



## Dr. David Sokolowski

January 19, 1964 - November 11, 2025

Dr. David Sokolowski, 61, of Kearney passed away November 11, 2025, in the sanctity of his home. Funeral Mass will be 10:30 am, November 19, 2025, at St. James Catholic Church followed by burial at the Kearney Cemetery with lunch to follow. The service will be live-streamed at <https://youtube.com/@stjameskearney6523?feature=shared> Visitation will be from 5:00 to 6:00 pm November 18, 2025, at St. James Catholic Church with a wake service at 6:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to St. James Church Music Ministry or Doctors without Borders USA, PO BOX 5030 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5020. There will be cards at either service to share a memory of Dave that the family will cherish.

Born on January 19th, 1964, in Pueblo, CO, to Leonard and Charlene (Sharrah) Sokolowski. Dave lived a life grounded in faith, service, and devotion to others. He graduated from Sioux City East High. He furthered his education at Morningside College. He received his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Iowa College of Medicine and completed his residency in Sioux City which led to a fulfilling career as a family physician, with the last 32 years at Kearney Clinic.

Dave married Lisa Kallhoff at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Sioux City, Iowa June 15th, 1985. He loved his family unconditionally. He was a proud father to his four daughters; Megan (Adam Stone) Sokolowski,

Stephanie (Ben) Rodenborg, Katelyn (Cody) Anthony, and Bailey (Tyler) Schnitzler. He never missed a chance to brag, support, and enjoy the laughter of his 10 grandchildren.

Dave was an outdoorsman enjoying his fishing trips to Snake River, travelling abroad, and simply enjoying the views from his back deck. "Long story short," he never missed a chance to tell stories and prank his friends with a mischievous grin. Dave had a gift for spreading joy to those around him with his contagious belly laugh and a wink to follow. He was a devout Catholic and found pride in his role with the St. James Music Ministry. His faith blended with his professional practice which led to not only offering medical treatment, but comfort, understanding, and genuine human connection with his patients. Dave was humbled and felt blessed as God guided his hands and heart through the babies he delivered.

Dave is survived by his parents, sister Sherise (Mike) Carlson, Lisa, daughters, and grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his grandparents; Charles and Florence Sharrah, and Alexander and Anna Sokolowski.

Dave will be deeply missed, but his legacy of faith, service, and love will continue to live on in all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Wake Service

NOV 18. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Funeral Mass

NOV 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847



# Tribute Wall

TJ

“ *That's way too young*

*Great memories!*

*Rip Dave*

*Condolences to the family*

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**Todd Johnson** - January 11 at 04:25 PM



“ *I'm so so sorry for your loss. He's been my dr since 2022 and was just the sweetest kindest and warmest soul. I drove from Lincoln for my appointments because he was so nice and reminded me of my Papa. I'm really going to miss having him as my dr. Very dedicated to being the best Dr he could be and keeping his medical information current and continually increasing his medical knowledge. To the family, I know he felt truly blessed to have you all and he lit up when he talked about you. ❤️*

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**Chealsea Coulombe** - December 16, 2025 at 04:39 PM

NI

“ *My condolences. He became my doctor 5 years ago when I was pregnant with my son. He delivered him and became his doctor too. He was kind, caring, and genuine. He will be missed.*

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**Nicholette** - December 01, 2025 at 01:37 AM

DB

“ He was my primary Doc for 4 or 5 years, he was very kind, very knowledgeable, and just made me comfortable, and I'm often uncomfortable at the doctors office. Will miss my 6-month checkups greatly. He also didn't judge (I have some alcohol issues) instead, guided me. A true shepard (I'm not religious and I didn't know his beliefs, but surely a Good Samaritan). RIP good Sir.

