



Dr. John "Doc" Jennings

November 27, 1951 - May 13, 2016

Dr. John David Jennings

A celebration of the life of Dr. John David Jennings will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. John 'Doc' Jennings, beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother, passed away on Friday, May 13, 2016 at his home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma surrounded by loving family and friends. He lived an amazing 64 years. Born in Westfield, Massachusetts on November 27, 1951 to John James and Helen Marie (Porter) Jennings, he was one of five brothers and sisters. He attended school in Westfield until his junior year in high school and then the family moved to Virginia where he graduated from Albermarle High School in 1969.

Shortly after, John volunteered to serve his country and enlisted in the Air Force at 17. He went through basic training at Lakeland Air Force Base in Texas. He then went to Chanute base in Illinois before going to Otis AFB to work in the hospital emergency room. His love for helping those in need grew from there and he became a Medical Service Specialist and then the Medical Technical Emergency Room Shift Supervisor. After his service was complete, John was honorably discharged in September of 1973 as a Staff Sergeant and Medical Service Specialist. He would foster that passion for healthcare for the rest of his life.

A few years down the road, John met the love of his life, Martha. They were truly best friends and married in 1984. He was a wonderful husband and

father to his three children. His greatest joy was having his growing family around him, adoring the grandchildren and savoring every moment he spent with them. Also, always curled up by his side, were his devoted and loving fur babies, Birdie and Bogie.

After his military service, John graduated from Dartmouth Medical School as a Physician Assistant. He then earned his Medical Doctor Degree in 1985 from Spartan Health Science University. John then completed his internship and residency in Family Practice and Sports Medicine at the University of Alabama Birmingham. He completed his schooling by earning a Master's Degree in Education in 1988.

John became a part of the Broken Arrow community in 1988 when he opened his practice with Hillcrest Medical Center-Utica Park Clinic. He spent many years growing with them, as well as spending a few great years with St. John Medical Center, before returning home to Hillcrest for the rest of his career. All those years he was known simply as "Doc." John loved taking care of his patients and his patients loved him. He made himself available 24/7 even when he was on vacation; on countless occasions he made house calls or paid for patients' prescriptions out of his own pocket. John was dedicated to his profession until the very end, even during his long illness.

It was back in 1988 when he began the Monday morning ritual appearance on the "Ask the Doctor" segment for the News on 6. He started out our week with his booming and compassionate voice on TV for more than 25 years.

Always caring for the community, he was the team doctor over the years for the Drillers, Oilers,, BA Tigers, Bishop Kelley Comets and countless other teams, always ready to help anyone, home team or not. For over a decade, he was the house doctor for the BOK Center, and greatly enjoyed not only helping, but also dancing with friends to great music. He served as medical director to Crossroads of Oklahoma Hospice, RoseRock Hospice, and Faith Home Care Services. Not only did John serve, help, heal, and improve the lives of countless patients over the years, but his legacy lives strong in the myriad of people he inspired and mentored, many of whom are now serving in

the medical community.

Somehow, amidst all the hard work, John found time for play. He found happiness from numerous pastimes, golf being the largest well of joy he pulled from. He was an avid golfer, loving a round or two on the links with friends at Indian Spring or The Golf Club of Oklahoma. He was able to attend the Masters for many years, even getting the opportunity to play on Augusta National, happily scratching that item off his bucket list. There were so many golf outings, and some of his favorites were with his beloved friends, the "Rooskies," his other golfing buddies at the annual Clambake golf outing in Texas and playing the beautiful Shangri La Golf Club with Eddy and his family. As an ardent University of Oklahoma fan, John loved going to OU games, not only in Norman, but all over the country. There were so many Dallas trips for OU / Texas, Kansas City for Big XII, or best of all, traveling to a bowl game or National Championship with his dear friends, Eddy Gibbs and family. John and Martha truly enjoyed traveling together, and had the opportunity to do so across the US, as well as many places in Mexico, Canada and Europe. He always loved his numerous Vegas trips and had the time of his life at the Kentucky Derby. He lived life to its fullest and made the world so much better by being part of it. John loved life, family, friends, and enjoying all of them as much as possible.

