



## David C Duncan MD

October 26, 1942 - September 29, 2019

On Sunday, September 29, 2019, the heavens got a lot more feisty, fun and free spirited when Dr. David Charles Duncan's, larger-than-life persona, indelible spirit, masterful storytelling and big-hearted generosity passed from this life to soar and run free.

Born in Gary, Indiana, on October 26, 1942 to John and Eva Duncan, "little David," as his

siblings, Carole (Don) Moore, John (Cleo) Duncan and Deanna Brown affectionately called him, livened up the Duncan Family immediately. The stories and escapades of "little David" are endless.

David met his lifelong love, Carmella Paxhia at Horace Mann High School in Gary, Indiana, and they persevered and triumphed together through David's undergraduate (BA, Physics) and School of Medicine experiences at Indiana University - Bloomington, medical internship at Maricopa County Hospital, and medical service during the Vietnam War. In 1973, they launched a successful medical practice in Prescott, Arizona.

Throughout his life, David had many titles - son, brother, husband, father, doctor, Vietnam

veteran, "disruptor," best friend, counselor, sports aficionado, "old soul," etc... and his love,

magnanimity and fearlessness were woven through every tiny and huge impact he had on

everyone he touched. Whether he was saving a jockey at the racetrack,

cracking a joke while stitching up an ER patient, cheering on his kids at their countless sporting events, visiting a patient at their home just to “check on how they are doing,” or bumping into people with his wheelchair at Pasquale’s Place - there was never a dull moment with Dr. Duncan.

Dr. David Duncan is loved very much and survived by his wife, Carmella Duncan, children

Shannon Scutari (Chip), David P. Duncan (Elke), Scott Duncan, Erin Duncan-Davidson, John Duncan and Summer Brooks Hicks and grandchildren Karly Davidson, Riley Steinmetz, Jordan Davidson, Nick Scutari-Dunn, Katharine Wilhelmsen, Leonie Duncan, Aidan Duncan, Myra Duncan, Gracie Davidson, Owen Duncan, Sophia Davidson, Rhys Duncan, Miles Scutari and Annika Duncan.

Please join us in celebrating Dr. Duncan’s life on October 12, 2019 in Prescott, Arizona: 10:00 a.m. visitation at Hampton Funeral Home, 240 S. Cortez Street; 1:00 p.m. memorial service at Prescott United Methodist Church, 505 W. Gurley Street; graveside service immediately following at Arizona Pioneer’s Home Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Dr. David Duncan to Yavapai

Regional Medical Center Foundation, 1003 Willow Creek Road, Prescott, Arizona 86301 and/or Voluntary Arizona Service – Northern Arizona Hospital, 500 N. Hwy 89, Prescott, Arizona 86313

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ *Ron And Diann Gardner lit a candle in memory of David C Duncan MD*



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**Ron and Diann Gardner** - October 26, 2019 at 05:17 PM

KK

“ *Just came from the Celebration of Life at the United Methodist Church for Dr. David, who was our (my wife and I) family Dr. The focus was very positive and hopeful just as Dr. Duncan is, as God is blessing his steps toward and through the Pearly Gates! I to am an Indiana University graduate and a "Hoosier" from birth. His logic about life and loving others he made very energetic. He pulled no punches in telling me the truth about my health, and then the same about the medical "Industry!" His energy was spoken about in the service. I recall an office call in which I told him about my exciting attempt to create an energy machine patterned after Ezekiel's vision in the Bible! He wanted to hear all about the future of the design build, and said, "Keep me posted!" He, I'm sure is continuing to be, as energetic as life allowed him to be here and very creative with it. After earning a listing in who's who in Americans colleges and universities with sculpture and working with hundreds of creative people at General Motors Design being a Design Clay Sculptor, I could recognize and appreciate this, creativeness in Dr. David! Our Heavenly Creator would have us all be, "Little Creative people", we just need to realize it, like David is! God is real and will open doors to His Kingdom if we commit to His Principles and love others as David is showing us.*

*I, my wife Pam and son Keith, were very impressed with the up lifting tribute to a life well spent! Karl Kendall, now reKendalled!*

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**Karl Kendall** - October 12, 2019 at 08:43 PM

 Cheryl  
Nuttall  
Smith

“ I first met DR. Duncan while working at Las Fuentes Care Center. He approached me in his power wheelchair and asked me “What do you do?” I told him I worked in Occupational Therapy. He asked “ Well can you fix me?” I replied “ I’m not sure I don’t know your history.” He smiled and said “ Well I’m unfixable.” I was instantly at ease around him even after he told me he was one of our facility doctors. I approached him some time later asking if he’d be willing to look at my son who was a 15 year old epileptic having uncontrollable seizures. We’d been to several local neurologists with no answers. He took the time to listen and accepted my son as his patient. He ended up Being the ONLY doctor able to get my son admitted into Barrow’s Neurological Institute for a study. Even years later he made a point to come and see me in the rehab dept when he came in to the facility to check on me and ask about my son. His assistants would get agitated as he had rounds to do and on a time schedule but he never made me feel rushed and always listened as though he had all day.i have so many stories I could share! He was an unforgettable human being down to earth compassionate with a smile that lit up the room! He will be greatly missed! He was an example of humility and grace. Rest In Peace Dr. Duncan..., Prayers for his family.

