



David Alden Brace

February 5, 1935 - February 10, 2023

David Alden Brace age 88, of Moline Kansas, passed away at Pittsburg Ascension Via Christi Hospital on Friday, February 10, 2023.

David was born February 5, 1935 to M.A.(Jack) Brace and Ivah Aline (McGuire) Brace in the Moline Schaffer Hospital, now the Museum. The Brace family lived in the Star Neighborhood of Moline on the family farm. David attended Star School for 7 years until 1949, then graduated from Moline High School in 1953.

He went on to attend Kansas State Agricultural College in 1953, where he was active in ROTC. He received a History and Government degree and began Law school at the University of Kansas in 1956, graduating with Juris Doctorate in 1959. He passed the bar exam in 1960, and began his law career in Labette County. He then moved back to Moline in 1961, where he began his own law practice.

Shortly thereafter, David was introduced to a Wichita school teacher. On June 14, 1964, David married Marilyn McClellan, formerly of Phillips County. Together they raised 2 daughters, and in a few months would've celebrated 59 wonderful years together.

In his career, he sought the county attorney position in 1963, and remained seated until retiring in 2004, leaving a legacy as the longest serving

Prosecutor in the state of Kansas. He was awarded as Favorite Prosecutor by the KBI. In 2020, he was recognized for 60 years of service by the Kansas Bar Association as an attorney, and Counselor of Law.

David was involved in many community activities. He was Secretary/Treasurer of the Moline Rodeo Association, serving on the Board for decades. He was an active member of the Moline United Methodist Church, he was active on the Moline Museum Board, the Church Board, the Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, Moline Alumni, and the Democratic State Committee. He was instrumental in getting the Medical Clinic built in Moline, and served as Attorney for the City of Moline as well as on the City Council.

David is survived by his wife, Marilyn of the home; daughters, Dedra Sinclair of Wichita, KS, and Sally Brock and son-in-law Matt of Redfield, KS; grandchildren, Alex (Mary) Brock, Emma Sinclair, Annie Brock, Sarah Sinclair, and Alaina Brock. He also leaves many special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister Virginia Huntington. He was a member of the Moline Methodist Church.

David was a public servant at heart. His door was always open to out of town folks who wanted to know Elk county history, or find background on their former family members. He will always be remembered as a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and a beloved "Uncle Dave" who made sure all nieces and nephews knew how to fish. He loved to be at the lake or at the pond in a boat. David is one of the last of the Star School Family. The grandkids loved to walk the hill, explore the remains of the house at the farm, and be given a tour of the museum. He was a good and faithful servant.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, KS. Burial will follow in the Moline City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at visitation from 10:00 to 11:00 AM prior to service.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Moline Medical Clinic or the Moline Library and can be left with or mailed to the funeral home.

Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington, PO Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

Cemetery Details

Moline City Cemetery

Moline, KS 67353

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ I was looking at a photo of David from 2001 and wondered if he was still with us. He was very helpful to me - a historian and modeler with an interest in Moline. He always kept his eyes open for rail related items to show me. When a bunch of cowboys surrounded me with guns drawn at Howard after 911 as I photographed an alfalfa mill (they thought I was sabotaging their water supply, I told them to call David and he would vouch for me. Enough said, they left me alone. He was a fine man!

Steve Sandifer - December 08, 2023 at 10:49 PM

LR

“ Dedra, so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. We are thinking of you and the girls. Fred and Lisa Riebel

Lisa Riebel - February 18, 2023 at 07:37 PM

CS

“ Cindy Slinkard lit a candle in memory of David Brace



Cindy L Slinkard - February 18, 2023 at 08:58 AM

SW

“ I consider myself very lucky to have known “Uncle Dave.” His kindness, sense of humor and, of course, his story telling are legendary.
My favorite memory?? The infamous “birdbath” catastrophe at Irene McClelland’s July 4, 1985. Classic... David Brace...
He was, quite simply and truly, one of the good ones. 🙏🙏🙏

Steve Wentz - February 17, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Alden Brace.



February 17, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Alden Brace.



February 14, 2023 at 10:31 AM

JW

“ Jennifer Wunderlich lit a candle in memory of David Alden Brace



jennifer wunderlich - February 13, 2023 at 07:43 PM

BN

“ *Bob Judy Nungesser lit a candle in memory of David Brace*



Bob & Judy Nungesser - February 13, 2023 at 03:09 PM

JC

“ *Mr. Brace was an elegant man, one whose conversations I truly enjoyed. I am tremendously sorry to hear of his passing. Many prayers are going up for his wife and family. (((((((((((((((((((hugs))))))))))))))))))))*



Judth Clubine - February 13, 2023 at 12:47 PM