



Dave Ralph Sylvan

September 20, 1924 - April 25, 2020

Dave R. Sylvan

Dave Sylvan passed away on Saturday, April 25 in Tulsa, Oklahoma surrounded by his loving family.

Dave was born in Chicago, Illinois to Edith and Morris Sylvan. They moved to Tulsa when Dave was 7 years old. He graduated from Central High School and went to the University of Oklahoma before being drafted in to the army. He served in the army in the South Pacific in World War II before being honorably discharged in 1944. Dave returned to Tulsa, to work in his father's printing business for several years. He later joined his brother-in-law, Ben Altman in forming Altman-Sylvan Oil Company. They later separated and Dave formed Sylvan Oil Operating Company and bought the Farmers Energy properties.

Dave was an avid tennis player, loved the oil and gas business, the stock market, all sports and traveling the world. He was a real "people" person and had a zest for life.

Dave served on the Jewish Federation Foundation Board, a member of Shriner's, Wildcatter's Club in the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association, a member of the International Petroleum Association, Jewish Federation Investment Committee, supported Tulsa Tomorrow and Tulsa Opera Board.

In May, 1972, Dave married Barbara Breeding.

Dave is predeceased by his parents, Edith and Morris, by his sister, Jeanette Altman Frieden and by his brother, Jay Sylvan.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, daughter, Debbie (Robert) deLeeuw, sister-in-law, Anne Ownby, by his brother-in-law, Larry (Rebecca) Breeding and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends.

The family would like to thank Jerry Schuster, Beryl Bolo and Cissy Ssettimba for their loving care.

Donations in Dave's memory can be made to the Tulsa Jewish Federation Camp Scholarship Fund, Congregation B'nai Emunah Transportation Fund, Zarrow Pointe, Miller Hospice or the charity of your choice.

Private family services were held Monday.

Fitzgerald Ivy Chapel, 918-585-115

Comments



“ Mr. Sylvan was one of my favorite meetings. He made you feel important because he would engage so personally in conversations. I enjoyed hearing his travel stories and tales of business dealings. The best part may have been when he would laugh while sharing the stories.

Tim Buford - April 30, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ Mr. Sylvan is a gentleman to be admired. He and Mrs. Sylvan are dear friends who have endlessly given their care and friendship to our family. His careful contemplation of matters, his story-telling of travel and experiences and his endless puns capped with a signature laugh will be fondly remembered. Our deepest thanks and ongoing concern will be pledged to Mrs. Sylvan going forward.

Jared Pawelka - April 29, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ So sorry to read about Dave's passing. You had so many wonderful years together. I remember when you were dating & how crazy you were for him!! We all understood when we met him why you wanted to always be with Dave. He had a long happy life. I know you have wonderful memories & I know he is still with your heart. Always, Cheryl & Steve Sanders (Joe & Tully)

Cheryl Sanders Cassody - April 28, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mr Sylvan while I was working my way through law school at 1st National Bank. Back in 1979 he was always fun to be around. Last December my wife and I ran into him at Boedean's restaurant and we spoke and he had that same spark and joy in life. We pray for God to give comfort to his family in their grief.

kurt glassco - April 28, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ I was so sad to read of Dave’s passing. He and Barbara were the ultimate romantic couple, always considerate of each other and obviously enjoying each other’s company! He was a true gentleman and will be hugely missed! Matt & Becky Davis

Matt & Becky Davis - April 27, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ With heartfelt condolences to Barbara and family! I will always remember Dave as an outgoing, friendly guy, who generously supported the causes important to Barbara and him. RIP, Dave! You will be missed!



Hannah Robson - April 27, 2020 at 08:36 PM