



## David Black

August 26, 1946 - October 12, 2020

David Wesley Black was born on August 26, 1946, in Henryetta, OK, to Charles and Lois Black. He attended Henryetta schools and spent much time bowling and roller skating, acquiring skills that would impress his children and grandchildren many years later. A local man, Jack Auldridge, became a close father figure for David and that significant relationship endured for Jack's lifetime.

As a teenager, David worked as a bouncer for the Henryetta Roller Rink. It was there that he caught the eye of a young Claudia Carlton. They married on May 25, 1969, in the presence of their families and their close friends, Gary and Schuylene Merryman.

The couple soon settled in Springfield, Missouri, where David worked as a dispatcher for Frisco Railroad. In 1972 David and Claudia had a son, Pryce, and then in 1973 a daughter, Kimberlie, was added to the family. The Blacks were active members of Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church and spent lots of time with friends developing deep, lasting relationships. The family enjoyed camping in the Ozarks, traveling on vacations to California, Florida and Arizona, and visiting grandparents, aunts and cousins in Oklahoma.

David's strong work ethic and commitment to excellence was highly valued throughout his career. He held many different positions as his company

merged, and the family eventually moved to Memphis, TN, where David worked for Burlington Northern Railway.

In 1995, David and Claudia moved again - this time to Keller, TX, where David's brother, Chuck, and his wife, Mary, lived. They enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with Chuck and Mary as well as David's sister, Ann, and many marvelous new friends. David continued his career in Fort Worth and retired in 2001 as a Manager of Dispatching Practices and Rules after 35 years of service to BNSF and its predecessors.

David and Claudia relocated to Broken Arrow, OK, and began a new chapter in their lives. They joined First Baptist Church Broken Arrow forming meaningful friendships there. Additionally, their lifelong friends Gary and Schuylene lived nearby and were always available for dinner and a game of Sequence. In his spare time, David volunteered with Arms Around BA to help provide meals for people in need. David and Claudia took pleasure in traveling - both to see the United States and to visit friends and family.

In May of 2019, David and Claudia celebrated 50 years of marriage. That same month, they had three grandchildren graduate from high school, college, and law school, respectively, and they attended all of those celebrations in addition to a ballet recital for their youngest granddaughter. The family is so grateful that David was with us for those momentous occasions.

David will be remembered as a loving, faithful husband, father, and grandfather. As a young man, he committed his life to serving Jesus, and he led his children to make that choice for their lives, also. We thank the Lord for the life of this saint who has gone on before and look forward to our reunion in heaven with him some day.

Survived by his wife Claudia Black of the home.

Son: Pryce and wife Ashley Black of Keller, TX

Daughter: Kimberlie and husband James Carver of Broken Arrow

Grandchildren: Austin Black, Madeleine Black, Ainsley Black, and Camille Black

Great Granddaughter: Sybyl Black

Brother: Chuck and Mary Black of Ft Myers, FL

Sister: Ann Burns of Dallas, TX.

Visitation will begin at 8:00 am Thursday with family present from 5:00-7:00 pm

Celebration of Life Service will be 2:00 pm, Friday, October 16th at the Broken Arrow First Baptist Church.

Committal Service will be 10:00 am Friday, Oct 16th, at the Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn Cemetery

2800 West Main  
Henryetta, OK 74437

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rogers Funeral Home  
1302 West Main Street  
Henryetta, OK 74437  
(918) 650-9090  
rogersfh@aol.com  
<https://www.rogersfuneralhomeinc.com>

## Service

OCT **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Broken Arrow First Baptist Church  
100 W Albany St  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rogers Funeral home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Black*



**Rogers Funeral Home** - October 15, 2020 at 10:32 AM

PB

*Wonderful video! Beautiful life!*

**pam bookout** - October 15, 2020 at 01:15 PM

DT

*Such a beautiful memorial honoring the wonderful memory of David! God is so good!*

**Debbie & Charlie Tohlen** - October 15, 2020 at 04:47 PM

DS

*What a sweet legacy of love & memories. No doubt he'll be dearly missed but only for a little while. ❤️*

**Debbie Stoots** - October 22, 2020 at 11:46 PM

DT

“ *My sincere condolences to David’s family, so sorry for their loss. I worked with David at BNSF Railroad and it was always a pleasure to work with and talk with him. May he Rest In Peace.*