In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions to be made to the OU Stephenson Cancer Center. www.stephensoncancercenter.org/waystogive/donate/Jennings.aspx

John is survived by,

Wife, Martha Jennings, Broken Arrow, OK

Children, John David Jennings II, Los Angeles, CA

Teera Leigh Spino and husband Fabio, Broken Arrow, OK

Brian Alexander Jennings, Broken Arrow, OK

Grandchildren, Fabio, Reina and Brielle Spino, Broken Arrow, OK

Siblings, Martha Herring and husband Michael, Charlottesville, VA

Mary Herring and husband Roy, Waco, TX

John was preceded in death by his parents, brothers William Porter Jennings and Paul Mark Jennings, and nephew William Porter Jennings, Jr.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church
6767 S. Mingo Rd.
Tulsa, OK 74133

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. John "Doc" Jennings*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Dear Martha,
It breaks my heart to know that "Doc" is gone. You & Doc were always so great to me & I am sad to have missed his service. (I just saw that he had passed.) He was an Amazing Gentleman & I always looked forward to seeing you both @ the BOK.
I send you love & peace. I know He is smiling down on you Always.*

Deana (AmeriStar Suite)

Deana Cagle - August 30, 2016 at 05:11 PM



“ *Dear Martha
I learned of John;s passing just the other day. Sending prayers and condolences to you and the family. The wonderful marriage of you and John is to be admired. I know having you by his side through life and the time of sickness was a blessing. May the happy memories help you during this time. Sending love from your friend from Birmingham, Al*

*Love
Terri Ruff*

Terri Ruff - June 11, 2016 at 04:12 PM

WC

“ Martha and family, Wayne and I are so sorry for your loss. Doc was the best doctor Wayne ever had and we are doubly blessed to be able to call him a friend also. We did not get to speak to you after the services but we wanted to tell you how impressed we were with the tribute given by your children. You must be so proud of them. Doc will be so missed. Wayne really enjoyed all the lunches they shared together and I can never thank Doc enough for coming over to our house at 12:30 at night when Wayne could not pass his urine. Most doctors would have said go to the emergency room, but not Doc. He came right over. If there is ever anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to call us. Wayne and Judy Cline

wayne & judy cline - May 23, 2016 at 05:44 PM

SS

“ Doctor J was the best doctor we ever had. His tenderness, compassion and caring went above and beyond. My late husband had his cell number and was always able to talk to Doc whenever he had an emergency situation. I'm sure they are in heaven talking about OU football! :-). Martha, keeping you and your family in my prayers.

Sherry Smith - May 22, 2016 at 10:09 PM

RF

“ It's so sad to hear of John's passing. He fought the good fight and was a hell of a Doctor. Fully defining the word "Doctor", he was on several occasions the only person to find a solution to the problem - and he most generally followed up with a phone call. He loved his Golf and Vegas, second only to his family and I hope that they know that everyone liked Doc. I pray that the family is comforted by his life and hope for a new tomorrow.
Ron & Pat Frakes

Ron Frakes - May 21, 2016 at 01:43 PM

NS

“ Doc we want to say without hesitation that you were one heck of a doctor. You were always there to help and advise in any way. Thank you for all the referrals you gave and just Thank You for being a great doctor and friend to our family. You are so missed, just not easy to find such a person in your lifetime. God Bless you on your new journey and God bless and be with your family in this untimely loss.

Always

Nelda and Rex Speedy

Nelda and Rex Speedy - May 21, 2016 at 01:13 PM

DS

“ Thank you "Doc" for all the times you took care of me and my whole family. You will always be remembered and loved in many ways. I'm so glad i found you in the time I was so ill and you taught me how to keep well. God Bless you on your new journey and God bless your family in this untimely loss of such a wonderful man.

*Love Always,
Debbie Speedy-Burn
Brittney Burn*

Debbie Speedy-Burn - May 21, 2016 at 01:08 PM

JP

“ Jeff & Jill Pratt (Ben & Coady Pratt) purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dr. John "Doc" Jennings.



Jeff & Jill Pratt (Ben & Coady Pratt) - May 20, 2016 at 06:43 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. John "Doc" Jennings.*



May 20, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ *Thank you Dr Jennings for taking such good care of my daughter (Peggy Replogle) and her children. You were truly one of a kind. God Bless the family.*

Carol Sue Willcutt

Carol Sue Willcutt - May 19, 2016 at 11:48 PM



“ *Robin, Cody, Kelsi and Kristin Woldtvedt purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dr. John "Doc" Jennings.*



Robin, Cody, Kelsi and Kristin Woldtvedt - May 19, 2016 at 09:51 PM

RO

“ Dear Martha, Brian and family,

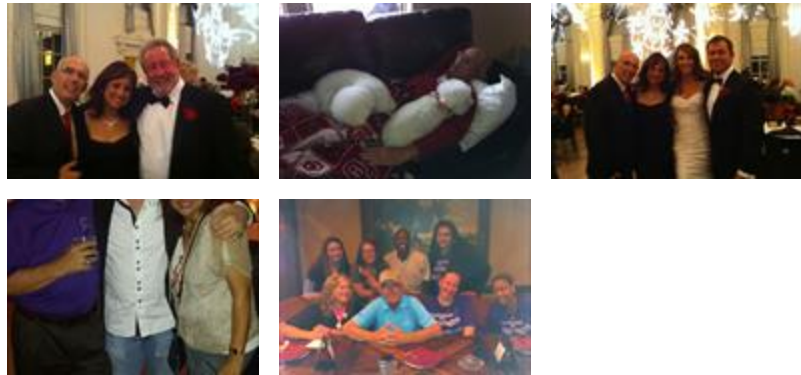
Our sincerest condolences to your family. John was a very extraordinary doctor to my family and friend and will be deeply missed. You have always been like a part of our family. The kids grew up together. John was wonderful as a friend and family physician, always took care of us. When Cody got a concussion during baseball, John was on the phone with me off and on for over 5 hours in the late night hours. May God wrap His loving arms of peace around you all during this difficult time.

