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Bryan Pollard Obituary

A funeral service honoring and remembering the life of Colonel Bryan Kent Pollard will be held at 3 PM Friday, July 31, 2020, at the South Tulsa Baptist Church Worship Center. A live stream of the service can be seen by visiting southtulsa.live. Visitation with the family will be 6-8 PM Thursday, July 30, at South Tulsa Baptist Church. Bryan passed away Sunday, July 26, 2020, at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa at the age of 73.

Born May 2, 1947, Bryan was the son of James Clifton and Nerine Faye (Harris) Pollard. The youngest of four brothers, all born and raised in Tulsa, Bryan's childhood was spent with a great group of friends, summer trips to his grandparent's farm and making memories with his brothers. Harvard Avenue Baptist Church was a big part of his youth and young adulthood. It was here that he met the love of his life, Sherry Welch.

Following high school, Bryan attended Oklahoma State University, where he joined the Sigma Nu fraternity, following in two of his brothers' footsteps. His fraternal involvement remained important to him for the rest of his life. Bryan was interested in science from a young age, studying Biology and Physiology at OSU and ultimately graduating from the Baylor University College of Dentistry. He continuously rooted for OSU even when their athletic performances broke his heart!

Between graduating from OSU and starting at Baylor, Bryan married the love of his life, Sherry Welch, in Tulsa University's Sharpe Chapel on January 19, 1969. During dental school, the couple welcomed their first child, Matthew. Bryan went on to move his family back to Tulsa, establish a private dental practice, and welcomed two more children, Jennifer and Joe.

After six years of a successful practice, Bryan accepted a commission of Captain in the United States Army as a general dentist. During his first assignment to Fort Sill in Lawton, OK Bryan and



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Sherry welcomed their fourth child Mary. During his 21 years military career, Bryan and his family moved on to live in San Antonio, El Paso, and Killeen, TX; Augusta, GA; Manhattan, KS; and his favorite tour in Mannheim, Germany. He pursued specialized training in the military to become an endodontist, and ultimately became board certified. Bryan retired from the U.S. Army at the rank of Colonel in Ft. Hood, TX. Following his military career, he practiced as an endodontist in Tulsa for ten years, as well as the Cherokee Nation healthcare system in Tahlequah and Muskogee for four years.

In retirement, Bryan's spirituality became more and more focused on others as he continued to serve his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He ministered to young men regularly at the Tulsa County jail and volunteered his time to adult literacy programs as well as the local Court Watch. A politically aware conservative, he was also very outspoken, and you never had to wonder where Bryan stood on any given issue. The White House will surely miss Bryan's regular communication by email.

Above anything else, Bryan was completely dedicated to his family as a leader, a provider, and a protector. He was encouraging and always supportive of them, never missing recitals, soccer games, or any activity in which they participated, even coaching several of his kids' teams. He was very methodical, investigative, and always thirsted for more knowledge. Bryan taught his children how to communicate well and respond thoughtfully to any situation. Known to be the most wonderful "Papa" to his grandchildren, Bryan had an individualized relationship with each one of them. He loved them with all his heart! Bryan enjoyed reading, math & jigsaw puzzles, singing with his church choir, and loved humming along while his wife played the piano. He found great joy in all sorts of together time with his family, who describe him as the perfect example of what a father and husband should be. Bryan will be dearly missed by a devoted family and numerous lifelong friends who will continue to cherish his memory.

Surviving family members include his wife, Sherry Pollard; his children, Matthew Pollard, Jennifer Pollard-Harvey, Joe Pollard and wife, Kimberly, and Mary Walker and husband, Nate; his grandchildren: Travis, Meaghan, and Sean Pollard; Grace, Lilly, and Rose Harvey; Ryan, Molly, and Joshua Pollard; and Welch Walker; his brothers, Dan Pollard and wife, Barbara, and Mike Pollard and wife, Glynda; and his sister-in-law, Judy Pollard-Doyle.

Bryan was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Dwayne Pollard.



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Memorial contributions can be made to the Guatemala Campos de Suenos fund at South Tulsa Baptist Church.

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April 22 at 7:42 AM



Joanie Hahr posted:

Thank you Jennifer. Yes, your dad will always be fondly remembered for his good heart! And YES! I do believe the crush with our Jo and your Joe was mutual :) I am glad I came back to this posting; I had just finished up my Christmas decorating and never fail to put out my sweet angel figurine that your dad gave me Christmas of '85. I always had a habit of marking gifts if I could, so glad I did :) God bless you all this Christmas season!

December 15 at 3:05 PM



Jennifer posted:

Thank you, Joanie. It means so much that you took the time to share your memories~ sounds like him :) My dad adored his time in Germany and I love that you were a part of that. I definitely remember JoJamie, mostly teasing Joe about having a crush on her. We so appreciate your thoughts and prayers! Blessings~ Jennifer

November 1 at 7:01 PM



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Joanie Hahr posted:

Oh my goodness...I am very saddened to learn of this news. Our sincerest sympathy to you Sherry, and your family...My name is Joanie Hahr. I was Dr. (Major at the time) Pollard's assistant for 2 years (84-86) at the 768th MED in Mannheim, Germany. I was reminiscing with my husband, Clay, of our years there and how they were my BEST years practicing in the dental field at the 768th. Dr. Pollard was such an amazing caring soul. He helped me keep up my CEU's for my CDA while in Germany, by writing to the DANB and assuring them he would mentor and provide credit hours for me by allowing me to attend the Officer's meetings for continuing Ed (CDA's didn't have classes on line at that time) Dr. Pollard also arranged for me to teach our local nationals and recorded hours for me as well to turn in to the board so I wouldn't lose my credentials. My last year with Dr. Pollard was mostly Endo, since he wanted to specialize in the field. I have no doubt he became an incredible Endodontist! Our two children were the same age as your Joe (our JoJamie is now 43) and your Mary (our son Zach is now 39). Sherry was without a doubt, the stronghold of his lovely family and Dr. Pollard was always quick to admit he would be nothing without Sherry...I know it has been over two years since his passing, but I have had you all front and center having just found out. Love and prayers are with you all. Joanie and Clay Hahr

February 21 at 8:46 AM



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