of Dr. James W. Zeiders



Diane Jones - November 08, 2017 at 09:25 PM

 Diane Jones

“ My favorite moment with Dr. Zeiders was when he took off his shoe to put his foot in a patient's armpit to reduce a dislocated humerus. Dr. Zeiders' big toe was sticking out through a hole in his sock. We all laughed and he proceeded to put the arm back in place. I worked as an x-ray tech with him for eleven years at the hospital and a few times at their office when it was on Frank Phillips Blvd. I have since had the opportunity to work with Dr. Greg Zeiders here in OKC. I remember when Greg was born. Rest In Peace, you have definitely earned the rest.

Diane Jones - November 08, 2017 at 09:21 PM

JG

“ Our family had many happy times out at the farm with Jim and his family. Those memories live on as we reminisce about skinning the rattlesnake and the Roman candle wars at our family gatherings. Jim loved life and loved to help others. He leaves a rich legacy of talented children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Our thoughts and love are with you all.

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**Jacque Gillispie** - November 08, 2017 at 01:48 PM

SL

“ IVE ALWAYS THOUGHT SO MUCH OF DR.Z. HE WAS SUCH A GREAT DOCTOR AND FRIEND. I REMEMBER ONE TIME HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL AS A PATIENT. WE WERE TOLD NOT TO BOTHER HIM. HE SAW ME IN THE HALLWAY OF THE FLOOR HIS ROOM WAS ON. HE YELLED AT ME AND ASKED ME WHY I HADNT BEEN UP TO SEE HIM. WHEN I TOLD HIM WHY. HE SAID I WAS HIS FRIEND AND HE EXPECTED ME TO COME AND SEE HIM. WE WILL MISS HIM SO MUCH. GOD BLESS HIS FAMILY. SHERI LAVASSEUR

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**SHERI LAVASSEUR** - November 08, 2017 at 10:57 AM

NM

“ I worked for Dr. Zeiders at the clinic in late 70s and early 80s. I watched him work with his patients every day. He was kind, compassionate, and a fantastic physician. I loved his sense of humor. He always ran during his lunch hour and, if he didn't get to run for more than a day, he became a little (quite) irritable. He has been on my mind lately and now I know why. Please be assured of my prayers for his family during this time. He talked about his family a lot and was so proud of his children. I know he loved you very much.

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**Nancy Matt** - November 08, 2017 at 10:02 AM

WP

“ *Wright & Associates, P.C. purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Dr. James W. Zeiders.*



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**Wright & Associates, P.C.** - November 07, 2017 at 10:34 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dr. James W. Zeiders.*



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November 07, 2017 at 09:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. James W. Zeiders.*



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November 07, 2017 at 08:21 PM

LB

“ *Lura Beth Brooke lit a candle in memory of Dr. James W. Zeiders*



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**Lura Beth Brooke** - November 07, 2017 at 07:35 PM

SP

“ After 30 years at jph I have many memories of Dr Zeiders. From working on 2 south with him on orth patients . He did surgery on my late husband and his son and my husband were goos friends. Dr Z used to bring goodies to the nursing staff. He will be greatly missed. To his family mt peayers with you and you have the peace knowing he awaits you in heaven.

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**Sonja Peck Parker** - November 07, 2017 at 04:19 PM

LR

“ Leslie Dirigo Ruckman lit a candle in memory of Dr. James W. Zeiders



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**Leslie Dirigo Ruckman** - November 07, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. James W. Zeiders.



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November 07, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ *Dr. Zeiders was the 1st doctor that I drew blood on. When i went in the er to get his blood I told him who I was and what I needed. He could tell I was very nervous and he told me that doctors where just people and not to be nervous that I could not hurt him anymore them having broke both of his ankles. Let's say I was never ever nervous to draw blood from a doctor again. Dr. Zeider will be miss, he was a great doc and a great man. RIP Dr. Z.*

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**Jamie Wilson** - November 07, 2017 at 01:25 AM

VA

*Dr. Zeiders was one of my favorite people in the world and he was a great person. He always made my day when ever I would see him. He will be missed so much. RIP Dr. Z.*

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**Vicky Auschwitz** - November 07, 2017 at 09:07 AM

 Gail Greene

*I have known him since 1979 , I have a lot of stories . All I know was he had a great sense of humor. Dry but funny. I worked on 2 south and it was my pleasure to pull his charts for him . Dr. Z. you impacted and touched a lot of lives. And I am one. Praying for the entire Zeider crew past and present. Rest in heaven my friend. Your old Ward Cerk . Gail Greene*

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**Gail Greene** - November 07, 2017 at 11:08 AM

DG

“ *Dona Garner lit a candle in memory of Dr. James W. Zeiders*




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**Dona Garner** - November 06, 2017 at 10:51 PM

BB

“ I can't say enough about Dr. Zeiders for he was such a great doctor and one of my bosses for 20 years...He was always there if you needed to talk or a shoulder to cry on.  
He will be missed by so many so RIP Dr. Z for your journey on earth was a success..

B. J. Blalack - November 06, 2017 at 10:49 PM

  
Elizabeth Booth

“ Elizabeth Booth lit a candle in memory of Dr. James W. Zeiders



Elizabeth Booth - November 06, 2017 at 10:11 PM

SH

“ One of the most cherished Orthopedic surgeons and very professional. Dr. Zeiders will be missed by many



Suzanne Harlan - November 06, 2017 at 08:23 PM

SE

“ I worked with him at the hospital on orthopedic floor and I used to work for him at the Orthopedic Clinic! I always enjoyed him as a boss! He will be missed and remembered!

Susie Clopp Edwards - November 06, 2017 at 06:24 PM

NB

Hi Susie.

Nancy brooks - November 06, 2017 at 06:42 PM

DM

*There was this day when I was in the hospital standing in the hallway and Dr. Zeiders stopped and asked me if I was lost. I laughed and told him that I was not lost I was just looking for the elevator. Dr. Zeiders pointed to the elevator and I was standing right in front of it. Both of us had a big laugh and he said something about my NOT being old. It was slightly embarrassing.*

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**Dianne McNeill** - November 07, 2017 at 08:49 AM

NW

*Dr. Zeiders was one of a kind, I had the honor of working with him over the years at JPMC. So much respect for him. Prayers for his family at this time of great loss. He leaves a void that can not be filled.*

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**Nancy Wake** - November 09, 2017 at 02:21 PM

JH

“ Thank you for always being so kind to me through these years. You will be missed by everyone.

*Prayers and thoughts are with your family during this time.*

*Jen Halloran  
JP IT dept*

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**Jen Halloran** - November 06, 2017 at 04:05 PM

DB

“ Dr. Jim was a wonderful man, he will be missed. My prayers are with you all at this time.

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**Don and Rosanne Beck** - November 06, 2017 at 03:41 PM