



David Ishmael

December 25, 2025

David L. Ishmael

David Lynn Ishmael, beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away at home on December 25, 2025, surrounded by his loving family at the age of 70 years old. David was born on March 31, 1955 in Enid, Oklahoma. He fought against ALS for 3 years, never complaining, which was a testament to his undeniable strength. For the last few years, David and his wife, Jamie, split time between two of his favorite places - his little ranch in Texas and his retirement dream home in Colorado.

David graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a degree in Chemistry and from Oklahoma State University in 1980 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He enjoyed his career in the oil and gas industry for 38 years and specialized in midstream natural gas. David was a natural born leader and loved to encourage his employees to reach their full potential and continue their education.

David and Jamie were married in Tulsa, Oklahoma and recently celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary on December 19th. David fell in love at first sight and knew she was the one based on their similar qualities of strength, loyalty, work ethic, and love. Through all of the highs and lows, they remained best friends. Even when communication was at its hardest, David could still make Jamie laugh. They have three children and eight beautiful grandchildren who were his pride and joy.

David lived a full life filling his time with adventures to new places, visiting his family, hiking and exploring in Colorado, hunting and fishing, riding his tractor, tending to his garden, helping his kids and grandkids, trying new restaurants and manning the grill. David felt happiest when he was working at the ranch, where he embraced the beauty and simplicity of country living. He was known by his friends for hosting skeet shoots, giving you a bag of home-grown vegetables, inviting people over for dinner with no plan at all, and cracking jokes.

David was a man of God with a quiet disposition, but when he spoke, people listened because he always had an answer for every situation. He balanced his grounded morals and genuine kindness with wit and poking fun. Known for his incredible work ethic, David approached every task with determination and pride, whether it be on the ranch or in everyday life. His family will forever cherish his commitment to his marriage, his support and love for his children, and his desire to provide for his family for generations to come.

David will be remembered for his warm smile, playful humor, tractor-riding skills, life lessons, and ability to find peace in nature. He leaves behind a legacy of resilience, faith, and a deep respect for life's simple pleasures. Though he is gone, his memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Jamie, and his children Jessica Lyons (John), William Ishmael (Brittany), and Rebecca Ishmael, his 8 grandchildren, his brother Rex Ishmael and his sister Tammy Hodge Vallejos (Dave). He was preceded by his parents Bill and Alma Ishmael.

A celebration of life will be held on January 3, 2026, at 10:30 am at The Grove Church, 8200 Washington Ave, Houston, TX 77007. Donations can be made to the ALS Association, Team Gleason, or Compassionate Care ALS in loving memory of David Ishmael.

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to the Ishmael family during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

The Grove Church
8200 Washington Ave.
Houston, TX 77007

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Tribute Wall

TD

“ David was my first mentor at Warren Petroleum Company at their Breckenridge Gas Processing Plant. Upon my arrival at the facility in 1981, I was a Summer Engineer and he was the Plant Engineer. While waiting to meet the Plant Manager, David took me under his wing and began to introduce me to his projects. We would go on to work around each other for many years. Years later, after our company had been sold, he reached out to see if I was happy in my work and to tell me about an opportunity in his new company. I'm glad that our paths crossed in life.

Tony Denton - January 03 at 06:01 PM

JC

“ David and I began our careers together as part of the class of new Engineers in 1980. We followed similar paths in Operations in the Gas Processing Plants and worked together as the TEAM of two (2) Business Development Representatives in Tulsa. David's Strength and Leadership was always readily apparent throughout our time together. I place tremendous value on our time working together and my thoughts and prayers are with Jamie and family.
Jeff Circle

Jeff Circle - January 02 at 05:16 PM

MS

“ Mark and Diane Sanders purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of David Ishmael.



Mark and Diane Sanders - January 02 at 04:18 PM

FF

“ From JD Morris and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of David Ishmael.



From JD Morris and Family - January 02 at 12:09 PM

LU

“ Luke, Tess, Jake, Drew, Emily, Audrey, Eric purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of David Ishmael.



