



Adam Willett

May 25, 1983 - December 30, 2024

Adam Willett was born on May 25, 1983 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to parents, Dan and Carol Willett. He was welcomed enthusiastically by his older brother David and soon became the joy and delight of his family.

Adam grew up in Claremore, Oklahoma, where he had a host of good friends and many wonderful childhood experiences. He attended Claremore Schools and graduated from Claremore High School as a valedictorian in 2001. He continued his education at Westminster College in Fulton, MO and earned a bachelor's degree with high honors in economics in 2005. He pursued a master's degree in demography and population studies at Florida State University. He earned that degree in 2006 and also received the Serow Prize for the outstanding student in his departmental program.

Adam began a career in demography when he landed an internship and subsequent employment at the Department of City Planning in New York City. He lived and worked in New York for four years before returning to Oklahoma in 2010, where he continued his work in demography and population studies at Community Resource Council in Tulsa. Eventually, he relocated to Oklahoma City and to Texas, where he was employed by HEB.

Friends will remember that Adam had many interests and passions. He was a lifelong enthusiast for all sports endeavors. He enjoyed golf, and he was an intense fan of all things Sooner, as well as becoming an ardent Mets fan when he lived in New York. From early childhood on, he was passionate about swimming and being in the water, and especially felt both invigorated and

calmed by being in ocean waters. He was a lover of animals, especially dogs; he read voraciously throughout his life with wide-ranging interest, everything from metaphysics and science fiction to literary fiction and the classics; he was generous in offering both time and resources to others; he was a creative and thoughtful gift giver, and he always welcomed chances to help other people. Adam had an amazing mathematical and statistical mind as well as a remarkable memory. Most notably, his family and friends considered Adam to be a spark of enthusiasm and joy in all ways..

Adam lost his life on December 30, 2024, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wayne and Lillian Willett and Norman and Anne Stortz, by his cousin, Larry Walsh, and his aunt Lois Willett Walsh. He is survived by his parents, Dan and Carol, his beloved brother David, his aunt, Susan Corn of Marietta, GA, his aunt and uncle, Wayne and Patricia Willett of Centerville, IA, by his cousins Sherry Walsh Fennell, Lisa Willett Fritz, Marci Willett, Brandon Willett, Laura Corn Harkins, Lindsay Corn, and numerous extended family members in Oklahoma, Georgia, and Iowa. An ongoing concern for Adam was the plight of homeless people. He had a deep desire to help, so in lieu of flowers, any donations can be made to services assisting the homeless, such as Day Center for the Homeless or Housing Solutions Tulsa, which has an online donation page.

A memorial service will be held at All Souls Church, 2952 South Peoria in Tulsa, on Thursday, January 9th at 4:00 PM.

Previous Events

Memorial Fund

JAN 9. 4:00 PM (CT)

Housing Solutions Tulsa
P.O. Box 4628
Tulsa, OK 74159
housingsolutions@housingsolutionstulsa.org
<https://www.housingsolutionstulsa.org/donate/>

Memorial Fund

JAN 9. 4:00 PM (CT)

Tulsa Day Center
415 W Archer St
Tulsa, OK 74103
<https://tulsadaycenter.org/give-help/donate/>

Memorial Service

JAN 9. 4:00 PM (CT)

All Souls Unitarian Church
2952 S Peoria Ave
Tulsa, OK 74114
<https://allsoulschurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love, Sherry, Mickey, and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adam Willett.

Love, Sherry, Mickey, and Family - January 08, 2025 at 08:05 PM

LF

“ Love, Sherry, Mickey, and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Adam Willett.



Love, Sherry, Mickey, and Family - January 08, 2025 at 08:05 PM

SC

“ It feels like it's been forever since learning of Adam's passing, but at the same time, feeling this simply can't be real. I will always remember that little boy with the sweet, big cheeks and bright eyes. Adam was always so appreciative of any small gesture and had a smile for everyone. I'm so glad I got to spend time with him during my last visit to Tulsa. OU lost a superfan, but our family lost a gem and a gentleman.



Susan Corn - January 08, 2025 at 01:02 AM

CS

“ My deepest condolences to Adam's family ❤️🕊️

Carolyn Stueve - January 06, 2025 at 11:52 PM

MW

“ Adam was in Beta with me at Westminster College. I spent many a night sitting in his room discussing politics, pop culture, OU football and life. He was a great friend and he stuck up for me when it wasn't always convenient for him. Although our contact has fallen off over the past five years, I still reached out to Adam as much as possible. I am deeply saddened by the loss of such a good friend and my thoughts are with his parents and Dave. I am going to do my best to come to his service from KC. Willet you will forever be in my heart. ~Kai~

Matthew Scott Wideman - January 04, 2025 at 02:45 PM

HG

“ Hj G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adam Willett.

Hj G. - January 04, 2025 at 02:37 AM

HG

“ Hj G. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Adam Willett.



Hj G. - January 04, 2025 at 02:37 AM

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“ My prayers are with the Willett family. I have so many great memories of hanging out with Adam, whether it be school events or being crazy in the Ballard's front room. He was always a genuinely interesting person to talk to, he was brilliant and funny, with a very sarcastic wit to top it all off. My prayers are with his family and loved ones. The class of 2001 will miss him.

Shelby Rooney (Stearns) - January 03, 2025 at 07:07 PM

JW

“ Dan, Carol and David. Our family has been hurting for all of you. We are remembering Adam’s intelligence and clever wit along with his love of sports. We remember him playing on the Zebra golf team in high school.

Personally, I will always remember when our kids were young and in swimming lessons with Mrs. Rostek. All of the moms had to keep an eye on Adam during David’s lessons because Adam would just jump right in! He was definitely drawn to the water at an early age! And also...his beautiful eyes with eyelashes like feathers!

I hope you are able to sense the love so many people feel for your family and the high regard with which Adam was held by those lucky enough to have known him. Praying for comfort and peace for you all.

Judy Wilber

Judy Wilber - January 03, 2025 at 04:13 PM