DB - November 30, 2025 at 10:01 PM

GJ

“ Guy Mills Jr lit a candle in memory of Dr. David Sokolowski



Guy Mills Jr - November 30, 2025 at 06:22 PM

EM

“ The Doctor has been my primary physician for the last four years, and found him always considerate and knowledgeable. Had my annual check up only two months ago, remarked but didn't pry about his use of one of those leg scooters. He always seemed a comforting man, very sorry to find that hes gone. with respect, Ellis Martin

Ellis Martin - November 21, 2025 at 04:55 PM

ET

“ Dr. Sokolowski has been my Dad's doctor for a lot of years. He got to the family when we would bring him in for appointments. Of course him and my Dad would chat, he was a wonderful caring doctor. My deepest condolences to the family. Antonio De La Torre & Family

Esther De La Torre-Maes/Antonio - November 21, 2025 at 04:07 PM

CR

“*Dave and I went to school together and I have fond memories that I will always hang onto. Best of all were simple conversations we had as we walked home together after practice.*”

Chris Rasmussen - November 20, 2025 at 09:38 AM

BR

“*Best Doctor I ever had. Always gave it to me straight.*”

Brian - November 19, 2025 at 04:34 PM

MA

“*Such a great doctor! He will be very missed by me and my kiddos he was my delivery doctor and primary doc for 3 of my kiddos*”



Maria - November 19, 2025 at 01:18 PM

HA

“*The past two times we have been in Kearney visiting my parents, we saw Dr. Sok at church. He was always so eager to come say hello after the service and was genuinely curious how we were doing and what was going on in our lives. We really enjoyed those little pockets of time with him and I'll always remember Dr. Sok sitting in the stands of every volleyball and basketball game cheering Katie on. Praying for you guys.*”

Hannah - November 19, 2025 at 07:25 AM

MM

“ My 99year old Dad was one of Doctor Sokolowski's first patients when he came to work at Kearney Clinic they enjoyed talking about Gardening, he will truly be missed

Mary, pablo Martinez - November 18, 2025 at 08:07 PM

AH

“ Shocked to learn of David's passing. Doc Soko was the only doctor my son and I knew for over 25 years. His kindness and care will be sorely missed. Our deepest sympathies to the family.  
Andy & Josh Hambek

Andy Hambek - November 18, 2025 at 07:33 PM

JV

“ I always enjoyed working with Soko! He was funny and caring. He gave me a hard time any time he had a toe nail removal on his schedule, knowing I wasn't the nurse to ask to help him with that. lol. He always had good stories and was a great educator to those under him. He took the time to explain things in a way that was easier to understand. It was a pleasure to know you, my friend. Rest easy. Praying for your family's comfort.

Jen Verbeck - November 18, 2025 at 03:48 PM

SO

“ We will miss you dearly Dave. Sing joyfully now with the angel choirs 🎵🎵🎵🎵



Sophie - November 18, 2025 at 03:19 PM

JB

“ Julie and I as well as our family all remember time with Dave via softball. I remember him as a colleague as well. God speed, Dave. Our prayers are with you and your family.

*Jeff & Julie Brown*

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**Jeff Brown** - November 18, 2025 at 03:10 PM

DH

“ I worked front desk at the clinic for several years until recently. Loved Dr Sokolowski's laugh and stories. I can't hear the words "Long story short" without smiling. A man that truly cared and enjoyed what he did. Going to miss you.

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**Dorothy Henry** - November 18, 2025 at 11:52 AM

JB

“ Dr Soko as I would call him was my personal doctor for many years. I would see him every 6 months. I would take take the last appointment of the day knowing that he and I would BS for as least an hour or more. Sometimes the appointment would last well over an hour. Long story short!! I heard that many times. He will truly be missed by not only me but the many that he provided care to. Jed Bspalec

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**Jed Bspalec** - November 18, 2025 at 10:16 AM

AJ

“ All our love, Jeff & Genny Jones purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Dr. David Sokolowski.



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**All our love, Jeff & Genny Jones** - November 18, 2025 at 10:03 AM

MB

“ Dr. Sokolowski took such a genuine interest in patients and seemed passionate about what he did. He will be missed.