*Love,
Robin Woldtvedt & family*

Robin - May 19, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Memories Album



Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 19, 2016 at 12:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. John "Doc" Jennings.*



May 19, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this news. Dr. Jennings took very good care of my family. In 1995 my husband (age 44) passed away. Dr. Jennings sat with me in the family room at the hospital during that difficult time. He became very close to my sons, aged 11 and 15 and allowed them to go to his office and talk when they needed to even if I wasn't with them. He also gave me his home phone number so I could call him at anytime. Just a few weeks after my husband's death from a "mystery" illness my son became ill. Dr. Jennings talked to him on the phone at 11:00 at night to convince him he was not dying. He also had hourly phone calls with me that night to check on my son's progress. Over the next few difficult years he took very good care of me. I am thinking and praying for his family.*

Susan Wilson


Susan Wilson - May 18, 2016 at 02:28 PM



“ *On the golf course or at his office "Doc" you always made me smile with your warm heart.*



Sonya C. Wesson - May 18, 2016 at 11:17 AM

 Stuart
Long

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stuart Long - May 18, 2016 at 01:01 AM

 Debbie
Bloem

“ *Dr Jennings took such good care of my children for many years. We were blessed to have had such a great Dr and friend. His laugh and kindness will truly be missed by all of us. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Debbie Bloem - May 17, 2016 at 08:54 PM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Jennings family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Dr. John Jennings.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 17, 2016 at 01:10 PM

MF

“ Our sincere and heartfelt sympathies to Martha, Bryan and all in Johns' passing. We had been friends and patients of Docs' since we moved to Broken Arrow in 1991. John was a Doctor in the true sense of the word, and all his patients and the medical community will mourn his passing. A "bean town" boy, whose toughness and grit for all who knew him will surely be missed.

God Bless, and rest in peace.

Mike and Ruthe Fagan

Mike Fagan - May 17, 2016 at 10:00 AM

SH

“ Susan Grace and Crystal Grace Hancock purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Dr. John "Doc" Jennings.



Susan Grace and Crystal Grace Hancock - May 17, 2016 at 09:56 AM

SG

“ Doc, I will miss your " You knows" as that is one of my fondest memories working with you, first as a professional and ultimately as friends. I held you in highest regard as a person of strong convictions, a fighter, physician, and family man. This world was better because of you, you save many lives of your patients and I was proud to stand beside you and be a small part of your professional life. You will be missed, however we will see you again my dear Doc.. Susan Grace

Susan Grace - May 17, 2016 at 08:50 AM

JB

“ *Our heartfelt condolences. He was our personal physician until his illness kept him away from what he loved. He was one of the best doctors we ever had. We loved visiting with him when we'd run into him around the medical grounds. He always had time for us, we would talk about anything - we loved his candidness. Our prayers for peace and healing go out to his family. He will be missed. Rest in Peace Doc Jennings!*



John & Carole Brandl - May 17, 2016 at 07:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. John "Doc" Jennings.*



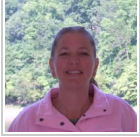
May 16, 2016 at 02:45 PM

JF

“ *My Sweet Doc, How we will be so lost with out you. I don't even know where to begin you have been a part of my life since middle school.
I will always be here for Martha and your family just like if they were mine.
See ya again someday.*

Joanna

joanna ford - May 16, 2016 at 01:49 PM



“ *Dear Martha and Family,
I was so sorry to hear about doc's death. Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. My sincerest condolences for an incredibly great loss I'm sending you all of my good wishes for gentle comfort in the days and weeks ahead.
Love, Nora Grammer*

Nora Grammer - May 16, 2016 at 01:09 PM



“ *Although he may have aspired to be a professional golfer, John was a "doc" through and through! He loved being a physician and he loved his patients. Even as his illness progressed, he was still worrying about his old patients. He fought his illness with the same vigor that he fought for his patients. What a loss to our community. He will be missed. Our prayers are with John's family*

Jeff Galles

Jeff Galles - May 16, 2016 at 08:42 AM



“ *Dear Martha and family,
We are so sad that we won't see John's smiling face in person again. We are among the many whose lives he literally saved with quick and accurate diagnoses. He had treated our entire family, in body and mind, for over 25 years. We know your grief is great, but please take some comfort in prayers for you.
Tom and Debbie Luce*

