



## David E. Freeman

October 20, 1950 - September 13, 2025

David Freeman, 74, passed away unexpectedly on September 13, 2025, at his home in Grove, Oklahoma.

He was born on October 20, 1950, to Warren and Ivalee (Knight) Freeman, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he grew up and graduated from high school.

A hard worker from the beginning, David built his career from the ground up. He owned and operated Freeman Concrete Construction in Tulsa for many years, earning a reputation for reliability and craftsmanship. Later in life, he brought his expertise to Barnes Construction in Owasso as a construction estimator. His leadership extended beyond business—David also served as the mayor of Grand Lake Town, where he contributed his time and energy to the community he loved.

David's interests were as bold and varied as his personality. A devoted Harley-Davidson enthusiast and an avid fan of The Rolling Stones, he embraced life with a spirit of adventure. He found peace and joy fishing on Grand Lake and was recognized as a Bassmaster during the 1990s. A licensed pilot, David took to the skies with the same confidence he brought to every endeavor.

Though known for his rough exterior, those close to him knew David as kind-hearted, intelligent, and deeply interesting—a man with a historian's mind and a storyteller's soul. His presence was magnetic; his conversations rich with knowledge and humor.

In 2005, David married Jeannie Earp in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Their

union was one of companionship and shared adventures.

David is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Nancy Campbell.

Left to cherish his memory, wife, Jeannie Freeman, three sons, Cody Freeman, James Long (Victoria) of Bixby, OK, and Jeremiah Freeman of Siloam Springs, AR, bonus daughter, Jamie Tate (Curtiss) of Grove, Ok; brother, Jimmy Freeman (Karen) of Tulsa, Ok; 2 grandchildren, Ivy and Jacob, 3 bonus grandchildren, Tucker, Seth and Sam; 2 great grandchildren, Rylann and Jax.

A gathering for friends and family will be held at 1pm Friday, September 19, 2025, at Nichols Stephens Reception Room.

# Previous Events

## Gathering for family and friends

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service  
10201 U.S. Highway 59  
Grove, OK 74344  
(918) 786-6761  
[nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com](mailto:nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of David E. Freeman



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**Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services** - September 19, 2025 at 02:21 PM

MB

“ Much Love, Quin & Kelly Peterson & Boys purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David E. Freeman.



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**Much Love, Quin & Kelly Peterson & Boys** - September 19, 2025 at 10:39 AM

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“ Much Love, Quin & Kelly Peterson & Boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David E. Freeman.

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**Much Love, Quin & Kelly Peterson & Boys** - September 19, 2025 at 10:39 AM

PT

“ Paul, Jami and Lakyn Todd purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David E. Freeman.



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**Paul, Jami and Lakyn Todd** - September 17, 2025 at 08:06 PM

JJ

“ David made such a huge impact on the lives of my son, his Dad and me. He was definitely one in a billion, and there will never be another like him, that's for sure. So many good memories I will forever cherish. As I look through the photographs of the past 20 years, I'm sad he's not on earth any longer but grateful he was such a big part of our lives. He could make you laugh non-stop, make you feel good with his caring support under that rough exterior, make you ponder about life's great mysteries and tell you a story about anything historical. We are truly blessed we had him as part of our family. RIP.

*Julie James - September 15 at 07:20 PM*

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**Julie James** - September 17, 2025 at 04:38 PM

JF

“ Jimmy and Karen Freeman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David E. Freeman.



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**Jimmy and Karen Freeman** - September 15, 2025 at 08:18 PM

JF

“ When I was 13 years old I came down with mononucleosis. On one of my worst sick days I was bedridden all day. I woke up in the middle of the night and needed the restroom really bad. I ran into the bathroom, passed out and hit my head on the toilet and swallowed my tongue. My parents watched me turn blue and did not know what to do. David knew what to do and pulled my tongue out of my throat and saved my life.

We were best buddies hunting dove, quail, pheasants, and deer. We went dozens and dozens of times.

David was the best fisherman that I have ever fished with. I learned more from him than the 5 or 6 times I hired a guide.

I will miss you bro.

Jimmy Freeman

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Jimmy Freeman - September 15, 2025 at 07:58 PM

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Julie James - September 15, 2025 at 09:20 PM