



David W. Sandell

August 21, 1940 - March 12, 2022

David W. Sandell, age 81, of Grove, OK, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2022, after a tragic and acute acceleration of illness.

David was born on August 21, 1940, to Herman and Eva (Williams) Sandell in Seattle, WA, where he grew up and graduated from Queen Anne High School, Class of 1958. Upon graduation, David attended the University of Washington law school and subsequently New York University law school for a Master's of Law in taxation; the first and foremost such program.

David began his professional legal career at Garvin, Ashley & Foster; later Foster, Pepper & Riviera, in 1964, where he served for over 22 years, ultimately departing the firm as a Senior Partner and member of its executive committee, to found his own independent practice. During his tenure at Foster, David met the love of his life, Judy Sandell, whom he married on January 1, 1980. After another 20 years of independent practice, David joined a number of former colleagues at Cairncross & Hempelmann, where he practiced for more than another decade.

David had a brilliant mind and he excelled in every area of his life. He was passionate about the law and serving his clients, and a member of the Washington and Oklahoma Bar Associations. He was an avid Seattle Seahawks fan and served on behalf of a group of the team's founders while

negotiating with the NFL Commissioner to establish the franchise. He was a skilled instrument-rated pilot, a member of the American Pilots Association, and frequently flew a Cessna 182 and a Mooney M20 for leisure and travel. David was a robust and larger-than life personality; energetic, hardworking, and a perfectionist who enjoyed the outdoors. He was a devoted Christian in his faith and longtime attendee of the First Baptist Church of Southwest City, MO, and previously the Aurora Church of the Nazarene of Seattle, WA.

David was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Lynn Felton. Left to cherish his memory are his loving family, friends, and former colleagues, particularly Judy Sandell, his wife of 42 years and also a resident of Grove, OK; John Sandell and Victoria Benner, his son and daughter-in-law; and Adam Sandell, his grandson, all of Washington, D.C.

Visitation for family and friends will be from 5-7pm Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services. Graveside services will be at North Olympus Cemetery at 11am Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Chaplain Gary Bishop to officiate. Additional services will occur in Seattle, WA, at a date to be named.

The family request that donations be made to Grove's First Baptist Church, 501 E. 13th St, Grove, OK 74344.

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

MAR **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Olympus Cemetery North
Grove, OK 74344

Tribute Wall



“ *David W. Sandell*

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *David your online family misses you and grieves your loss = to us and to all who knew you. You taught me so much about the Bible. I thank you and wish you peace and joy in grace.*

lila york - March 16, 2022 at 11:32 PM



“ *David, We will miss your energy, enthusiasm and constant search for creative solutions to tough problems. I was privileged that you were a member of our small practice group, sharing an amazing legal assistant who kept both of us out of trouble and always willing to sit and brainstorm through ideas. Condolences, Judy. Now he needs no plane to be everywhere. RIP, my friend.*

John Rizzardi - March 15, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of David W. Sandell.*



March 15, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ *Your friends at Cairncross & Hempelmann purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of David W. Sandell.*



Your friends at Cairncross & Hempelmann - March 15, 2022
at 12:27 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of David W. Sandell.*



March 15, 2022 at 12:42 AM