

# *David Allen Firey*

*February 3, 1948 - October 1, 2020*

## **Obituary**



David Allen Firey was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on February 3, 1948 to John Kenneth and Sylvia Firey. He made his heavenly transition on October 1, 2020 at his home in Sand Springs at the age of 72. He grew up on a farm in Rock Creek, a community west of Sand Springs - with four brothers and one sister. Dave attended Keystone School through 8th grade. He then graduated from Charles Page High School in 1966. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater with a degree in Animal Science.

He joined the US Army in 1970 and spent a year in Vietnam. He sent his mom a poem he had written about his Vietnam experience that was later printed in the Sapulpa Herald, along with his photo. His commanding officer also read it and put it in the "Stars and Stripes" - their military paper.

He was also a graduate of International Faith Bible College and Rhema Bible College. He operated a gospel outreach for three years in Sand Springs, Reigning Life Center in the early 1980s.

In 1973 he married Jana Moser, and a year later their first child Andy was born. Three more children followed: Andrea, Brandon and Ben. Jana passed away in May of 2010. Andy left this world in November of 2017.

His main occupation was as a roofing contractor for 50 years. He loved yard sales, garage sales and flea markets. That became his second business. For 50 years, he would "buy junk and sell antiques". He referred to himself as a "Pack Rat with a Pickup". Among his treasures was an organized collection of tens of thousands of records (some autographed), tapes and videos.)

He took his family on numerous vacations. Branson became their favorite destination - for forty years. He loved fishing, hunting, gardening, watching Gunsmoke, raising kids, dogs, chickens, rabbits, ducks, goats and horses. He sold Bibles, rabbits, Noni and Amway - and an array of products and merchandise.

A fire destroyed his home in 2000. He completed his new 4500 square foot home a year later. He was affiliated for years with Victory Christian Center in Tulsa. Most recently, he attended New Covenant Bible Church. He loved his Lord and Savior and was a man of deep faith.

Dave met his "sweet" Leona Coleman Veteto in 2012. About a month later, they married. He has six grandchildren. He called them his "Grand Sugars". Dave wrote in 2018 - "I've had a good life, lots of experiences, and learned some things".

He'll be remembered for his humor, generosity and work ethic.

Survivors include his wife Leona of the home; children: Andrea Michelle Firey, Brandon Alan Firey (and wife Julia) and Benjamin Joseph Arthur Firey and Mary Grace. Five Siblings: Bill Firey (and wife Theresa), Linda Firey Alford (and husband Milton), Steve Firey, John Firey (and wife Shirley) and Ray Firey (and wife Diana). Six Grandchildren: Bradlie, Emmy, Billy, Nykole, Dylan and Benjamin. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Jana and son Andy.

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## Scriptures

**Matthew 4:19** “And he saith unto them, **Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.**”

(Cousin Larry Shope remembers David quoting the above scripture quite often.)

**Psalm 23** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(Cousin Larry Shope remembers David (6th Grade) and Larry (4th Grade) memorizing this chapter in Sunday School class.)



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## Acknowledgment

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

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## ***Celebration of Life***

***Thursday, October 8, 2020 - 11:00am***

***Prayer Mountain Event Center***  
***5500 S. 209 W. Avenue***  
***Sand Springs, Oklahoma***

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## ***Home Sweet Home***

*“Lord, we’ve come a long ways together; some places I’ve gone, I never invited you to come along. But I always knew you were there.*

*Now Lord, take my feeble hand and guide me through this life on to the Home You’ve prepared. Earthly dwellings are so lowly to call home, but our home in Heaven is the real Home Sweet Home.”*

*(Written by David Firey (July 18, 1973))*