



David Darwin Baer

November 6, 1933 - February 25, 2020

Dave Baer, 86, of Bloomington, Indiana, passed away on February 25, 2020.

He was born on November 6, 1933, to Gladys and David Baer, in Dubuque, Iowa. Following graduation from Franklin High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dave attended the University of Iowa for two years, and then joined the US Navy in 1953, attaining the rank of Lieutenant, having been a Red Hot Jet Pilot, primarily flying the A4D Sky Hawk off the USS Ranger Navy aircraft carrier in the Atlantic Ocean. Dave loved the A4D Sky Hawk, but occasionally had to fly the Vought F7U Cutlass, which he and his fellow pilots cursed with some frequency.

David met Terry, truly the love of his life in 1956, and they married in 1957, holding their reception in a converted chicken coop at Terry's parent's house in Pennsylvania, a story he loved to tell.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1958, Dave returned to the University of Iowa to finish his BBA degree in Finance in 1960. Dave was a successful banker for 40 years, starting his career at the Northern Trust in Chicago, and culminating at the Monroe County State Bank, (now Old National), where Dave served as President starting in 1981, retiring as President and Chairman of the Board in 2001.

Dave believed deeply in service. He served as Chairman of the Indiana Bankers Association, President of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, and on the Bloomington Hospital Board. He was also a proud recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash.

As much as Dave achieved professionally in his life, his favorite titles were Husband, Father and Grandpa. Dave and Terry were married for 62 years. His children include Scott (Kim) born in 1958, Anita (Peter) born in 1960, and Jenny (Charley) born in 1963. He and Terry have 9 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Dave is survived by his sister, Jean Glaza of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, his wife Terry of Bloomington, and his three children. Dave was a loving, generous, good-humored, patient and kind husband, father and grandfather who will be missed dearly and remembered eternally.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 29th from 11:00AM to 12:45PM at St. Mark's Methodist Church. The funeral service will follow at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Bloomington Health Foundation, Bloomington-Monroe County Community Foundation, or your favorite charity.

Events

FEB 29 **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:45PM

St Marks United Methodist Church
100 State Rd 46, Bloomington, IN, US, 47408

FEB 29 **Memorial Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of David Darwin Baer.



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“ Dave, Melissa, Colleen & Claire Buckley purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of David Darwin Baer.



Dave, Melissa, Colleen & Claire Buckley - February 27 at 01:27 PM



“ Dave (Uncle Darwin) was my hero my whole life. From the family gatherings as children, to our adventures in Europe as adults, he was there for me. When I moved to Europe way back in 1986, Dave paid for my trip home for Christmas as he knew how hard it was for my Mom that I was so far away. It was just one of those special things he did. Over the years we would meet up with Dave and Terry whenever they were in Europe, and from time to time also in the States. The most memorable trip was when my husband and I surprised them in Iceland in 2012. We all had the time of our lives. My family here in Belgium wishes Terry and my cousins and all their children courage and strength for the coming days and weeks. One day the tears will stop and we can focus on all the wonderful memories we have. I will miss you terribly. Your loving niece, Sann René



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