



David Joe Yelton

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David Joe Yelton passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Clarehouse in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with his beloved dog Lilly laying by his side. He was 84 years old.

Born August 22, 1940, in Indianapolis, Indiana, David was the son of Chet and Fran Yelton. He was a graduate of Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis, Class of 1958. He loved telling stories of silly things he and his friends did on that campus.

David developed an early passion for airplane mechanics before discovering his true calling in Carpentry, where he specialized in the flooring industry. He began as an apprentice, and built an excellent professional reputation in the trade, where he was known as an expert craftsman. It was said of him that he could "make the most angry woman happy after he was finished with her new flooring."

His career brought him to Tulsa in 1970 when he joined C & C Carpet and Tile. It was after that when he met Sami, who would become his wife on February 4, 1984.

For the past 30 years, David's greatest joy has been in spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is known by Dadadee, his Grandpa name, to as many people as he is known by David.

David was a Godly man, happy, silly, fun-loving, joyful and precious. Those who knew David would agree to this-he was a man whose warm spirit touched countless lives.

For 15 years, David served as a youth minister at the Word of Grace Church in Tulsa, forming bonds with young people who maintained contact with him throughout his life.

David had a great love for adventure and enjoyed many hobbies. One of his great passions was sailing, and this took him on trips to lakes across Oklahoma, where he loved sailing on his Prindle



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catamaran. He also loved scuba diving, and he got to go on many trips around the Caribbean to explore the beautiful waters. Something he loved doing with his grandchildren was to go fishing. He didn't care if he caught anything or not! He also loved motorcycles and wood working.

David is survived by his loving wife, Sami; and children Deanna Villalon (Len); Jeff Yelton and Stephen Yelton (Kym); grandchildren Aly (Jerrod), Evan (Sabrina), Kyle, Megan, Sarah, David, Maria, Jessica and T.J.; his nieces Melanie (Tim) and Kim Ogden, nephews Joey (Amy) and Paul Caswell; and cousin Rocky (Claudia).

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter Lori; and two sisters, Norma and Judy.

A service celebrating David's life will be held at Spirit Life Church on Saturday, May 17 at 11 AM. The family requests memorial contributions be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to Jerry Morris Bridges International.





Events


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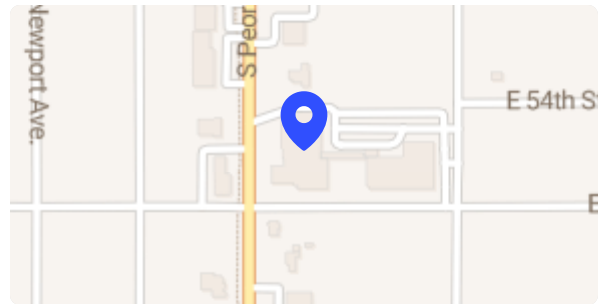
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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, May 17, 2025

 11:00 AM CT

 **Spirit Life Church**
5345 S. Peoria, Tulsa OK 74105





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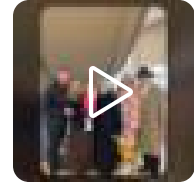
Bixby Funeral Service shared a **Webcast Video**.

May 15 at 8:43 AM



Bixby-South Tulsa Funeral Service shared a video to the **David Yelton Video Tribute** album.

May 22 at 10:17 AM



Jeremy And Renate Carmen sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Yelton family.

May 15 at 12:13 PM



Donna Dumond sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Yelton family.

May 7 at 12:25 PM





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BM

Betty "Polly" Mercurio posted:

Love, prayers and sympathy to my sister, Sami (Louise) and David's family. David always had something funny to say... .silly jokes that sometimes took me time to figure out. We enjoyed seeing him when we visited Tulsa and were sad to hear of his decline the past year. I started sending him birdhouses as gifts... can't remember why, but he liked them. We both had a unique sense of humor which led to special names for each other (which started because of a birdhouse ornament I sent him)...So, SB.. Rest in the peace of our Lord..until we meet in His presence.. your CS.Our Love, Polly and Ed

May 6 at 1:12 PM

DA

Dani May 8 at 5:29 AM

Davis was a cherished and respected member of our community. He was always the devoted husband to Ms. Sammie and we were honored to be given the opportunity to know and care for him. We will continue to support, love, and care for Ms. Sammie. Godspeed Mr. Yelton, you are sorely missed.

SY

Sami Yelton May 7 at 2:55 PM

Thank you my sweet sister! Miss you. Wish Boston was closer to Oklahoma!!



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