

David Arrington, a Texas native from Oak Cliff, launched his career in the oil and gas industry soon after graduating from Texas Tech University. In 1984, he moved to Midland, where he quickly established himself as a successful independent oil producer. His early achievements in drilling and exploration expanded into operations across multiple U.S. basins.

Throughout his career, David has demonstrated an ability to adapt to an ever-changing energy landscape. He was among the early pioneers in the Barnett Shale and later returned to the Permian Basin, where his focus on resource play drilling has further cemented his reputation as a leader in the industry.

Deeply committed to both family and community, David and his wife, Shelley—an educator—are proud parents of four children and grandparents to three. A lifelong fly fisherman, David blends passion with profession by naming many of his wells after trout flies. He is also a devoted collector of Ansel Adams' photography, often sharing his collection through teaching and lectures.

With a career defined by entrepreneurial vision, coupled with philanthropy and civic engagement, David continues to leave a meaningful mark on Midland and beyond.