



Kenneth "Doc" W. Heater

December 1, 1940 - October 7, 2025

Kenneth "DOC" Wayne Heater, 84, of Willcox, Arizona, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2025. He was born on December 1, 1940, in Belleville, Kansas, to Ruth and Ben Heater.

Kenneth proudly served his country in the Vietnam War as a member of the 101st Airborne

Division. Following his military service, he pursued higher education and became a

chiropractor—a career he dedicated himself to for 50 years, with most of his practice

serving the community of Willcox, Arizona. His patients knew him for his compassion, his

skilled hands, and his deep commitment to their health and well-being.

Kenneth is survived by his loving wife, Paula Heater; his children, Terri (Doug) Odegard,

Ben (Kelly) Heater, Todd (Nancy) Heater, and Monica (Lance) Welch; his stepchildren, Chris

Headrick and Michael Headrick; his sister, Darlene Tuma; and numerous grandchildren and

great-grandchildren who will cherish his memory.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Alberta Heater, and his granddaughter, Bailey

Mangum.

A private family graveside service will be held to honor Kenneth's life and legacy. His family takes comfort in knowing he lived with courage, integrity, and love, leaving behind a legacy that will continue through all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Russellville Cemetery

Johnson Road
Dragoon, AZ 85609

Tribute Wall

Jl

“ Our deepest heart felt sympathies in your loss.

Jim and Kathy Cook

James B Cook II - October 11, 2025 at 05:40 PM

CP

“ A fine man and skilled chiropractor. Rest in peace Doc.

Cheryl Pope

Cheryl Pope - October 10, 2025 at 07:07 AM



CO

“ Clede and I loved Doc, he was the best doctor and always had some good jokes to tell! He will be sorely missed.

Clede and Patricia O'Neal - October 09, 2025 at 06:52 PM



LB

“ I appreciated Dr Heater's services when he was my chiropractor in Willcox. I enjoyed his down to earth personality and visits during my appointments!

LaDonna Burgess - October 09, 2025 at 03:41 PM

SA

“ *Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth "Doc" Heater*



Susan Arbuthnot - October 09, 2025 at 11:12 AM

SR

“ *Sharma Reed lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth "Doc" Heater*



Sharma Reed - October 09, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ *Thanks Doc, for always being there for me
and my wife.*



Jerry Giudice - October 08, 2025 at 07:28 PM

CD

“ *Carol Dunagan lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth "Doc" Heater*



Carol Dunagan - October 08, 2025 at 07:01 PM

DF

“ *Darlene, Rick, Sherri & Chris & families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kenneth "Doc" W. Heater.*



Darlene, Rick, Sherri & Chris & families - October 08, 2025 at 10:40 AM

CB

“ *Oh Doc do I remember the goose that attacked my sister Linda , the next day that goose was in his freezer! Had some really fond memories of Doc Heater he was a good great chiropractic! May you rest in peace 🙏*



Chele Brewer - October 08, 2025 at 10:36 AM

TM

“ *So many memories with Mr. Heater and his family. Sorry for your loss.*



Trey Moses - October 08, 2025 at 10:08 AM

KT

“ *Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Doc" Heater*



Kathy Thatcher - October 08, 2025 at 12:46 AM

TM

“ Tommy&Rbin Miller lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Doc" Heater



Tommy&Rbin Miller - October 08, 2025 at 12:29 AM

ML

“ May he rest in peace . Our Dad loved going to Dr. Heater . Sorry for your loss. Condolences to his family.



Marissa Leal - October 07, 2025 at 11:06 PM

GW

“ Deepest condolences to the family. Sending prayers to comfort all of you. Restvin Peace Kenneth.



Gloria and Bill Wood - October 07, 2025 at 11:01 PM