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**Cheryl Nuttall Smith** - October 12, 2019 at 02:53 AM

RI

“ I was blessed to take orders from our hero Dr Downing. Thank You for your decades of Care. Rick B RN

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**Rick** - October 09, 2019 at 10:35 PM

 Lisa  
Koch

“ *Dr. Duncan cared for our family for about 30 years. He was a true professional and very kind to all of us. He was there for us through some rough times and some of the happiest. We loved him dearly! We send all our love and prayers of comfort through this tough time. The Koch family.*

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**Lisa Koch** - October 09, 2019 at 09:53 PM

SB

“ *A most special and gifted man. He exhibited grace, endurance and love to all those he touched. Jim and I highly valued his friendship and kindness.*

*Sandy Brunso*

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**sandy Brunso** - October 08, 2019 at 12:52 PM

BG

“ *Dr. Duncan was truly a wonderful Doctor. The community of today's Generation does not know what they will miss. We are so glad we got to have him as our Doctor when we got to Prscott. Bill and Jeanne Greenya*

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**Bill and Jeanne Greenya** - October 07, 2019 at 04:51 PM

JB

“ *Our family had the privilege of being some of Dave's first patients upon his arrival in Prescott and Dr. Florence Younts retirement. He was highly recommended by her and he was our doctor for several years. He was a wonderful doctor and a great guy. R.I P. Dave. Eddie and Jodie Brooks and family.*

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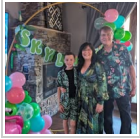
**Jodie brooks** - October 07, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ *Carmela & Family*  
*Sorry for your loss. Prayers to you all during this difficult time*  
*Joni Vitucci Woods*

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**Joni Woods** - October 06, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ *Our family send our condolences to the Duncan family. Our family has always been fond of Dr. Duncan. My mom, Mary Phares, worked with him and us girls went to school with his children. I was blessed to have him deliver my son Kyle in 1989. Dr. Duncan was an amazing man and will always be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Duncan family. All our love The Phares Family*

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**Julia Phares Ammons** - October 06, 2019 at 01:34 AM



“ *What can I say, Dr D as we called him will be missed deeply. I first meet him when I was 10 yrs old. My whole family had gone to him since he opened his practice . We hit it off from the start.It might f helped we were from same area of Indiana also.Every time we'd see him we would discuss the health issue then we would talk about everything. We always s was laughing and felt better ( at least mentally) when we left. Dr. D was there for me through a lot of sickness from young girl and would call at night to check on me when I was having trouble. He had compassion, a good heart and spirit. Heaven just got blessed a lot more when Dr D went home to be with God. We will always remember and love dr Duncan. In Christ love M Kelle❤️*

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**Marla kelle** - October 06, 2019 at 12:10 AM

Debbie  
Brown

“ *Uncle David was my favorite Uncle ❤️. At weddings I had the first dance with him.*



Debbie Brown - October 05, 2019 at 10:21 PM



“ *Doc was a very great Man he was my dr. when i was young and he always helped me feel better. God bless Doc and your family.*



John Schuster - October 05, 2019 at 09:44 PM

MI

“ *One of my favorite memories of Dr. Duncan was when I was a teenager and ripped my ligament in my leg and I asked him if it would heal okay. He pulled off his sock and shoe on the one leg and pulled up his pant leg and said I could feel his leg if I wanted, because he has torn a ligament recently and it had healed. Mom and I laughed all the way home!*

Michele - October 05, 2019 at 07:44 PM

TG

“ *I met Dr. Duncan in 1977 on Christmas Day. He pulled a toothpick out of my foot. 7 years later he delivered my first son. Ten years later I started caring for him and stayed with him for over 13 years. I'm sorry I didn't stay in touch the last couple of years. Dr. Duncan, you're one of a kind and you will be missed. You'll be forever in my heart. I love you ❤️*

Tamara Gresham - October 05, 2019 at 07:37 PM

RR

“ *My boss, my mentor, my dearest friend. As I promised, you are now free of all restraints and can enjoy a perfect body. I love you and will pray for your family's comfort until you are all together again.*

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**Roxanne Regnier** - October 05, 2019 at 11:05 AM

DT

“ *Dr.Duncan was a Great friend and partner! Through nearly 35years of practice we shared many laughs and a few tears. Always quick with a joke,he made going to the office a joy. He taught me so much not only about medicine but about compassion for patients. His medical knowledge and demonstration of courage will be missed. Goodbye dear friend.*

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**Dr. Bill Thrift** - October 05, 2019 at 10:29 AM