*David Tapley, Haslet, TX*

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**David Tapley** - October 22, 2020 at 09:29 AM

DL

“ *Claudia and family,  
What a beautiful legacy David has left for so many here on earth!  
David was always so kind and so compassionate . I’m so thankful  
our paths crossed so many years ago! Both Claudia and David were  
always such a great example to Ron and I, as we met as young  
married couples. I always looked up to their marriage and how they  
raised their children.*

*There are so many beautiful memories I have of David and his  
sweet Claudia.... all the meals, visits to Springfield and Broken  
Arrow, I will always treasure! Even though David moved with his job,  
he was intentional about keeping up with friends from Springfield!  
My heart breaks for all of you, but you all have so many beautiful  
treasured memories! I love you all. The celebration of life service  
was beautiful and I’m so thankful we could attend! God bless your  
family! Love Debbie Lightle❤️❤️❤️*

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**debbie lightle** - October 19, 2020 at 08:23 AM

TB

“Pryce, I would like to express my condolence to you and all of your family for the loss of your father.

*Some of the things I remember about David, since he was a Manager of Dispatcher Practices and I as a System ACD (Assistant Chief Dispatcher) for BNSF Railway I worked very closely with your father for several years in the Fort Worth dispatching office. Since some of my duties included helping and assisting train dispatchers and answering their questions on procedures and how to handle different situations and even answer their rule questions, and then if I didn't know the answer to something I would discuss with David the correct interpretation of the rule or how something should be done. Of course your father always knew the correct answer and how something should be handled. It was always a pleasure and joy to work with David.*

*My favorite memory of David is one time he had to go to Spring dispatching office (near Houston) and wanted one of the System ACD's to go with him and I was the one that was chosen. I don't remember all of what it entailed as to why we went except we talked with the dispatchers and answered their questions on issues or understanding of rules and how certain things should be handled and procedures. We both had a ball in Spring and when we didn't have to be at the dispatchers office we drove all around the Woodlands looking the area over and discussing that if either one of us had to move to Sping where we would like to live. It was a very enjoyable trip and I still have fond memories of it to this day and getting to know your father better.*

*David was a true gentleman and a good man. He will truly be missed.*

*Timothy Burns*

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**Timothy Burns** - October 16, 2020 at 01:16 PM

PB

“ My dad had a very difficult childhood with an abusive father that was an alcoholic but his story doesn't end there. By the grace of God he chose a different path and became a Christian shortly after marrying my mom. Never one to sit idle, my dad began sharing his newfound faith with his own father who also accepted Jesus as his savior. Dad and mom provided us with a safe and loving home. Although I miss him terribly I will always take comfort in the fact that my father is now in heaven singing praises to our Lord and enjoying a new relationship with his own dad.

*Dad, you taught me to be a man of integrity, to always work hard, love fiercely, be generous and show compassion. Because of you I was ready to lead my own family after meeting the girl of my dreams. You truly fought the good fight and finished the race. I'm so proud to be your son.*

*Psalm 1:1-3*

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.*

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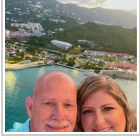
**Pryce Black** - October 16, 2020 at 08:48 AM



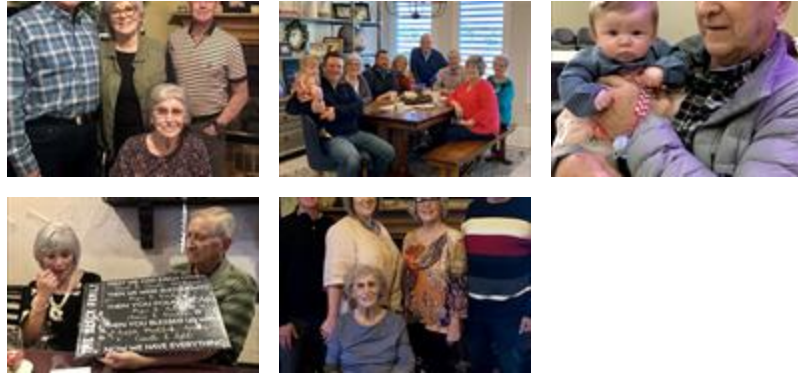
*It's faith building to hear a son speak so well of his father. God bless you and your family. One day we'll all be joining our Savior, Jesus Christ. One day we'll all be together again.*

