



David James Oesterreicher

November 10, 1978 - November 29, 2018

David James Oesterreicher of Plano, Texas, passed away on November 29, 2018 at the age of 40. David was an inspiration to all who knew him. He was a peaceful man with a heart of gold. His caring ways and compassionate spirit brightened the day of everyone he met. Passionate about life, David loved the Cowboys and all things sports. He knew statistics and scores like no one else. David was a doting uncle who relished being involved in the lives of his nieces and nephew. A member of the Sent Church in Plano, Texas, David loved the Lord. He enjoyed spending time with his bible study group and being a part of his church family.

David began his journey of life on November 10, 1978, to proud and loving parents, James E. and Patricia A. (Mitas) Oesterreicher in Marion, Ohio. Growing up, David spent his childhood following his favorite sports teams and sorting baseball cards. He enjoyed living in and exploring Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and California before making Texas his home where he graduated from Plano Senior High School. David's competitive spirit led him to play wheelchair track and basketball where he flourished and found life-long friends. One of those, Melissa Klabunde, was not only a best friend, but became his loving wife of 14 years. David and Melissa married March 27, 2004 in Highland Village, Texas. Always an outgoing people person, David worked at Eckerd Drug Store and then found his niche assisting customers at the Stonebriar JCPenney store.

David is survived by his loving wife, Melissa Oesterreicher, Plano, Texas; adoring parents, Jim and Pat Oesterreicher of Athens, Texas; brother, Scott Oesterreicher and his wife, Michelle, of McKinney, Texas and their daughters, Nicole, Kaitlin, and Julia; brother, Tom Oesterreicher and his wife, Sandy, of Arvada, Colorado and their children, Owen and Elise; caring in-laws, Karen Abdou and husband, Eddie of San Marcos, Texas and Bill Klabunde of Omaha, Nebraska.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home Chapel, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Tuesday evening, December 4, 2018, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials

David was our basketball manager at Plano Sr High in 1997/1998. I always remember how kind David was - always a smile on his face and he knew stats on every player. He was such a great human being with an incredible heart. -

Trevor Noble

TREVOR NOBLE, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

I just recently learned about David's passing. My sincere condolences to his wife, parents, family and all those whose lives were touched by David. I know that the Spina Bifida community mourns with you. May you find peace and comfort during this difficult time. God bless.

NICOLE GOWER, DECEMBER 19, 2018

Dear Jim and Pat, I was saddened to learn the news about your son, David. Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. You have been extraordinary leaders of the Spina Bifida community and it is that community that shares this loss with you. Thinking of you both.

CINDY BROWNSTEIN, DECEMBER 18, 2018

To the family of David Oesterreicher, Linda and I were so sad to hear of your loss. We knew David just shy of 30 years and loved his positive and upbeat personality. Our favorite subject was Dallas Mavericks Basketball. The ups and downs over time and then there was the NBA Championship of 2011. This brought great smiles to all of us and in particular to David. Please accept our heartfelt and sincere sympathy. Sometimes there are no words...only thoughts from the heart. Please know how sorry we are, Bruce and Linda

BRUCE AND LINDA HILL, DECEMBER 11, 2018

Hi Melissa, I am so sorry for your irreparable loss. I have known David from the first day at JCPENNEY and till this moment I just have sweet and fond

memories of him. I have see him smile with no complaints about anything. He always spoke so highly of his friendship with his best friend- you. I know that my condolences aren't enough and neither was I physically present but please know that my heart and prayers will continue to be there for David and the loving family and friends he has left behind.

NABOMITA, DECEMBER 5, 2018

Jim & Pat, So sorry to hear about your loss, ours prayers are with you. God bless.

DON HURST, DECEMBER 4, 2018

David will be greatly missed. He was always a bright spot in everyone's day. Thinking about all of you during this very difficult time.

LAURA TOLAR, DECEMBER 4, 2018

It is hard to believe that it was 30 years ago I met this spunky, charismatic 10 year old on our school bus. David had an immediate impact on me that day. I told him about wheelchair basketball and his eyes lit up. David went on to excel at basketball and pretty much every thing else he set out to do. He was very competitive but in a humble way. I will always cherish the times we spent together growing up and in our early adult years. David was the kind of person that could momentarily forget we were lost out in the boonies trying to find Spina Bifida Camp in the dark with no one to help because he was SO worried I was going to run over a fox that had jumped out in front of my car. Ha!! It was stressful then but I laugh about it now. I will forever miss you. Your spirit will live on in all of us. Melissa, I am here for you always. I will be there for you with anything you need as you move forward. Love, Kelly

KELLY FERGUSON, DECEMBER 3, 2018

All our love and prayers to Melissa and family. David will be missed. Such a great person all around. So sorry for your loss.

PAIGE SHOVEN, DECEMBER 2, 2018

I never had the opportunity to meet David but I knew his dad Jim whom I had great respect for as The CEO of the JCPenney company. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time.

JERRY SCOTT, DECEMBER 2, 2018

My sincere condolences to my JCP friends of old. I join in your sadness having lost a son some years ago of similar age. My prayers will be with you especially at this Holy time of year. Frank

FRANK BRADLEY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

Jim, Pat, Melissa, Scott & Family, May you find comfort in David's memory knowing that he will forever be with you. Know also that his life was better because he shared it with each of you. With Warmest Thoughts, Kathy

KATHY (BEAUCHAMP) MCCAUSEY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

What an inspiration you were. You and Melissa taught me to see pass the wheelchair that I often forgot that you were in one. I am going to miss your calming spirit and your go for it attitude. My heart is heavy but my spirit is happy knowing that you rest in Christ's arms. Love Eiron.

EIRON YOUNG, DECEMBER 2, 2018

Marilyn and I extend our deep sympathies to David's family.

JIM AND MARILYN SCHWANINGER, DECEMBER 1, 2018

My prayers are with your family. Keep the faith!

RAY GRAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

I am so sorry for your loss. My mind takes me back to gyms and out of town trips with the Jr. Texans. We had a great time. It seems so long ago--but today it seems like yesterday. Again, I am so sorry and sending love and hugs to you all--but, especially to you Melissa. Hang in there, kid. Love you. Coach Don Drewry

DON DREWRY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018

I'm deeply sorry to hear of the passing of David. Rest In Peace.

SHAWNA LEIST, NOVEMBER 30, 2018

Melissa, Jim, Pat, Scott and Tom, I am so sorry for the loss of David. I am remembering all of you in my prayers. My church and some of my friends are also remembering all of you in their prayers. God's peace and comfort be with all of you. I love you all very much! Luanne

LUANNE VEALE, NOVEMBER 30, 2018

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