



## VON BRUCE ELKINS

August 3, 1950 - June 27, 2024

Von Bruce Elkins was born on August 3, 1950 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma to Leo and Georgia (Carruth) Elkins and passed this life on June 27, 2024 after a battle with cancer at the age of 73. He died at home surrounded by loved ones.

Von grew up on his family's farm in Erin Springs, Oklahoma and lived most of his life in Lindsay, Oklahoma where he graduated high school in 1968. He attended the University of Central Oklahoma (Central State College) and earned a degree in Political Science. From there, Von went to Oklahoma City University where he was granted a Juris Doctorate.

After law school, Von and his high school classmate, Thomas Hart, opened the firm Elkins & Hart in Lindsay where they practiced for 45 years. During this time he served as the Lindsay City attorney and was an advisor to the Lindsay Municipal Hospital Board. Von placed a priority on living in a small town and serving Garvin County.

While living and working in Lindsay, Von married Janice Latham and they had two children, Zac Elkins of Norman, Oklahoma and Lauren Elkins of New York City. He was a member of Kiwanis and the Lions Club. Von was an active member of the First Methodist Church of Lindsay, Oklahoma. There he participated in the annual performance of The Living Christmas Tree and played the role of Thomas in The Last Supper.

Von married Alpha (Brumley) Elkins on October 16, 1999 and the couple resided in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Von and Alpha had many adventures in

their near quarter-century of marriage and shared them with a host of very good friends. The pair enjoyed traveling, trying new cuisine, and the company of their devoted pets. He attended the First Presbyterian Church of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

Von treasured his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He and Alpha regularly hosted the family for holidays and special events. Von always looked forward to seeing his children and grandchildren and he played an active role in their lives.

Von loved reading. He had an eclectic library and always had a good book on hand. Von liked history and appreciated intimate details on subjects of Americana and related world events. He enjoyed a wide variety of music; from outlaw country to the rock and roll of his youth. He also enjoyed attending OU football games and keeping up with all OU related sports.

Von loved to tell lengthy elaborate stories and he shared them often with his friends and family. They will remember Von's big smile and his unique sense of humor and his clever practical jokes. Anytime they hear the music of Jimmy Buffett, one of Von's favorites, they will remember him as a happy man with a good heart. Von was devoted and beloved husband, a caring and attentive father, and a cherished grandfather and friend.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother Leo and Georgia Elkins, and Brother William Eddy (Bill) Elkins. He is survived by his wife, Alpha of the home; Son Zac Elkins (Erin Stutzman) of Norman, Oklahoma; Daughter Lauren Elkins of Brooklyn, NY; Granddaughter, Bailey Elkins of Norman, Oklahoma; Four stepsons, Lee Ellis (Talauna Ellis) of Mustang, Oklahoma; Billy Ellis (Margaret), Johnathan Edwards (Heather), Hunter Edwards all of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Five step-grandchildren, Jackson Ellis, Seth Adams, Rayle (Tucker) Sellers, Creed Edwards and Marshall Edwards; two great grand daughters Haven and Paisley; niece Whitney Elkins (Colin), and great niece Avery Elkins all of Boulder, Colorado; Cousin Bob Elkins of Lindsay, Oklahoma; and uncle Charles Elkins of Lawton, Oklahoma.

Memorial Services are scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2024 at the First

Presbyterian Church of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma at 2:00 PM under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. If you would like to send your condolences to the family you may do so at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com)

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials may be made to The First Presbyterian Church at P.O. Box 506 Pauls Valley, Oklahoma 73075 or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 or P.A.W.S. Animal Shelter at P.O. Box 147 Pauls Valley, Oklahoma 73075.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life reception after the service at The Judges Inn at 519 N. Ash St. Pauls Valley, Oklahoma 73075

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
320 N. Walnut  
Pauls Valley, OK

## Reception for friends & family

JUL 8 (CT)

The Judges Inn  
519 N. Ash Street  
Pauls Valley, OK 73075

*Will begin after memorial service.*

# Tribute Wall



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 11, 2024 at 10:20 AM

JT

“ If it was game day in Norman, there was a pretty good chance you'd run into Von somewhere near OU Memorial Stadium. I sure enjoyed those short visits when the opportunity presented itself, and I always knew that Zac would be MIA for at least the next several hours while he and Von were spending some quality time catching up yet once again for some OU football. Heaven has a new Sooner on board and we are sure going to miss him down here. Condolences to Lauren and Zac, and the rest of the family. Hugs until next time. Jason and Angi, Baden-Baden, Germany.

