

On Monday, May 14, 2018, David H. Wright was called home.

He was born August 5, 1935, in Wyandotte, Oklahoma to Hugh and Jewel Wright. After his parents' separation and subsequent divorce, he alternated between Los

Angeles and Oklahoma ending up in Wynnewood, OK for his high school years where he was very active in sports and school culture. After high school, he enlisted in the army and served in the Panama Canal Zone before being accepted for officers training. This career direction was derailed by lead poisoning (caused by a nail sticking out on his bunk, of all things) resulting in a months stay in the infirmary and the loss of 40 pounds. All his children knew the story as he carried the scar on his back, prompting curiosity.

David took a medical discharge and decided to go to college, thanks to the G.I. Bill and support for Native Americans. He enrolled at The University of Southern California, joined the football team (3rd string, he would add) and graduated with a degree in finance in 1963, because despite his love of history, he had a practical mindset. Post-college, he would make banking his career with history & politics life long interests and USC sports teams his #1 favorites.

In 1964, David met the love of his life, Patricia, while working at the same bank. They began dating in January 1965, and were married 3 weeks after their first date, on February 5, 1965. Their first child was born 2 years later, followed by several more, most of whom were adopted in-country and internationally because of David's and Patricia's heart for children.

David's job moved his growing family from Southern California up to the Seattle area in 1973, where they remained for over a dozen years. Job changes moved the family subsequently to Denver, CO and Scottsdale, AZ before returning them to the Pacific Northwest in 1992. David would retire from his banking career in 1997 and pursue the "perfect" N-gauge train layout as well as home gardening.

In 2012, David and Patricia moved back to Southern California where David could indulge in his love of

gardening, especially roses. He was a common sight in the neighborhood, walking his beloved dogs, Rico and Lola. If anyone else walked them, a neighbor would inevitably ask after him and his health. It would be while working in his garden, that David would be called home.

Although David was diagnosed with coronary heart disease and multiple myeloma, he refused to let illness define him. He stubbornly held on to every task and chore he could. He was proud of his citizenship in the Wyandotte Nation, and of his roots in Oklahoma. He relied on his faith all his life and spent time every day in Bible study and prayer. He couldn't imagine life without faith and integrity and now both are complete in him.

David was predeceased by his parents, step parents, younger half-brother, younger half-sister and niece. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia of California, children: Rebecca of California, Sara of Colorado, Patrick (Wendy) of Washington, Kerri of Arizona, Jason (Otok) of Washington, Michael (Sheila) of Texas and Jonathan of Washington and grandchildren: Tyler, Dylan, Michael, Shinae and Tabitha (all who called him "Poppy" - a name he preferred above all others) as well as numerous nieces and nephews who will all miss him.



## APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service. Luginbuel Funeral Home Prairie Grove, Arkansas online guest book, visit www.luginbuel.com



David Wright

August 5, 1935 May 15, 2018





CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF David Wright

**DATE, TIME & PLACE OF VISITATION** Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - 12:00 / 2:00 P.M. Luginbuel Chapel - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

## GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE CEMETERY. THE FAMILY WILL REMAIN AFTER THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

FINAL RESTING PLACE Prairie Grove Cemetery





## THE LORDS PRAYER

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thing is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

