



William David Rummel

February 12, 1925 - June 19, 2019

William “David” Rummel, M.D. passed away on June 19, 2019, in Prescott, Arizona at the age of 94. David was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania in 1925, to Reverend William David Rummel, Sr. and Cora Estella Gashaw Rummel. Dr. Dave was an ardent advocate for education. He began his own life long journey of learning at Shaler Township High School. He obtained an undergraduate degree and played a little baseball at Juanita College. Dave went to medical school at Hanneman University in Philadelphia and did his Ophthalmology residency at Ohio State.

During the Korean Conflict, LT JG Rummel served as a Flight Surgeon for U.S. Navy/VMF 232 and was proud to be a “Devil Dog”. During the time he was stationed at Pensacola naval Air Station, he met Joan Wanda McCart, a nursing student. A few weeks later they married and over the next six years they were blessed with five children: Martha, David, Mark, John, Mary.

Dr. Rummel began his medical career in Massillon, Ohio and in 1961 moved his family to Prescott, Arizona and was the first Ophthalmologist practicing north of Phoenix. He was a charter member of the Arizona Ophthalmological Society and served a few terms as its president.

Dave Rummel loved to fly and was an accomplished pilot, both fixed wing and rotary. He was an active supporter of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and its fledgling campus in Prescott. His other hobbies included western history, Arizona history and art, reading , and growing apples.

If David is known for anything it would have been his passion for education.

He has helped countless people achieve their goals and degrees. He established a ministerial scholarship in the name of his father, Rev. WD Rummel, and a nursing scholarship in memory of his daughter, Martha Rummel Rahe.

Dave Rummel loved his wife, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, and friends. Above all, David loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is survived by his children William David Rummel III, M.D., Robert Mark Rummel, M.D., John Harold Rummel, M.D., Mary Elizabeth Rummel Scott, eleven grandchildren, and fifteen and one half great-grandchildren, his brother John Austin Rummel, PhD, and sister Jane Rummel Griffith. Preceding David were his parents William and Cora Rummel, his wife Wanda, his daughter Martha Paige Rummel Rahe, and his sister Sarah "Sally" Speicher.

Funeral services will be held at Calvary Chapel Dayspring, 2180 Gulfstream, Prescott, AZ on Saturday June 29, 2019. Family greeting will start at 9:00am followed by the service at 10:00. There will be a graveside internment service at Heritage Memorial Park in Dewey, AZ at 11:30am.

For those wishing to make a donation in Dr. David's name, the family suggests contributions be sent to the Martha and Mary Rummel Nursing scholarship at Yavapai College or the the Phippen Museum in Prescott.

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“ *“ANGEL'S TO HEAVEN ” sincerely, William “tuna ” Wallace. Ps: please except my condolences to Mary and her brothers. I remember the kindness of your family and friends when I did a cooking party 🎉 at your home.*

William Wallace - January 26, 2025 at 12:49 PM

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“ *Dear Rummel family, we grieve the loss of Dr. Rummel, such a dear, close friend. I remember when I was in the hospital, over forty years ago, for surgery on my neck. Dr. Rummel came in the room and said “Margaret, why do they have you in the Psych ward?” It made the attending nurse very upset but we both started laughing! Loved his sense of humor and care for others. Bless you all as you miss him. Margaret Pauley*

Margaret Pauley - June 28, 2019 at 03:27 PM

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Loved Dr.Rummel sence of humor.

William Wallace - January 26, 2025 at 12:52 PM