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David Eugene Leathers Sr. passed away Sunday, November 24, 2013 surrounded by family and loved ones. He had fought a long, courageous battle against Cancer. He leaves his wife of 32 wonderful years, Cathy Leathers; his five children, David Leathers, Sarah Nixon, Rachel Leathers, Elisha Leathers, and Aaron Leathers; his daughter and son in law, Tiffany Leathers and Dwight Nixon, and his two granddaughters; Hayden Leathers and Taylor Nixon and a grandbaby on the way. He also leaves behind two brothers; Tim and Jim Leathers and their wives, Anita and Fran, and family.

Dave who was born in Oklahoma, moved to Whitefish, Montana because of his love for the outdoors and skiing. There he met his wife, Cathy, who he loved and adored and they started one big adventure together. They loved to travel and make up plans as they went. They moved from place to place but always enjoyed life no matter where they were. Their love for one another was apparent in everything that they did. Even up to the last moments in the hospital, Cathy and Dave enjoyed one another's love and commitment to one another. Dave was beyond proud of his family. Everyone that knew Dave knew his children. He was an active father who would do anything for his children. He was at every practice, game, and event that he possibly could be at. He never wanted to miss a moment of their lives. Dave was most passionate about the Lord and was an amazing example for his family and friends. His heart was full of love and compassion for others and Jesus. When you met Dave, you couldn't help but like him. He would love, encourage and care about you from the first day he met you. If there was anything he could do for you, he would do it. Even though Dave is gone, he has left this world a little brighter because he shared his love wherever he went. We love and miss him dearly but are thankful for the man he was in all of our lives.

2 Timothy 4:7-8.



Obituary

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Services for Dave Leathers will be held at the Hallsville Cemetery at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 30th, 2013 under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at www.raderfh.com.



Tribute Wall

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JB

Jeannette & Denver Brown posted:

My greatest memory of Mr Leathers to me & my son Denver, was his passion for basketball. His love for Aaron 's growth in the game to do his best & to ALWAYS have good sportsmanship. He will be greatly missed, but I know we will meet again when we all get to heaven!!

December 4 at 3:06 PM

HH

Heart To Heart Hospice lit a candle in honor of David.

We at Heart to Heart Hospice extend our deepest sympathies during this time of loss.

December 4 at 7:44 AM



CR

Craig Richards posted:

I met Dave in HS when we played baseball together. We played baseball at Rose State JC and were roommates at OBU. He introduced me to my loving wife of 41 years , Jacki Kyle Richards. David and I reconnected a few years ago when he moved to East Texas. He has come to Oklahoma the past few years to join his HS baseball buddies in a golf reunion. The courage he showed this year was simply amazing . Seeing him this past June was one of the greatest joys of my life. He was such a positive, loving and kind human being. Words cannot express my sadness . I send my love and support to Cathy and her family. There is no more suffering and Dave is in Paradise reaping his just rewards . CR

December 3 at 11:52 PM

JB

Jenny Beaty posted:

Mr. Leathers definitely made a huge contribution to me and the Ladycat basketball program. He was always very encouraging to me. I'll miss him. Blaire Beaty I will remember Dave as a man who loved the Lord and his family ~ One who truly shared the gift of "encouragement" with others. Proverbs 20:7 "The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him." Proverbs 22:1 "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold." Jenny Beaty

November 30 at 5:21 AM



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DP

Diane Powell lit a candle in honor of David.



November 29 at 6:47 PM

TB

Tim Barnes posted:

Leathers Family – We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We remember Dave as many others on this web page have – positive, caring, and a friend. Great memories with you during our time as neighbors. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Tim & Debbie Barnes & family, Overland Park, Kansas

November 29 at 10:35 AM

CH

Cindy Harris posted:

I had the pleasure of working for Dave and I can honestly say I have never had a better boss. He was the most, kind, considerate, loving person I have ever worked for. He always made me want to be a better person; not by anything he said, but just because of who he was. Even as he fought this horrible disease, he would always smile and pretend everything was ok. He never wanted anyone else to be upset. I will always cherish the time I had knowing this wonderful man. Hold on to the memories and be blessed for having had such an awesome inspiration in your lives. The time that you are seperated is only temporary. Love to the family.Cindy Harris

November 29 at 7:31 AM



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Ron Hise posted:

