



James David Knight

April 17, 1959 - April 12, 2025

James David Knight, beloved son, brother, veteran, and friend, passed away at the age of 65 on April 12, 2025. Born April 17, 1959, in Bordeaux, France, to Jerry Dean Knight and Ruth Ann (Gates) Knight, James lived a life grounded in faith, family, and service. David spent his early years in Elk City, Oklahoma, where he developed a love for reading that stayed with him throughout his life. Later, the family moved to the Pernell area, where David found joy in playing football and basketball. Summers were spent hauling hay and working at the local feed store—experiences that helped shape his strong work ethic and deep appreciation for simple pleasures. David graduated from Pernell High School in 1977. He pursued higher education at East Central University and later completed his bachelor's degree through the University of Phoenix. His professional career included joining the United States Air Force in 1980. David was a Master Sergeant and worked as a Nuclear Weapons Specialist where he spent his first four years on active duty in Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Michigan. Sergeant Knight then crossed trained into the Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) analysis career field. As an ELINT analyst he enjoyed assignments to the 6912th Electronic Security Group (Electronic Security Command) Tempelhof Airport, Berlin Germany; 544th Intelligence Exploitation Squadron, (Strategic Air Command) Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska; Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; 488th Intelligence Squadron OL-RM, (Air Intelligence Agency), RAF Molesworth, England; and finally, the 48th Intelligence Squadron, (Air

Intelligence Agency) Beale Air Force Base, California. As a nuclear Weapon Specialist, then airman Knight was selected as “Professional Performer” during two Inspector General visits. Sergeant Knight is an honor graduate of the Electronic Intelligence Analysis Course and the Strategic Air Command NCO Leadership School at Offutt Air Force Base. He is a graduate of the NCO Academy at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. Sergeant Knight’s decorations include- Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal. After his time in the military, David spent 21 dedicated years at Lockheed Martin, where he made lasting contributions before retiring. A proud veteran, David took great pride in his military service, considering it one of the great honors of his life. His devotion to his family was equally profound—one of his proudest accomplishments was purchasing a home for his mother so she could enjoy her retirement years in comfort. He was raised in the First Church of God in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. In his free time, David could be found fishing with his brother Jerry, camping under the stars, or enjoying time at the lake. He never missed a family reunion and was a cherished part of a fantasy football league. A loyal Oklahoma Sooners fan, he loved watching all sporting events they were a part of. His steaks were legendary, and his warmth and laughter filled every gathering. Above all, David taught those around him the true meaning of family—how to show up, stay close, and care deeply. David is survived by his Brothers, Jimmy D. Knight, Jerald D. Knight, Bill R. Knight and wife Angel; Sisters, Jennifer S. Mathews and husband Ron, Jeannie S. Heil, Denise Martin; Special Friend, Mary Sweetser and daughter Robin; Nieces and Nephews, Chris Mathews, Angela Hodge, Brittney Smith, Lindsey Parks, Jessica Heil, Derrick Knight, Andrew Knight, Jady N. Nunley, Parker Knight, Hailey Boulter; and a host of other friends and family. David was preceded in death by his parents, Jerry D. and Ruth A. Knight; Brother, Jerry D. Knight; Brother-in-law, John M. Sheets; Nephews, Valton C. Doss, Benjamin Knight; Nieces, Elizabeth A. Knight.

Services for David will be Friday, April 18, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. at the First Church of God in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma with Jeremy Clayton officiating. Services are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. Visitation for David will be Wednesday, April 16, 2025 from 9:00 AM-4:30 PM and Thursday, April 17, 2025 from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM. If you would like to send your condolences to the family you may do so at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Public Visitation

APR 16. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)
1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

