



Dr. Von Duke Heath

November 4, 1954 - October 11, 2018

Dr. Von Duke Heath of Wynne, Arkansas went to be with the Lord on October 11th, 2018. He was born on November 4th, 1954 to Charline and Huel Heath, Sr., in Wynne.

Dr. Heath was a graduate of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and spent 33 years as a dentist, serving many patients who loved him across Arkansas. He was a member of Wynne Baptist Church. Dr. Heath was also an avid lover of music and astronomy and shared his love for rock-and-roll, meteor showers, comets, and constellations with friends and family. He was also a member of American Mensa and a former editor of M-Ark, the Mensa Arkansas Newsletter. Dr. Heath was a sports lover and spent many years playing basketball and racquetball, along with following the Memphis Grizzlies, the Arkansas Razorbacks, and the Arkansas State University Redwolves. Dr. Heath was known for his generosity, his dynamic sense of humor, and his enthusiasm for life.

He married his high school sweetheart, Debra Caldwell, on December 17th, 1977, and they were married for 40 years, having two daughters, Haley Heath of Little Rock and Hannah Heath Johnson of Heber Springs. Dr. Heath is survived by his wife and daughters, a son-in-law, Brad Johnson, four grandchildren: Heather Johnson, Elijah Johnson, Clara Burks, and Deborah Elise Burks, a brother, Dr. Rocky Heath, and many other friends and family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Dr. Huel Heath, Jr., (Tooter) and his grandson, Duke Elliot Johnson.

A friends and family gathering honoring his life will be held on Sunday, October 14th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at The Merriman (203 Merriman) in Wynne, Arkansas, and a memorial service will be held at Kernodle Funeral Home, also in Wynne, on Monday, October 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Crosslawn Cemetery

Wynne, AR

Previous Events

Family and Friends Gathering

OCT **14**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

The Merriman
203 Merriman Avenue
Wynne, AR 72396

Funeral service

OCT **15**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home
315-325 E. Union Avenue
Wynne, AR 72396
(870) 238-2323
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

Interment

OCT **15** (CT)

Crosslawn Cemetery
2950 Hwy 1
Wynne, AR

Tribute Wall

DS

“ So sorry about Duke's passing. Didn't find out till yesterday. I should have kept in touch with the family after the passing of Dad but didn't. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Donald Eddie Heath Sr. - November 11, 2018 at 07:44 AM

EL

“ The honored and the privileged that God allowed to witness your generosity and love had no choice but to be changed forever. Your presence demanded it. When I wake my boys up in the wee hours of the morning to see a meteor shower, I think of the passion you had and how magical you made it. When I take my boys fishing, I try to have the same patience that you had for me. It's amazing how a few short years can have such a huge impact on someone. Many times as an adult I've said to myself, "I'd like to hear what Duke would say about this." You understood my sense of humor, and I marveled at yours. I still use and teach the memory system you taught me, (shamelessly using your #11). This family is special to me. I've never stopped thinking about you and praying for you all. "I'm sorry" and "thank you" will never be enough.

Elliot - October 29, 2018 at 09:55 AM

 Sandi Jones

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Dr. Heath.



Sandi Jones - October 22, 2018 at 11:42 AM

CS

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Dr. Heath’s passing. He loved and cherished his family like no other person I’ve ever known. Our hearts go out to you during this sorrowful time. I wish it would have been possible for us to make his memorial service. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and the coming days.

David and Carla Smith.

Carla Smith - October 15, 2018 at 11:20 AM

RP

I regret having to miss the gathering and service, but my schedule prohibited my presence. I have thought about all of you and the difficult time you have and will face. Your family is very special to me.

Rick Proctor - October 17, 2018 at 10:57 AM

VB

“ *Thinking of & praying for your family.*
With Love,
Verna Bluhm

Verna Bluhm - October 14, 2018 at 04:58 PM

JJ

“ *I am so sad to hear of Duke's passing. He was on the Championship Team for the Wynne Yellowjackets Football Team in 1972 when I was the head football coach. Duke was a great player and more than that just a great guy. I went to Wynne yesterday to attend and speak at his 45th Class Reunion and looked forward to seeing him when I found out about his death. To say the least I was devastated. I will miss Duke as well as many others will as well. He was a real asset to Wynne and Cross County. Jim Jordan- Hot Springs Village, Arkansas*

Jim Jordan - October 14, 2018 at 02:15 PM

PM

“ If it wasn't for Duke Heath I would never have passed physics and I would never have become a musician. He had a passion for his interests that was infectious and one of the most cheshire senses of humor I've ever encountered. I'll carry his memory everywhere I go and every time I play music.

Patrick Morales - October 14, 2018 at 01:47 PM

RH

“ We are so sad to hear about Dr. Duke's passing. He was so proud of his two girls and grandchildren. He will be missed. Prayers for the family. Ronny & Sherry Hefner

Ronny & Sherry Hefner - October 14, 2018 at 01:30 PM

PD

“ Prayers for family.
Paula and Shirley Dye



Paula A Dye - October 14, 2018 at 09:34 AM

TG

“ Dr.Heath was a wonderful man,He was the only dentist that I would let work on my teeth and not be afraid... You will be greatly missed Dr. Heath

Teresa Flanagan Gomez - October 13, 2018 at 09:55 PM

DB

“ Duke was a fine man and I always co sidered him family. My heart aches for his family.

Diann Brumback - October 13, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Von Duke Heath.*



October 13, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Von Duke Heath.*



October 13, 2018 at 06:15 PM



“ *Sympathy and prayers go out to Dr. Heath's families and friends.*



Tommy Graff - October 12, 2018 at 11:55 PM



So sorry to hear, of Dukes passing. Have a lot of memories of playing tennis and just good times. My mama(Cannie) also dearly loved his and he sure took special care of her. Praying for your family.

scott skarda - October 13, 2018 at 06:54 PM



My dad absolutely loved your mom. She took great care of him, always bringing him treats to the office and writing him the nicest notes. He loved her! - Haley

Haley Heath - October 17, 2018 at 01:12 PM

EH

“ *Sympathy to the family. love to all. Eddie and Joyce Hightower*

Eddie and Joyce Hightower - October 12, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Dr. Von Duke Heath.*



October 12, 2018 at 06:46 PM