Luke, Tess, Jake, Drew, Emily, Audrey, Eric - January 01 at 05:24 PM

BB

“ Bill & Susie, Billy & Cassie Benedick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Ishmael.



Bill & Susie, Billy & Cassie Benedick - December 31, 2025 at 12:57 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of David Ishmael.



December 31, 2025 at 09:58 AM

TH

“ Ted and Jill Hood purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of David Ishmael.



Ted and Jill Hood - December 31, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of David Ishmael.



December 30, 2025 at 02:10 PM

KR

“ Kislign family (Roxann, Robin and Rod) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Ishmael.



Kislign family (Roxann, Robin and Rod) - December 30, 2025 at 01:56 PM

MF

“ Mike & GayLynn Rose and Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of David Ishmael.



Mike & GayLynn Rose and Family - December 30, 2025 at 10:54 AM

GP

“ Gauri and Neil Potdar purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David Ishmael.



Gauri and Neil Potdar - December 29, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Ishmael.



December 29, 2025 at 05:20 PM

JO

“ Jen M, Sara O, Martha S, Priscilla O purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of David Ishmael.



Jen M, Sara O, Martha S, Priscilla O - December 29, 2025 at 04:52 PM

BB

“ For nearly thirty years, Dave was both a colleague and a true friend. I admired him enormously as a professional—he was a brilliant engineer, an exceptionally creative problem solver, a natural leader, and a generous mentor who always made time to guide others. Some of my favorite memories come from our days working together at Chico. Whenever a group of us was traveling, Dave would invite everyone over for dinner, and we’d all cook together. We would always inspect the garden and have something fresh picked to include in our meal. It turned those long work trips into something warm and memorable.

Even after we both moved on to other companies, Dave never let the connection fade. Years later, when I thought I was comfortably retired, he pulled me back in for one more project together. After we both finally retired, he still reached out regularly—phone calls, emails, the occasional invitation to visit the Texas ranch he was so proud of.

Above all, though, Dave was a deeply proud husband, father, and grandfather. No conversation with him was complete without an update on you and the kids and grandkids, always with that big smile in his voice. He loved bragging about the TAMU graduates in the family, even as a die-hard OSU Cowboy himself.

He was a remarkable man, and I feel lucky to have known him for so long.

Bob Byroad - December 29, 2025 at 03:35 PM



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



December 29, 2025 at 03:27 PM

JG

“ *John, Meredith and Charlie Geiss purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of David Ishmael.*



John, Meredith and Charlie Geiss - December 29, 2025 at 03:00 PM

DM

“ *David was a great friend, a helpful and supportive co-worker, an able sportsman, a very proud father and an accomplished gardener. He is a good example of how to live a great life.*

Dan McVay - December 29, 2025 at 02:35 PM

CL

“ *Dave was a good guy, quiet but so nice. Enjoyed working with him for several years while he was the manager for Dynegy Midstream in NTX at Chico gas plant. Many prayers for Jamie and his children Jessica, Rebecca and Will thinking of you all and sending our heartfelt condolences for peace and comfort.*

Chanda Lee - December 29, 2025 at 02:24 PM

KH

“ *Kent & Jamie Huddleston purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of David Ishmael.*



Kent & Jamie Huddleston - December 29, 2025 at 11:18 AM

DS

“ Dave was a great man, leader, friend and engineer. Some of my best work memories were working with Dave. He gave me the opportunity to grow by always mentoring and build a career, not just a job. I will always be grateful for what he did for me and my family. Not goodbye, but see you later.

Dennis Shifflett - December 28, 2025 at 09:53 PM

JN

I only knew David through Rex and his parents — as his mother was only 4 years older than me as I was the first grandchild of her parents ... red head and All!! I was invited to one of David's parents dating when Toots was still in school . My wife & I stoped for a visit EVERY time we were in Enid !!! Still commentat with Rex . Who always spoke well of David & family !! All of the Peterman & Ishmael is impotent to me -at 94

Jack Noble - March 09 at 08:36 PM

DM

“ What a great guy! I loved working with him at Southcross.

Dave Mueller - December 28, 2025 at 11:29 AM