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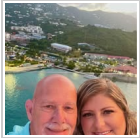
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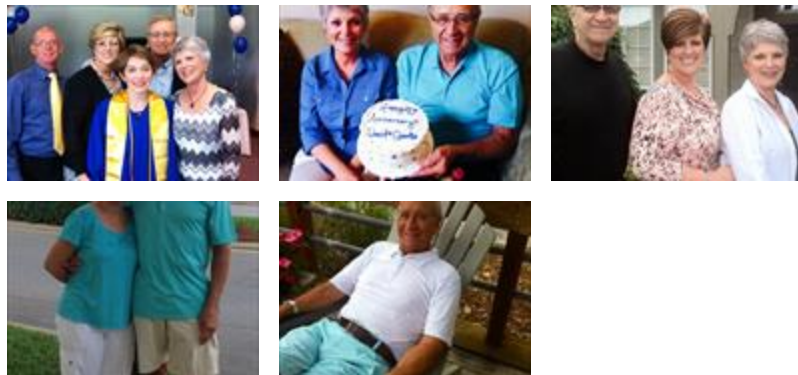
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Kimberlie Carver - October 15, 2020 at 08:10 PM



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Kimberlie Carver - October 15, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of David Black.



October 15, 2020 at 05:44 PM

JD

“ James Duty lit a candle in memory of David Black



James Duty - October 15, 2020 at 02:35 PM

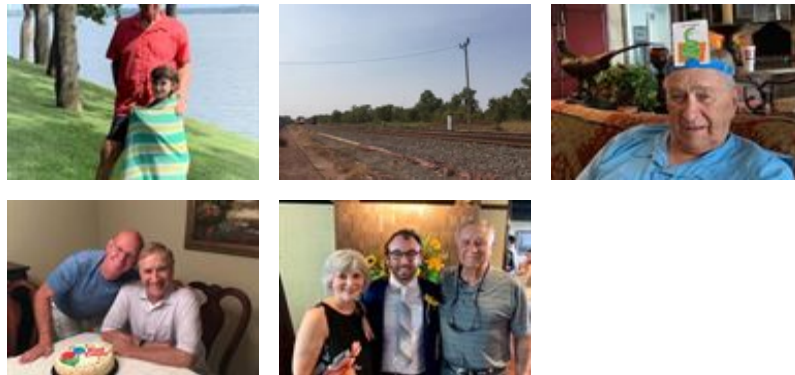
CB

“ David and I have been very close as brothers we shared a less than ideal family life with an alcoholic Father, but overcame that upbringing by trusting in God and investing in education. We both have had wonderful spouses to support us. With our faith in our maker we were able to have amazing families, traveled a great deal and were able to have wonderful children and grand children. We were truly blessed. David we will meet again ❤️

Charles Black - October 15, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ 31 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rogers Funeral Home - October 15, 2020 at 10:23 AM

BH

“ David and Claudia were both with me 21 years ago when I lost my husband, Kevin. You walked the hard days with me and the girls. We will be praying for your family. God will carry you through this days. Love you, Beverly

Beverly Herb - October 14, 2020 at 09:45 PM

JW

Claudia, so sorry for your loss. Prayers my friend

Jessie Williams - October 15, 2020 at 12:09 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of David Black.



October 14, 2020 at 08:28 PM



Melanie Kelsey

“ Melanie Kelsey and Phil Carter



Melanie Kelsey - October 14, 2020 at 05:45 PM

MH

“ *Marlyn Hamon-Harris lit a candle in memory of David Black*



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**Marlyn Hamon-Harris** - October 14, 2020 at 05:44 PM

