



Dr. Ivor Kevin Davies

December 19, 1930 - May 13, 2024

Dr. Ivor Kevin Davies, 93 years old, of Bloomington, Indiana, passed away peacefully on May 13, 2024. Ivor was born on December 19, 1930, to Selena Stockton and Howard Davies in Birmingham, England. He achieved: B.A. & M.A. from the University of Birmingham, England; M.Sc. from the University of Illinois; Post-graduate Certification in Edu. from the University of Birmingham, England; and Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Nottingham, England. Ivor served 15 years in the British Royal Air Force (RAF), attaining the rank of Wing Commander. Here, he served in Special Operations and in the Office of the Government Chief Scientist. Postings included England, Jordan, and Cyprus.

In late 1971, he left the RAF and relocated with his wife, Shirley, and two young children, Simon and Michelle, to Bloomington, Indiana, where he started a new career as a Professor at Indiana University. He taught Doctorate students Industrial Psychology within the School of Education, while also providing freelance consulting, where he helped business leaders handle their strategic, leadership, globalization, and growth challenges. His client list included Caterpillar, Shell Int'l, AT&T, Allied Signal, Bayer, Eli Lilly, Whirlpool, and many more. Ivor worked five years developing an economic change strategy for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. For over 20 years, he worked for GE as one of their top senior consultants. Additionally, Ivor published 16 books (seven in multiple languages) and over 150 papers for professional

journals. There is much more that Ivor accomplished professionally, but it would require pages to write about.

For Ivor, work was his hobby. So, when he retired from Indiana University, he continued to consult until he was 82 years old. He became very active with Indiana University's Executive Education Program within the School of Business. He also loved travelling and walking, which he indulged in by going to London four times a year, where he had memberships at the Institute of Directors (MIOD), the prestigious Athenaeum Club, and the Royal Air Force Club. He traveled to Eaux Bonne, France – small town located within the Pyrenees – once a year to 'recharge' by staying at the Hotel de la Poste and walking the mountain trails. Ivor loved the Pyrenees so much that he and his wife, Shirley, always had at least one Great Pyrenees dog in their home. Finally, Ivor was an avid collector of Dornford Yates' (writer) 1st edition books, furniture, pictures, and paintings. He researched Dornford Yates extensively and nearly brought the house that Dornford Yates built in the Pyrenees prior to WWII – overlooking Eaux Bonne.

Ivor was a devote Roman Catholic, as such he has returned to his heavenly home and rejoined with his beloved wife, Shirley Diana Davies, the love of his life, married for over 50 years, and who died on November 11, 2021. Ivor is survived by his dog Dharma, son Simon, daughter Michelle (and husband Greg), and two grandchildren Katrina and Gavin, as well as niece Claire and nephews Martin and Guy with their collective families in England.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Bloomington Animal Shelter or the Monroe County Humane Association. Visitation will be held at St. Paul Catholic Center on Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 9-10 a.m. Service will also be held at St Paul on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 10 a.m. by Father Reginald Wolford.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Catholic Center
1413 East 17th Street
Bloomington, IN 47408

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Isten Veled, Tanár úr!*



András János Dr. Nádasi - October 15, 2025 at 10:54 AM

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“ *Dr. Davies was by far my favorite professor at IU. I always looked forward to his classes. He was entertaining, interesting and engaging. I just quoted one of his comments concerning wants, needs and desires to someone last week. He was a great man with a great mind! Ivor left his mark on me and countless others!*

Jeffrey T Miller - September 02, 2024 at 04:18 PM

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*Dr Davies was the best teacher of my lifetime. I remember my wife used to say when I came in the door in our marriage student housing apartment. You must've had a doctor Davies class today you're walking on air.
Do you remember saying that to me?*

Craig Brubaker - September 10, 2024 at 08:15 PM

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“ *Hermine Navarrete lit a candle in memory of Ivor Davies*



Hermine Navarrete - May 16, 2024 at 02:56 PM