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Funeral Service

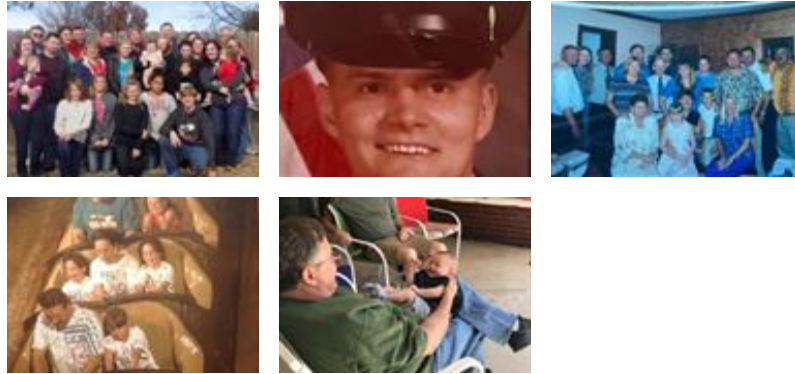
APR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Church of God
414 N. Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

Tribute Wall



“ 88 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 21, 2025 at 10:02 AM

KP

“ We know Dave through Mary and Robin. He is such an open and generous person, always smiling, putting up with Robin and Kimi and their shenanigans when they were little. He had a heart of gold and everyone was always a friend with him. I just saw him at Robin and Cole's wedding and had a great visit. This news broke my heart. Sending prayers to the family and friends. We have a new angel watching over us.

The Parry family.

Karen Parry - April 19, 2025 at 11:57 PM

JZ

“ Dave was an amazing mentor, but he also had the personality that any coworker would love. His demeanor and conversations always lit up my day. The world was lucky to have him.

JOHN ZALESKI - April 18, 2025 at 11:00 PM

RS

“ Dave was always there for my mom and I. He was at every graduation and funeral and wedding. We knew that at every big occasion, he'd be there to support us. He was so incredibly kind and great to talk to, because you knew he cared and really listened. We'll miss him but we know how lucky we are to have called him family.



Robin Sweetser - April 17, 2025 at 10:06 PM



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Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 17, 2025 at 05:24 PM

MS

“ We love love you so much, big part of our lives, you were always there thank you for being our best friend, love always & miss you forever, Mary & Robin PS I will talk to Robin about naming her first boy after you



Mary Sweetser - April 17, 2025 at 03:54 PM

JS

“ Dave, I enjoyed spending time with you on our trips to Owego and working with you at Tinker AFB. May light perpetual shine upon you.

Allen Schones

J. Allen Schones - April 17, 2025 at 09:47 AM

CR

“ Thank you Dave. You were one of my greatest mentors during the beginning of my career. I always admired your work ethic and loved working with you everyday. I'm going to miss you.

Colton Ray - April 16, 2025 at 07:18 PM

LM

“ David, such great memories from the lake. After visiting for a while you could usually be found with your camera, you were a great photographer for all family gatherings. Not to many pictures of you, for you were always the one taking them. You will truly be missed.

Linda Gates Maynor - April 16, 2025 at 06:15 PM

BW

“ David you were very highly thought of, even if you refused to talk about your career. I would have loved knowing all about your career. I haven't seen you in years but I often think about my Knight cousins! You were a very good man! I know your with the Lord! I pray comfort for all, & hope that everyone finds peace knowing that you were a good & decent man!

Betty Willan - April 15, 2025 at 01:54 PM

JH

“ Dave I love and miss you more than words can say! You were not only a wonderful Brother but a great friend. I find comfort knowing you are with the Lord and mom and Jerry. Love you forever! ❤️🙏

Jeannie Heil - April 15, 2025 at 01:07 PM

MW

“ Will miss you Dave, especially miss hearing the sports talk radio that was required playing when you were in the lab.

Matt Wilcoxon - April 15, 2025 at 02:53 AM

SA

Dave you are a good man, encouraging,, believing in me, stressing the importance of forgiveness and being with family. You shared your hopes and dreams with me and I felt very special to you. I'm so glad Lucas and I got to spend quality time with you! You set good standards for us!! Thanks for all of the times you let me know you'd be in FI and for the boots from Germany when I was 15! I miss you.

Stephanie Able - April 15, 2025 at 01:17 PM