Jason Tapp - July 10, 2024 at 08:32 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you today. I hope you are lifted up through your sorrow. Please accept our deepest condolences. RIP - Von

Jim & Glenda Carson

James Carson - July 08, 2024 at 09:56 AM

GB

“ Von you have always been a special Lindsay Leopard and friend. You will be missed by so many, but we all know you are in a peaceful place with your other loved ones. I could tell many stories from our days at Lindsay High School, but you already know them. Thank you for your servant leadership throughout your time in Lindsay. May you rest in peace.

Gayle Alexander  
Class of 1970

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Gayle Alexander Buie - July 02, 2024 at 04:49 PM

DH

“ Our deepest sympathies for your loss of Von. The BIG C is tough to beat! So glad Von is no longer in pain. May God wrap His Loving arms around Alpha, Lauren and Zac and their families and give them the strength to endure all things. Prayers and Hugs 🙏🙏🙏❤️

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David Fryar and Rita Hines-Fryar - July 02, 2024 at 12:25 AM

KE

“ Karen and Guy Ellis lit a candle in memory of  
VON ELKINS



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Karen and Guy Ellis - July 01, 2024 at 04:57 PM

PA

“ Alpha and all of the Elkin's family,  
Was so very sorry to hear of Von's passing. Your family will be in our prayers and hearts during this difficult time. While working for Judge Blake I got to know Von and enjoyed visiting with him. He was always in a good mood and kind hear. Always had kind words to say when he was at the courthouse. Truly liked Von and as our neighbor would visit from time to time when he'd be out walking in the neighborhood. May God give you comfort in days ahead. Pam & Steve Branam

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**Pam** - June 29, 2024 at 05:00 PM

GF

“Alpha, Zac, and Lauren- I’ve known for several months that Von was in a fight for his life. Knowing him as long as I have, I knew he would be a fierce competitor and warrior in his efforts to fight the battle against cancer. He put up one heck of a fight from what I hear. The words “ I’m sorry” are well intentioned- and I know you will hear those two words from hundreds of people- both family and friends- as you seek to find comfort in the days ahead- but I’m sure those two words will fall short in your attempts to kill the pain you must feel right now. You’ve suffered a tremendous loss! Von was a happy camper! He had a great smile- a hearty laugh- and was just genuinely fun to be around with his great sense of humor. He was a good story teller too. After he earned his law degree, he did something few attorneys do: he stayed home to serve the people he loved and cared about. I admire him for that as I look back. Rich or poor , he would help those in need. I got close to him when we built the dormer on the old two story house you lived in when Zac was ready to enter kindergarten. I would work on Saturdays so Von could help me, and he was a great carpenters helper, along with being a good electrician. He had many talents for sure! I smile when I think about him playing in the band in 1988, when we had our first all school reunion. At halftime, he marched and played his clarinet- well, sort of played. He forgot the reed for the mouthpiece on his instrument. . Of course that didn’t bother him. He enjoyed the half time festivities as much as anyone- reed or no reed, and no one knew any different but him 😭. I really am sorry for your loss- and the community’s loss. There’s not many country lawyers like Von around anymore. Thanks for the memories Von! You were one of a kind, and you will be missed.



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Glen Fox - June 29, 2024 at 02:25 AM

VC

“ Virginia Coffey lit a candle in memory of VON ELKINS



Virginia Coffey - June 28, 2024 at 05:42 PM

DC

Alpha, Zac and Lauren, the Clements family shared many memories over the years with your amazing husband and dad. When Von and Bill Clements would get together you knew a good time was coming. Our prayers of comfort and peace are with you all ❤️🙏  
Darla, Jason, Bridget and Nick

Darla Clements-Reynolds - July 02, 2024 at 10:33 AM

PT

Rest in peace good friend !!

Paul Thomas - July 03, 2024 at 07:17 PM

SC

“ So sorry prayers and comfort to you and the family. Sue craig

Sue warren craig - June 27, 2024 at 04:27 PM