Meredith Betts - November 18, 2025 at 09:56 AM

DR

“ We enjoyed watching UNK Volleyball with Dave  
Our daughter Jenna living with Katie and playing volleyball at UNK/Alumni matches have been a highlight for us....we travelled to Hawaii and spent a lot of time with him there.  
RIP Dave.....your spirit will live on in your family



Diane and Dave Rouzee - November 18, 2025 at 06:07 AM

DC

“ I was one of Dr. Sokolowski's patients for quite a while. Was so down to earth and kind to all. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing 💜  
🙏

Derek Carr - November 18, 2025 at 04:23 AM

TF

“ Tracey Kuehn-Larson and family. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dr. David Sokolowski.



Tracey Kuehn-Larson and family. - November 18, 2025 at 04:19 AM

RO

“ *Its been my honor to sing with Dave at church the last couple years. You and your voice will be missed, Dave!*

Roxanna - November 17, 2025 at 09:10 PM

AL

“ *Front desk, labs and switchboard have purchased a tree in loving memory of Dr.Sokolowski. Dr.Sokolowski treated us like family. He was kind and funny. He will be missed dearly by us and there are not enough words to express the sadness we feel when we walk the hallways without him. Prayers of comfort go to all of his family. May God comfort you and ease the ache in your hearts.*



Ally - November 17, 2025 at 08:44 PM

AG

“ *Alisa G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. David Sokolowski.*

Alisa G. - November 17, 2025 at 08:33 PM

LS

“ *Linda S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. David Sokolowski.*

Linda S. - November 17, 2025 at 07:09 PM

MF

“ *Mark & Raneer’ Anthony & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. David Sokolowski.*



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**Mark & Raneer’ Anthony & Family** - November 17, 2025 at 03:06 PM

SB

“ *I'm so terribly sorry to hear about Dave's passing. You have our deepest sympathy.*  
*Chad and Sara Blum*

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**Sara Blum** - November 17, 2025 at 12:13 PM

CD

“ *In Loving Memory of Dr. Sokolowski*  
*I first met Dr. Sokolowski in 1995 when I was pregnant with my second child and searching for a new physician. From that very first visit, I knew I had found someone special. He was incredibly caring, always taking the time to explain things thoroughly and making sure all my questions were answered. Over the years, he became more than just a doctor—he became a trusted part of our family's story. He helped deliver my son, my granddaughter, and most recently, my grandson on October 14. His kindness, compassion, and dedication touched three generations of my family, and we are forever grateful. He will be deeply missed.*

*The Davey Family*

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**Christina Davey** - November 17, 2025 at 12:07 PM

CG

“ *Charlene's Friday Coffee Group purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. David Sokolowski.*



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**Charlene's Friday Coffee Group** - November 17, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. David Sokolowski.*



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November 17, 2025 at 10:59 AM

YF

“ *Your Gastro Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. David Sokolowski.*

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**Your Gastro Family** - November 17, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. David Sokolowski.*



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November 17, 2025 at 10:15 AM

FF

“ From, your Sanimax Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. David Sokolowski.

From, your Sanimax Family - November 17, 2025 at 10:15 AM

MP

“ Im in shock to here of Dr. Sokolowski’s passing. It’s been years since Ive lived in Nebraska but he was always a staple at Kearney Clinic. He has taken care of my daughter, Jericca, when she was growing up. My dad, Joe, loved him. He provided great comfort care when grandma passed. Dad wouldn’t have trusted anyone else with her care. My deepest sympathy to the family.

michelle Pearson - November 17, 2025 at 04:52 AM

MR

“ Myon and Deborah Riggs purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. David Sokolowski.



Myon and Deborah Riggs - November 16, 2025 at 09:08 PM

MR

“ Myon and Deborah Riggs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. David Sokolowski.

Myon and Deborah Riggs - November 16, 2025 at 09:08 PM

KH

“ Dr. Sokolowski was, by far, the best doctor I've had in my 70 years of life. During an exam, he saw a serious medical issue and put me in his vehicle and drove me to the ER. He later delivered medications to my house. He'll be sorely missed.



Kim Herald - November 16, 2025 at 09:02 PM

GL

“ Gracelyn L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. David Sokolowski.

Gracelyn L. - November 16, 2025 at 08:45 PM

KO

“ Losing Dave suddenly feels unreal, because people we've known that long aren't supposed to disappear. There's something special about friends from that time-you don't just remember moments, you remember eras. The years and memories we walked through together are part of what will always keep Dave close.