My prayers and condolences to David's family. David was the 1st person I met when I moved to OKC, the summer between the 7th & 8th grade. He became a great friend as we lived on the same street at opposite ends. Many memories. God used David at critical time in my life during High School, as he invited me to a youth revival at his church, Portland Ave. Baptist -OKC. It was there that I realized God loved me, had a plan for my life and forgave me of my transgressions. My life and direction changed that day forever. God prepared me to serve as a Youth Pastor and speaker for several years impacting thousands of lives over the years, becoming an Ordained Minister, Assistant Chaplain in the Army Reserves after serving Active Duty during Vietnam and many other venues. The opportunity for David and I to both share our personal testimonies, at our High School 40th reunion Sunday Morning Optional worship service, was a great moment for me. It all began from an obedient David Leathers inviting a lost soul named Ronnie Hise. Thank You David for making a difference. What a Champion !!! Because He First Loved Us, Ron aka Ronnie Hise
Numbers 6:-24-26

November 29 at 6:32 AM



Tom Wright posted:

I don't believe my vocabulary contains words to express my feelings of love for Dave, nor can I adequately express my feelings of loss. I "only" knew David from the 8th grade forward, he being a guard on an opposing athletic team. When we finally joined forces at Putnam City, he became one of my closest friends from our sophomore year forward. Basketball, baseball, church, FCA, and several other activities were shared. The fun times, the good times of those formative years will stay with me forever. I miss my friend, Dave and I'm obviously not the only one. Your example, courage, and dignity in your life, and especially this past year have changed my life. I love you pal. You are missed.

November 28 at 12:33 PM



Richard Click posted:

Dave was a true friend that I will never forget. He was a great example of what God wants us to be. I don't know that I ever heard him complain. We went from grade school to graduating together. We played organized and sand lot baseball together as we grew up and Dave excelled in basketball as well. Those that attended our 40th high school reunion in 2010 are blessed to have had Dave attend it and we were able to see him one last time here on earth. Knowing I will see him in Heaven is a relief. God's blessings to his wife and family.

November 28 at 9:21 AM



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CW

Cheri Wright Williams posted:

David was a good friend of my brothers Terry, when we lived on Virginia Dr I remember them playing together. He was a very pleasant person to be aroundso sorry for your loss. Cheri Wright Williams

November 28 at 1:22 AM

JL

Jeff Lantz posted:

Dave was the guy I always watched playing basketball at Western Oaks and PCW. He was my favorite because he was the smallest guy. Dave was a guard who led his team as a winner. I got to play golf with him in the 2010 Class reunion. He was just as inspiring playing golf as he must have been on the basketball court. Dave led our team to win the tourney. I want to send out prayers to the family. You guys were lucky to have a good and loving husband, father and grandfather in your life. I am sure your lives will continue to be blessed.

November 27 at 1:13 PM

MH

Melda D. Riggs Howard posted:

Gary and I send our deepest sympathy to your family. Gary played baseball with David at Putnam West. All of words spoken about him do not surprise us. He was a great friend and classmate who continued to grow to leave an awesome legacy. Thank God for His grace! So thankful Dave's pain is gone forever.

November 27 at 9:26 AM

DB

Debby Bootes posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to David's family and friends. David was a classmate of mine at Putnam City West High School. He was truly one of a kind and will be greatly missed. God be with you David. Debby Bootes

November 27 at 8:24 AM

MC

Marilyn Comyer posted:

Dave and I started our friendship in elementary school at Hilldale and continued through high school at PCW. He was truly a great guy and will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Marilyn Patterson Conyer

November 27 at 7:57 AM



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Steve Anneler posted:

I am so sorry to find this news. David and I went from grade school to graduating high school. As kids we played Baseball for the Hilldale Tigers. We had a lot of classes together through out our school years. After high school as happens to lots of people we would only see each other at our High school reunions. I last saw David in 2010 as our 40th reunion. He will be missed by everyone of us that grew up with him.

November 27 at 7:45 AM



Beverly November 27 at 9:20 AM

Like so many others who have shared here, I have known David since elementary school at Hilldale. He was a great guy and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers going out to his family. Beverly Ross Shirley



Brad Yarbrough November 27 at 8:51 AM

David was a neighbor, friend, and basketball teammate. I enjoyed being on the court with him. He was a good athlete and his humor is well remembered. We spent some time together a couple of years ago when he was in town to honor Coach Close. His faith was as evident as it was in high school where he led the FCA. Praying for his friends and family.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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