

David Carl Beekley

January 18, 1941 - March 14, 2020

David Beekley passed away on March 14, 2020 at Charter One Living where he was in dementia care. David Carl Beekley was born in Pottstown, Pennsylvania on January 18, 1941. His parents were Dorothy Lachman Beekley and Harold Diffenderfer Beekley. His father was a tool and die maker at Doehler Jarvis, and his mother was a school secretary.

Everyone who knew David loved him for his off-beat sense of humor, his generous spirit, and kind soul. His wife Cynthia says he was a true feminist, even though he wouldn't acknowledge the title, but it is one that he truly deserved. He was a wonderful husband, father, and friend. He treated everyone equally, with kindness and care. He might swear at the machine he was trying to fix, but his frustrations were at things, not people. He was, in every sense, a true gentleman.

David graduated from Pottstown High School in 1958 and was a National Merit Scholar. He received a National Lead scholarship to the University of Toledo, where he graduated in 1962 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He was a member of ROTC at UT and entered the army in January, 1963. He served at Fort Riley, Kansas, in the Ordnance Division. David left the Army in 1965 and returned to Toledo. He graduated from the University of Michigan in December, 1966 with a master's degree in mechanical engineering. He worked for Owens Illinois for 16 years designing machinery and also assisting in the early development of solar collectors. He left Owens Illinois and went into business for himself briefly in 1982. Then he worked for Technology Concept Products and later for a machine design company in Adrian, Michigan. He finished his engineering career at Doehler Jarvis until the time they closed in 1996. He taught engineering and mathematics part time at the University of Toledo off and on and in 1998 became a full-time instructor in the mathematics department at UT. He retired in 2010.

He married Cynthia Xanthopoulos in June of 1962, and they were married for nearly 58 years. David was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Cynthia; two sons: Matthew (Amy) Beekley and grandchildren Nathan and Samantha, and Alec (Melodie) Beekley and grandchildren Alexandra and Wyatt; and his sister Linda (Bill) Jackowski.

David was an avid musician and jazz lover. He loved his trombone almost as much as he loved Cynthia. He played in many bands in the Toledo area including Jack Runyan's band (Night Sessions), Johnny Knorr's band, the University of Toledo Alumni Band, the Genoa American Legion Band, Rusty's, the Owens Community College Band, and the Polish American (PAC) Band. His sons inherited his love of music.

David was a member of the Society of Professional Engineers.

David tutored at McKinley School for 6 years in the Mentors in Toledo Program run by Jay Mirrow. After retirement, he and Cynthia traveled all over the world, often bicycling or hiking and collecting art with wonderful friends such as Gail and Jay Mirrow, Nancy Staub and Jack White, and Edie Rusch and Catherine Marshall.

Arrangements will be made by Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd, Toledo. David donated his body for science research. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Maumee, on Saturday, March 12th at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 9:30. The services will also be live streamed at Stpaulsmaumee.org, select David Beekley Memorial.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be given to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee, or the Owens Community College Band. Cynthia thanks all those who showed David care and love during the last years of his life, especially Comfort Keepers, Hospice of Northwest Ohio and the staff at Charter One Senior Living on Sylvania Avenue. Please leave a condolence message for the family at

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

310 Elizabeth St.

Maumee, OH 43537

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

RT

Cynthia,

I want to send my deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing of your husband. Hopefully, in this difficult time you will be comforted and supported by family and friends. May He keep you in the palm of His hand.

Rick Terpinski

Richard Terpinski - March 10 at 06:31 PM

CV

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 09 at 06:03 PM

PO

What a beautiful tribute to the life of Uncle David. He is missed!
Peggy Oberstaller

Peggy Oberstaller - March 12 at 12:30 PM

DB

Cynthia, I didn't know David, but I knew you. And knowing you means that David must have been a wonderful man.

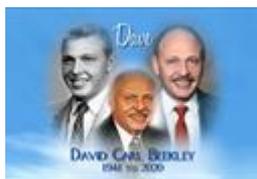
My condolences to you and your family.

God Bless You

denny barrett - March 08 at 02:50 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 07 at 07:34 AM

BM

To Cynthia and David's Family---We are so sorry for the loss of your wonderful Patriarch. We have known David and his family for over 50 years through school, scouts and sporting activities. Did not know of his outstanding musical talent. My Dad (Bev's) was also a musician, tool and dye maker and a teacher. Our sons are friends with Matt and Alec and their outstanding lives are a proud reflection of their parents. May his shining legacy stay in your hearts and minds forever. Bev & Ron Martin Holland, OH

Bev & Ron Martin - March 28, 2020 at 02:49 PM

DB

Cynthia and boys, We send our heartfelt condolences to your family. We have missed David as part of our church family on Sunday mornings, but have connected with him through you and through prayer. Keep safe and healthy through these trying times. Love and prayers, Don and Linda Baumgartner

Don & Linda Baumgartner - March 21, 2020 at 11:47 AM

TB

That laugh; that 'stache; that way of looking at life like no one else I had ever met up to that point in my young existence. From early on I knew this guy got it, even though I did not, nor even knew what "it" was back then, for that matter. To me the Beekleys were an NPR family and I came from more of a Battle of the Network Stars background. It was at Camp Beekley where I was first exposed to the likes of Weather Report, Spiro Gyra and Chick Corea vinyl, physical fitness, high expectations and, God forbid, vegetables. In addition to paying tribute to and memorializing Mr. Beekley, I want the entire Beekley family to know the hand you had in helping shape an impressionable kid from the South End, and for that I thank you. My life's journey may not have been smooth, simple or swift, but I know you all had a hand in calibrating my compass. God Bless!

Tim Boerst - March 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SW

Dear Cynthia and sons,
My deepest condolences on the loss of your husband and father.
Cynthia--I remember very well meeting David on more than one occasion and thought him a gracious and pleasant man. I know he will be missed.

Sam Wright, SHS

Sam Wright - March 19, 2020 at 10:07 AM

JN

Dear Cynthia & family

I'm so sorry for your loss. Even though David was ill, it is never easy to deal with the passing of a loved one. Be kind to yourselves at this very difficult time. Take care of each other, as I'm sure you will.

I met David only a few of times at Springfield gatherings. I do recall one such gathering at your old home. A group of us--including David-- were around a table laughing and chatting for a good length of time. He struck me as a very kind, gentle person.

Again, my sincerest sympathy.

Jane Nawrocki

Jane Nawrocki - March 18, 2020 at 07:55 PM



Cynthia and family,

We are sorry to read of David's passing. I have fond memories of him at Springfield events, and walks at Wildwood. Our hearts go out to you in this most difficult time. You and you family are in our prayers.

Sincerely Andy and Kathy Pease

Kathy Pease - March 18, 2020 at 04:30 PM

LL

Cynthia, Matt, Alec and families, heartfelt sympathy at the loss of your wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Jerry, Linda, and Melanie Lager

LINDA LAGER - March 18, 2020 at 11:26 AM

MK

Cynthia and family, my deepest condolence, We will keep you and yours in our prayers.

Mary Kern - March 18, 2020 at 11:03 AM

LK

Prayers and blessings for David and his lovely family.

Linda Karazim - March 18, 2020 at 08:43 AM

GL

Cynthia and family,

You have my sympathy! Dave is at peace and now blowing that trombone with all those that passed before him. It has been my pleasure and honor to have been sitting beside Dave in many different bands. Gerry Lonsway

Gerry Lonsway - March 17, 2020 at 08:40 PM

[Guiding Light Bouquet](#) was purchased for the family of David Carl Beekley.



March 17, 2020 at 01:56 PM