PB

“ *I was there from the very beginning of the beautiful love story of David and Claudia. I recall the good-looking, love struck young couple gazing into each other's eyes (David skating backward and Claudia holding on) when David worked at the Skate Key. Neither of them ever had eyes for anyone else! Some fond memories include trips to the lake with my family. My dad loved David and Mom thought Claudia was the prettiest girl in our class. Claudia just wanted to hurry up and get through high school so she could marry David and become a mom. I was one of a small group present when they exchanged vows in her parents' home. They were so happy for their long wait to finally be over. Through the years we've kept in touch with sporadic visits. Although distance separated us, the couple always remained close in my heart. My husband and I loved celebrating Claudia's 60th birthday party. It was a fun evening! David, Claudia, Sky, and Gary made a trip to see our new home when we moved to Edmond. The Blacks deeply care about their family, friends, and their Lord. David will be deeply missed by all and remembered for his dry humor and wit. Claudia will get through lonely days ahead because of her strength, her relationships and her faith. David, please say hello to my parents and grandparents in heaven. Till we meet again...*

*Much love, Pam (Fronabarger) Bookout*

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**Pam Bookout** - October 14, 2020 at 03:51 PM

CG

*I remember a time when I went an visited David & Claudia when I was much younger, we had a very nice time. He was always so very nice to me & everyone. My dad always enjoyed seeing him. He will be deeply missed. I'm so glad Claudia has God on her side she will need him now to get through these trying times, she is strong! Please RIP!*

*Love You, Cathy (Fronabarger) Gunter*

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**Cathy Gunter** - October 15, 2020 at 12:24 PM

TF

“ *The Don Miller and Scott Lewis Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Black.*



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**The Don Miller and Scott Lewis Family** - October 14, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of David Black.*



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October 14, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of David. I remember the 'good ole days' of working with David in the dispatching office in Springfield (Frisco days) and later he worked some in my office in Locomotive Distribution, all in the mid/late 70's - always a steady worker and eager to learn more from day to day. Claudia and the family are in my prayers for comfort and peace at this difficult time. RIP, David.  
John Grady

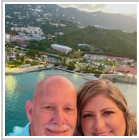
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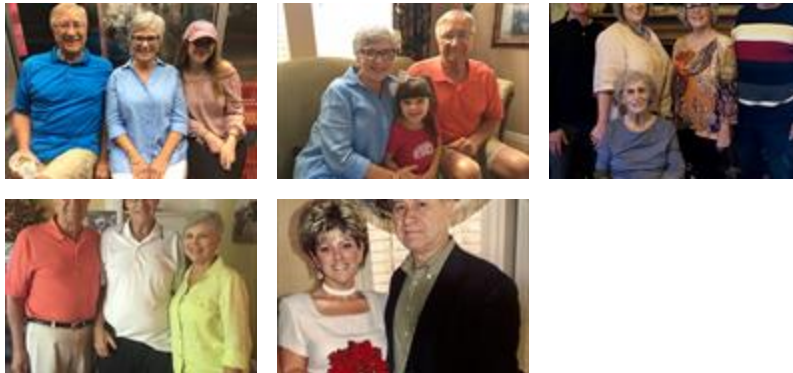
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Black.



October 14, 2020 at 10:19 AM



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Kimberlie Carver - October 14, 2020 at 09:31 AM

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**Pryce Black** - October 13, 2020 at 11:51 PM



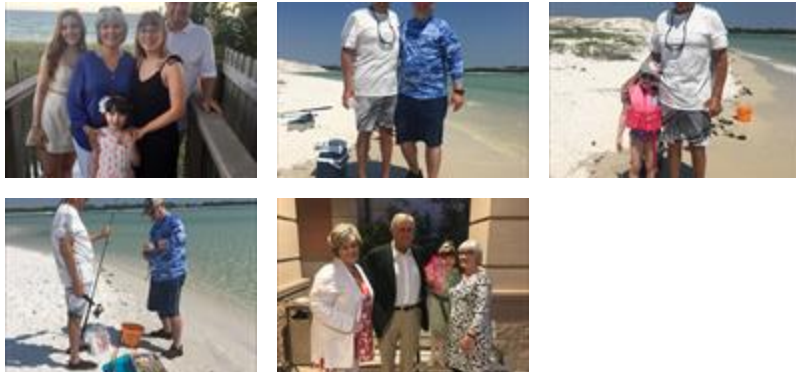
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**Ashley Black** - October 13, 2020 at 09:52 PM



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**Ashley Black** - October 13, 2020 at 09:48 PM



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Ashley Black - October 13, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Black.



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