



David Michael Self

March 25, 1946 - May 10, 2026

Memorial services for David Self will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2026, at the Alva Wesleyan Church with Pastor Paul Kirk officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

David Michael, son of Frank Thomas and Lois Ellen (Rice) Self, was born March 25, 1946, at Thomas, Oklahoma, and passed away peacefully May 10, 2026, at his home in Alva, at the age of 80 years, 1 month, and 15 days.

David graduated from Thomas High School and attended Oklahoma State University where he was a member of the Cowboys Football Team. He then transferred to Southwestern Oklahoma State University to play for the Bulldogs. Upon graduation he received his bachelor's degree and later completed his master's degree in Education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He returned later to Oklahoma State University to gain his Doctorate in Education. David was a teacher, principal and later a superintendent of several schools in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Colorado. He retired at his last school in Colorado.

In 1967 he was united in marriage to Jeanne Perry. To this union three children were born: Dawn, Joshua, and Brooke. David was a member of the Gateway Church in Del Norte, Colorado, before moving to Alva one year ago to be near his daughter, granddaughter, and great grandchildren. He was a

past member of the Masonic Lodge for many years. David loved watching sports, especially football and basketball. He enjoyed working on old cars and was recently learning to pan for flour gold.

Besides his parents, Frank and Lois, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Brooke Steele; and his brother, Ralph Self.

David is survived by his daughter, Dawn Self-Hill of Alva; his son, Joshua Self and wife, Janelle, of Alamosa, Colorado; a brother, Fred Self and wife, Marilyn, of Newalla; a sister, Priscilla Ice and husband, Bill, of Watonga; six grandchildren, Karsyn McKnight and husband, Kennedy, of Alva, Baxter Cox and wife, Anesia, of Kansas, Kahlor Johnson of Kansas, Talyx Steele and his wife, Brianna, of Sanford, Colorado, Taelynn Steele of Oklahoma City, and Tymberlyn Self of North Carolina; great grandchildren, Waylon and Colter McKnight, Jayvien and Emberlynn Huntley, Ezra and Essiah Robinson, Carbon and Zayleigh Steele, and Hope and Ulrich; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation for Dementia.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **14**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Alva Wesleyan Church
302 Church Street
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall

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“ I am saddened to hear of David’s death. Growing up with the Self kids meant “Pud” was often a tagalong. I last saw him in a doctoral class at OSU. He had become a confident young man. He will be missed.

Alberta S Williems - May 15 at 09:51 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Marshall Funeral Homes - May 14 at 10:25 AM

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“ Sandy Wimmer lit a candle in memory of David Michael Self



Sandy Wimmer - May 13 at 12:26 PM

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“ David was my classmate at Thomas, my next door neighbor and a friend. Rest in peace my friend. Carol (Halle) Lintner.

Carol Lintner - May 12 at 10:11 PM



“ I worked with Dr. Self when he was Superintendent of Comanche County Schools. He taught me a lot about school finance. He was a good friend to my family.

Norine Fry - May 12 at 08:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Michael Self.



May 12 at 07:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Thomas Self.

May 12 at 07:33 PM



“ Always knew David as Pudd. A nickname that stuck with him for number of years. The little brother that was always hanging around. He grew up and became David, a man who did alot of good. Know he was proud of his family.

Patti Talbott Fiolle - May 12 at 06:55 PM