



Daniel W. Ebling

March 17, 1928 - April 6, 2020

Daniel W. Ebling passed away peacefully the evening of April 6th, 2020 at the Meadowood Retirement Community in Bloomington, Indiana. He was born on March 17, 1928 in Reading, Pennsylvania, the oldest son of Clarence D.S. Ebling and Irene Wagner Ebling. He lived for 92 years, 2 weeks, and 6 days. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of fifty-two years Loreen Naftzinger Ebling (2002), an infant son (1952), his brother Doug (2012) and sister-in-law June (2018), and his brother Byard (2018) and sister-in-law Nancy (2019).

He is survived by sons John (Diana) of Bloomington, IN and Mark (Diana) of Indianapolis, IN, grandchildren Lauren (Aaron) Brister of Shaker Heights, OH, Jacob (Johna) Ebling of Louisville, KY, and Megan Ebling and Mia Ebling of Indianapolis, and great-grandchildren Nolan Ebling Brister, Sylvi Monroe Brister, and Otto John Ebling.

His life included careers in three distinct fields: naval aviation, manufacturing, and education. Following graduation from Reading High School, Reading, PA in 1946, he enlisted in the US Navy's V-5 aviation program. He completed a two-year Associate in Arts Diploma at Valley Forge Military Academy and College in 1948. He was ordered to active duty at the US Navy's Preflight School in Pensacola, FL.

After completing flight training, he served as a pilot with Fighter Squadron 42, Carrier Air Group 6 in the Atlantic Fleet, during the Korean War. Lt. (j.g.) Ebling flew the F4U-4 Corsair fighter aircraft, completing 113 carrier landings.

He left the Navy at the end of his required commitment in 1953. Dan earned his BS in Economics from Albright College in 1955, and his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Indiana University in 1956. His thirteen-year manufacturing business career began in 1956 and included various manufacturing staff and management positions.

He was an Industrial Engineer and a Foreman with the Standard Control Division of Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Beaver, PA, Materials Manager with Federal-Mogul's BCA ball bearings plant in Greensburg, IN, and Manager of Marketing Research and Product Line Coordinator for the Household Products Division of Hamilton Cosco in Columbus, IN. After leaving Hamilton Cosco in 1969 he accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Purdue School of Technology, at the 38th Street Campus in Indianapolis. In 1971, Indiana University-Purdue University was established, and Dan became the first faculty person hired at the IUPUI Columbus campus. There he held the position of Assistant Director for Continuing Studies. On December 21, 1992 he retired from Indiana University as Associate Professor Emeritus.

Required courses in religion at Albright College led to a lifelong study of Christian theology. He became an agnostic. His humanistic philosophy conceptualized a God living in each of us as love, i.e. God is love. He believed death is a dreamless sleep, so eternity is just another night. Dan loved jazz music, particularly the big band genre. As a young man he was a drummer with the Ken Keely Orchestra, playing for dances in the Philadelphia region and at New Jersey Shore dance venues, including the Steel Pier in Atlantic City. At age 50 he resumed playing drums, performing with the Fritz Turner Orchestra in Central Indiana.

Dan dearly loved his sons, their wives, his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, Indiana University Football, and decades of yearly family beach vacations. His inurnment will be next to his wife Loreen in the Good Shepherd Church Cemetery, Tuckerton, Berks County, PA. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN are entrusted with arrangements.

Family and friends are encouraged to share condolences, photos, and memories at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

LA

“ I met Dan at Meadowood where my my mom lives. I loved meeting him and considered him a friend. Whenever I could I played him jazz tunes at the dinner table. Even though I knew him less than a year I will miss him.

Laurie - April 16, 2020 at 09:53 PM

LC

“ We lived a few blocks from Dan in Columbus, and we actually met him while we walked our dogs. Over time, he and his cute little dog, Sophie, would visit with us when we passed, and we enjoyed getting to know such a kind and friendly man. We were fascinated to read many things about his life that we never knew! We hope your memories will be a comfort during a difficult time. Laura and Dave Crossman

Laura and Dave Crossman - April 13, 2020 at 03:11 PM

KB

“ Dear John. Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family in your time of grief. May your memories of your Father bring you peace during this difficult time. Kindest regards, Kelly and Randy Barrow.

Kelly and Randy Barrow - April 11, 2020 at 09:54 AM

KK

“ Dear Mark and Diane and family..

I didn't get to meet your dad till the death of your mother. I remember how you were there for him in his grief even while you were grieving. You were with him on his journey after that, and I hope you can take comfort that your love surrounded him. May God bless you all. Bob and Kathy Kubiszewski

Kathy Ann Kubiszewski - April 10, 2020 at 10:33 PM

BR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Dan was such an incredible person. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Mark and Beth Rediker

Beth Rediker - April 10, 2020 at 10:17 AM

MK

“ What a wonderful and meaningful life you had prioritizing those important aspects of life and living it to the fullest. I always held you in the highest regard. You were a mentor to me as a good friend of your family and I even had the pleasure of attending one of your classes at IUPUI. You will be missed by all and loved eternally. Blessings to all the Ebling Family and may your Father rest beside his beautiful wife.

Mark Kalstrup - April 10, 2020 at 10:04 AM