Keith Oliver - November 16, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. David Sokolowski.



November 16, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ Kearney Clinic doctors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. David Sokolowski.

Kearney Clinic doctors - November 16, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ He took care of my dad and mom for a long time he gave me advice on my mom on moving forward with her cancer and that's when I felt it was the right direction to go with it kept my mom around a little longer so thank you for the advice of moving forward with my mom we got to spend a little longer as her time came last year and passed away but with his advice it gave us more time with her with that said sending prayers and Big Hugs to family and friends



Ken marienau - November 16, 2025 at 12:32 PM

BJ

“ It was my good fortune to get to know Dave when we shared time at Morningside. As a fraternity brother and fellow cheerleader, we certainly had some good times. From the first day we met, I knew he would be a friend. He had a kind way about him and often had this great grin on his face which I loved. This world will miss him but heaven will rejoice in greeting him home. Rest in peace my friend!  
*Brian and Jami Johnson*

**Brian Johnson** - November 16, 2025 at 09:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. David Sokolowski.



November 15, 2025 at 08:56 PM

KF

“ Kelsey Echenique and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. David Sokolowski.



**Kelsey Echenique and family** - November 15, 2025 at 08:00 PM

KF

“ Kelsey Echenique and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. David Sokolowski.

**Kelsey Echenique and family** - November 15, 2025 at 08:00 PM

LR

“ Dave was my science partner in 7 the grade biology. I can remember dissecting a frog and a worm with him and was surprised to hear he'd become a doctor because he didn't seem to like dissection. He was always fun to work with though. Rest in peace, Dave.

Linda Thompson Rivers - November 15, 2025 at 06:42 PM

KR

“ Dr. Sokolowski's family: my sympathy on his passing. He always kept a cool head in all circumstances.



Kathy Campbell RN - November 15, 2025 at 03:32 PM

DM

“ I shot my first turkey with Soko and he shot his first birdhouse with me! 🤔 I will cherish all the great memories we had hunting along with all the chats at the hospital. I will miss ya bubby!

Del Miller - November 15, 2025 at 10:38 AM

TH

“ Tiffany Hartman lit a candle in memory of Dr. David Sokolowski



Tiffany Hartman - November 15, 2025 at 09:09 AM

JB

“ Dr. Sokolowski has done so much for my son and our family. So many years of just instinctively knowing what was needed even when he didn't have the words to tell Sok what was going on. So many years of pulling that phone out of his pocket as soon as he walked in so he could show Dustin pictures of his Grandbabies. Such an honor to know him. Sending so much love to his family

Jennifer Behlmann - November 14, 2025 at 10:23 PM

DB

“ IAM GOING TO MISS U 😭 DR SOKOLOWSKI U ARE A GRATE DR TO ME AND I LOVE U ❤️ DR SOKOLOWSKI AND U TAKE GOOD CARE OF ME



DUSTIN LEE BEHLMANN - November 14, 2025 at 10:23 PM

PR

“ Sincere condolences to the Sokolowski family. I was able to catch up with Dave at the recent football reunion at Morningside University. Great friend and classmate. RIP Dave.

Pat Rogers - November 14, 2025 at 10:06 PM

MF

Dave you are my special nephew, a one of a kind! You are my only nephew!! You are my treasured Godson! Which gave us a special bond! A lot of good memories in Tony, Wi. When we'd all get together for holidays on the farm! And treasured memories each year when you hosted us for our yearly trips! You will be greatly missed- but always in my heart❤️ Love your proud Aunt Mary Margaret Sharrah Figura

Mary M Figura - November 16, 2025 at 04:03 PM

MS

*Condolences & Prayers to all the Family... Very shocked to hear of his passing. Not only was he my Dr but also my friend.. We shared lots of laughs.. He helped nurse me back from death more than once..Last visit to him I expressed my concern for his well being. He patted me on the back and said " Thanks for caring about me buddy "....  
God Bless,,,Rest in Peace my Friend..*

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**Monty Sever** - November 18, 2025 at 08:14 PM