



David Hampton Efird

May 18, 1974 - January 9, 2020

David Hampton Efird, beloved son, brother and uncle and accomplished philosopher, theologian and ordained priest passed away suddenly on January 9, 2020 at the age of 45.

David is survived by his parents; George and Lynn Efird, his brother and sister-in-law Scott and Alison Efird and their children Tate, Madeline and Eliza Jane. He is also survived by his aunt, Ann Brookshire (Joe Grier), nieces, Laura and Lindsay, and his uncle, Jim Brookshire (Linda Peterson) and nephews, Jeff (Elle), Randall (Ashley) and Michael. He was preceded in death by his grandparents George and Lucille Efird and Brevard and Virginia Brookshire.

David was born on May 18, 1974 in Raleigh, NC. He and his family moved to Charlotte shortly after he was born. He graduated from Providence Day School. David then received his Bachelor of Arts from Duke University in 1995 and a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1998. He then moved to the United Kingdom where he would spend the rest of his years. He received a Master of Science degree from the University of Edinburgh in 1999. After this, he went to Oxford University where he completed his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 2002. David began teaching at the University of York in 2002 where he quickly became a favorite lecturer of his students. David also served as Dean and Provost as well as an editor for the international journal, *Mind*. He was a well-known philosopher and traveled often to give lectures and conferences.

David was ordained as priest in the Church of England in 2011 at York Minster Cathedral, where he served as curate for several years. Most recently, he served St. Clement's and St. Mary Bishopville churches in the City of York.

One of David's many joys was to travel with his mother, Lynn, who visited him several times a year. He also enjoyed theater and spending time with his family when he traveled back across the "pond." David was loved dearly for his kind, gentle, loving spirit and humble heart. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all those who had the privilege of knowing him.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday Jan 18 at 2:00 pm at Providence United Methodist Church (2810 Providence Road, Charlotte) and a reception will be held prior to the service at 1:00 pm. His body will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn East at a private family

burial. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Men's Shelter of Charlotte P.O. Box 36471, Charlotte, NC 28236 or at <https://www.mensshelterofcharlotte.org/ways-to-help/donate/>

An online guestbook is available at www.heritagecares.com.

Cemetery

Forest Lawn East Cemetery
3700 Forest Lawn Dr
Matthews, NC, 28104-7366

Events

JAN 18 Visitation 01:00PM

Providence United Methodist Church
2810 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC, US, 28211

JAN 18 Memorial Service 02:00PM

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2810 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC, US, 28211

Comments



“ Lynn & George,

There are no words to express the loss of such an amazing person. David had the utmost compassion for others which showed with his conversations, his demeanor, and his genuine caring nature felt in his company. His brilliance never made one feel less than but only for us to become a better person from one who inspired with his focus on you instead of himself. His love for his family was endless; his ability to enable others to work to their fullest potential was powerful; and his memories and caring nature will continue with all of us who have been touched by him. My prayer is that God will carry the Ebird family when you can't, God will wrap His arms around you, and your faith will enable you to cherish the wonderful memories of such a special person that God made. Thoughts, prayers, and love to all of you. Kathy Metzger

kathy Metzger - February 11 at 11:32 PM



“ I wanted to write to express my sadness at the loss of David, who was a colleague of mine at the University of York since 2002. I served with David as a supervisor of the University academic practice programme for new lecturers for over ten years. I always felt that David brought such a cheery and wise presence to a room, that his opinions were always thoughtfully and carefully made, and worth listening to, and I developed over the years a deep fondness and respect for him. David and I shared similar values and a congruent vision of what universities should be about, opinions that might now be considered somewhat “old-school” or unfashionable. I always felt that with people like David about, the University, and indeed the world, was in safe hands. I am grateful that I occasionally managed to voice this to him personally. Bizarrely, David and I recently found ourselves on opposite sides of a debate, at a local school, to which we had both been invited to participate, about whether evolution and creation were compatible (me from a biologist's, him from a philosopher/priest's perspective). Having argued our opposite cases in a hard, fair and good-humoured way, he accepted a lift in my car back to York, and we had a very memorable and humorous conversation about life's many challenges! I have been devastated to lose such a generous and warm-hearted colleague and will miss him very much. My deep condolences to all his friends and family.

Peter Mayhew - February 11 at 12:01 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn that your family has lost David. He was so accomplished and I know that you are very proud of what he was able to accomplish during his short life. Our son is also 45 and we would be devastated to lose him. You have my sincere sympathy.



“ My deepest sympathies go out to the Effird family. They were a constant example of how to be a good and faithful person. They taught so many the meaning of hope, faith and strength. I too was at Providence Day in a younger class, but also had the privilege of knowing the Efird family at Providence United Methodist Church. My sincerest sympathies are extended to the family.



Kelly Flouhouse - January 19 at 07:33 PM



“ I had the privilege of serving David at the altar of St Mary's Bishophill Junior York for over five years. He was a great inspiration to me; we would often meet up for an afternoon tea or coffee in the centre of York and discuss theology together. He was also a wonderful support to me when my mother passed away nine years ago. I have lost a good friend. + May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

David Edwin Wilson - January 18 at 01:59 PM



“ David was lovely person whom I worked with for 6 years in York. He was a kind and gentle man and a compassionate and talented priest. We will miss him greatly and all our thoughts and prayers are with you .

Fr Andrew Stoker

Fr Andrew Stoker - January 17 at 09:37 AM



“ David was a classmate of mine at Providence Day and I fondly remember him as a gentle soul who was one of the kindest members of our class. While we lost touch after high school, I was able to connect with him over social media over the last few years and was so proud of what he had accomplished and the life he was living that was true and authentic to him. He will be missed by us all.

Bryan Smith
PDS class 1992

Bryan Smith - January 16 at 08:28 PM



“ George and Lynn,
My heart aches for you and your family. I pray that your memories will sustain you during this difficult time.
Hugs,
Carol Fortenberry

carol fortenberry - January 16 at 06:54 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Hampton Efird.



January 15 at 06:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Hampton Efird.



January 15 at 05:36 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn about the loss of your amazing son, David. Wishing for you strength and love, and the comfort of family and friends as you mourn his loss. Jean Braxton

jean braxton - January 15 at 09:24 AM



“ David and Lynn,

I was sadden to read of the passing of David. At Providence Day School, he was a wonderful student and role model for his classmates. He will be missed by all those

who knew him. May God give you the strength and courage to deal with your loss.

Ben Topham

Ben Topham - January 15 at 08:45 AM