Debbie Luce - May 16, 2016 at 08:35 AM

MJ

“ *Much love, Julie Tirey and Teresa Jackson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. John "Doc" Jennings.*



Much love, Julie Tirey and Teresa Jackson - May 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

 Misty Cooley Foutch

“ *Dr. Jennings was my doctor from the age of 12 until he stopped practicing. He was what I considered to be the best doctor ever! He also took care of my son, and assisted with my Daddy's care until his passing. To this day I haven't found a doctor as caring, concerned, and dedicated as him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I pray that God's loving arms surround each and everyone of you, and that He give you a peace that passes all understanding!*

Misty Cooley Foutch - May 15, 2016 at 04:22 PM

JD

“ I will never forget the day I met John. He was out looking at your lot in Saddleback. I was so excited that we were getting a Dr down the street. We were looking for a family physician since Dr Wilcomb had passed suddenly. So I went and introduced myself. Friends at the start and soon he was our Dr. We followed him from clinic to clinic. John was the best. He would come by and give me a shot when I had a severe migraine and I even yelled over the fence to him that Mark needed stitches. John didn't hesitate to meet us at the clinic!! He was great and we will always miss and love him. Doc was part of our family's life. I still think of the days when Ashley babysat little Brian. John was our friend, neighbor and amazing Dr. To me he was also a kind listening ear that would help cheer me up when struggling raising the girls by myself when Mark was traveling so much!! I am so blessed to have had him in my life!! Ashley and Lisa send their condolences. Martha you and your family are very much in our prayers and thoughts!! God Bless!!💕😭🙏



Juanita Davis - May 15, 2016 at 02:05 PM

DS

“ Martha, so sorry to hear about John passing, he was a great man, and I always enjoyed our talks about everything imaginable. He was a great neighbor, and I will miss him. Let me know if you need anything. You and your family will be in Sherry and my prayers. Dick Smith

Dick Smith - May 15, 2016 at 11:55 AM

MO

“ Martha and family, I am so saddened and so sorry for your loss. John will be missed by so many. He touched so many people over the years and will never be forgotten.

Maureen Ortiz - May 15, 2016 at 11:53 AM

LG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have benn thinking about y'all and fondly recall the last time we visited. We enjoyed a wonderful evening with the whole family during the holidays. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. God bless doc!

Linda Goodman - May 15, 2016 at 08:09 AM

JF

“ Where do you start the wonderful road of memories, for all who knew Doc. He took over for the late Dr Willcomb, who had passed, and Broken Arrow/ Tulsa was never the same. He Doctored all of Broken Arrows Youth Basball boys, and was on the news with Craig and Mike Wheeler and Roger Bulleigh, doctoring little Mike..... And those 3 coaches and the team were hooked. He just had that way and could diagnose like no other. When the oil and gas business was struggling in the '90's, he gave me a job. I so loved working with him and he taught me a lot. I loved John and Martha trusting me to babysit little Brian on a couple occasions and was grateful for all the jobs he gave our band, The BopCats. My husband Craig was in with Doc, when he first got his diagnosis. The hugged and shed a tear, and Doc lamented on how he would have a new understanding of those with pain and those with terrible side effects of meds. Doc answered his ph at all hrs of the night for us, dropped meds by and laughed that EVERYTIME he came in the neighborhood..... I was mowing and Craig was edging. To leave your mark on earth in the heart and minds of many is a wonderful thank you to God for creating you. Doc's love was for his beautiful First Lady, Martha, and his beautiful family. We are all better people for knowing you Doc..... Thank you and God Bless, and we will all see to Martha's needs.



Jeris Ford - May 14, 2016 at 01:55 PM

DS

*Dr. Jennings will be missed. His kindness will always be remembered.
Our prayers are with the family.*

Dr. and Mrs. Philip L. Sallee - May 16, 2016 at 06:09 PM

LP

Thank you Dr Jennings for taking care of my grandson Braeden Nickel when he was an infant. if it wasn't for you he wouldn't be alive today. When he was so sick Jeff and Shaunda Nickel could call you anytime day or night and you was always there to tell them what to do for him. Dr Jennings as his grandma thank you so much for keeping him alive so I could see him grow up! You will be missed,

The mother of Shaunda Nickel

lori porter - May 16, 2016 at 08:04 PM

AG

Sad to hear the passing of Dr. John Jennings. He was my doctor for 12 years. He cared for me not only as a doctor but also as a father and friend.

*He will be missed dearly. I send my deeply felt sympathy to his family.
Rest in peace.*

Almaz Ghebremedhin

Almaz Ghebremedhin - May 18, 2016 at 06:40 PM

LG

We will miss our long time friend and Doctor! Our thoughts and prayers are with you Martha and your entire family!

Ron & Lynn Gibson

Lynn Gibson - May 21, 2016 at 01:35 AM