



Theodore Willis Violett, MD

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Theodore Violett, MD Obituary

We gather to honor and remember the life of Dr. Theodore Willis Violett, a remarkable individual whose contributions to the medical field and the community at large have left an indelible mark. Dr. Violett passed away on December 9, 2023, at the age of 93, at his Inverness Village residence in Tulsa.

Born on November 30, 1930, in El Dorado, Kansas, Ted was the son of Willis Karl and Alma (Cleaver) Violett. He spent his formative years in El Dorado and later Carr City, Oklahoma. Ted went to high school in Bowlegs, Oklahoma where he played football for Bowlegs. It was during this time that he met the love of his life Leota Elliott, and on August 18, 1955, they embarked on a lifelong journey together.

Ted initially felt a calling to the ministry, leading him to attend Oklahoma Baptist University, graduating cum laude with the Class of 1952. Ted ultimately decided on a career in medicine, graduating in 1956 from the University of Oklahoma Medical School. His medical journey started as a captain in the US Army as a flight surgeon, after completing his service to his country he became a staff pathologist at St Anthony's Hospital. Ted continued his career at St Anthony's Hospital, making significant contributions to the field of pathology and the hospital. In 1978 he achieved subspecialty board in the field of Blood Banking and he contributed to the founding of the Oklahoma Medical Examiner's Office and drug testing initiatives in the state of Oklahoma, which is a testament of his dedication to advancing medical knowledge. Ted served as Director of Clinical Pathology and Chairman of the Department at St Anthony Hospital.

Ted was an active participant in the community. He was active in many professional and social organizations including the Rotary Club in Oklahoma City. He funds a scholarship for medical students at Oklahoma Baptist University and was an Associate Clinical Professor of Pathology at University of Oklahoma. Ted was also an avid art lover appreciating a wide variety of art from southwest to modern art. He was an angler and loved fishing all his life, starting as a child when he fished with his grandfather and brother, Jim, in a small stream near his home. He loved going on



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fishing trips. He fished the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Arctic Ocean, and Lake Eufaula. Ted loved to travel and has visited every state in the union (a feat which he was very proud of). Ted was a woodworker and made several pieces of furniture for himself and other family members.

Dr. Theodore Willis Violet is survived by his loving wife, Leota Violet, and their children: Charlynn Violet and son-in-law, Randy Smith, Jenee Violet, Tim Violet and daughter-in-law Tammy Violet and his brother Jim's wife Alverna Violet.

He is also survived by his grandchildren: Tyler and Ben Violet, Devon McLeod, Erin McLeod and her husband Robert Price, Christopher and Zachary Violet, as well his great-grandsons, Wyatt Price and Jensen Violet and great granddaughter Kinley Violet.

Dr. Violet is preceded in death by his parents Karl and Alma Violet, his brother Jim Violet, his sister Kay Mullican and her husband Wayne and his nephew Danny Violet.

In remembrance of Dr. Violet's life, a funeral service will be held at 2 PM on Sunday, December 17, 2023, in the Rivercrest Chapel at 13329 S. Memorial Drive in Bixby. Viewing will commence at 12 PM on the same day, preceding the funeral ceremony. Following the service, Ted will be laid to rest in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Oklahoma City.

As we celebrate the life of Dr. Theodore Willis Violet, let us reflect on the legacy he leaves behind—a legacy of dedication, service, and a profound impact on the medical community and all the lives he touched in so many ways. May he rest in peace.

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Bixby Funeral Service shared a **Video**.



April 22 at 7:27 AM



Anonymous posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Theodore Willis Violett, MD. Plant a Tree

April 22 at 7:27 AM



Mary Beth Goldberger posted:

I remember Dr Violett from my training and employment at St Anthony Hospital in OKC. He honored me by purchasing one of my oil paintings, as he was an art collector. May he rest in eternal peace, Amen.

December 22 at 4:56 PM



Linda Belcher posted:

A man i greatly respected & admired. I was his student at St.Anthony. Treasured his work in blood banking & his support of OBI. He always stood for right! HI s medical knowledge was much appreciated at LifeShare OK. A true loss for the Oklahoma medical community. Sending much love to his beautiful wife and family.

December 19 at 7:40 AM



Linda Bortz posted:

Dr Violet was a good man. He was the one who took a chance on hiring me in1968. I knew very little about those horrible words you you cannot pronounce. He was a funny little fellow who could make you laugh at a moment's notice. The best moment was a Saturday and we were working at Saints. It was a nasty sleet/snowy day and out of the blue he offered tickets to the OU game which I accepted. This was exceptional thought for him to do. I will never forget freezing my arse off for a football game. May God bless you and your family in this difficult time.God please take this wonderful man into your arms taking away all suffering and pain.

December 15 at 5:29 AM



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