



Robert D. Becker

February 8, 1935 - February 25, 2015

EAST PEORIA- Robert D. Becker, 80, of East Peoria passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 10:30AM at his residence.

He was born February 8, 1935 in Peoria to Walter and Agnes Hawks Becker. He married Janice J. Walker on June 26, 1955 at Christ Lutheran Church in Peoria. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Douglas (fiancé Gretchen Piper) Becker of Peoria and Lynn Becker of Deer Park; grandchildren, Chad Grimm of Peoria, Kristina Bianchi of Michigan, Joseph Bianchi, Mia Bianchi, and Antonia Bianchi, all of Deer Park; three sisters, Annie (Leo) Sutkus of Montana, Marilyn (Dave) Peacock of Indiana, and Carol Becker of Wisconsin; two brothers, Bruce Becker and Brian Becker, both of Wisconsin; two sister-in-laws, Elaine Walker and Judie Murray, both of Peoria; one brother-in-law, Duane Walker of Florida; his mother-in-law, Janette Walker of East Peoria; and several nieces and nephews.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Walter Becker. Robert was a 1957 graduate of Bradley University, earning his Bachelors degree. He then attended Illinois State University to earn his Masters degree in Education. He began his career in 1962 as a teacher then as principal and after 28 years, he retired in 1990 as superintendent of District 86.

Robert proudly served his country in the United States Army for two years.

Robert was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Peoria. He was active throughout his community, serving on East Peoria Rotary Club, East Peoria

Jaycees, Peoria Elks Club, and also served as chairman for the Tazewell County Head Start. He loved to attend Bradley University ball games to cheer on his alumni. He always enjoyed his time square dancing with his wife and camping with their children years ago.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation, Haitian Heart Foundation or St. Paul Lutheran Church of Peoria.

There will be a funeral service for Robert on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 10:30AM at Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in East Peoria. Pastor Bill Dohle will officiate. There will be a visitation on Sunday, March 1, 2015 from 1-3PM at the funeral home and an additional visitation a half hour prior to the service on Monday. Interment will be at Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria.

Cemetery Details

Fondulac Cemetery

East Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - East Peoria
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Visitation

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Service

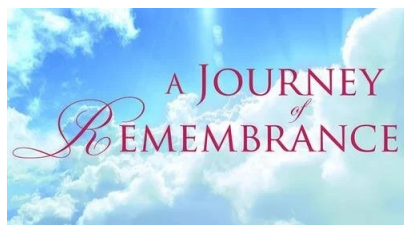
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Tribute Wall



“ *Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert D. Becker*



Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - March 04, 2015 at 02:44 PM

MK

“ *Robert was the Principal at Lincoln Grade School when I went there long, long, ago. I dare say some of my troublemaking friends and I even received a swat or two from the feared wooden swatter that was an intrinsic part of his office. Believe me... we deserved it. Later in life I understood Robert to be someone who wanted what was best for his students. He was a very kind and considerate human being who always had everyone else's well being as his incentive. When I faced a time in my life that was at it's lowest point Robert stood up for me. He did not hesitate. For this I always have been and always will be thankful to that man. Rest In Peace Robert... My Friend.*

Mike Keough

Mike Keough - March 01, 2015 at 05:43 PM

MR

“ *Doug: I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. Hold your memories close.*

Mary Reising

Mary Reising - February 28, 2015 at 05:21 PM

ME

“ So sorry to hear about Bob as my Mom and Dad, Esther and Bill Billings, were friends with Bob and Jan.

Mark Billings and Mike Emerson

Mike Emerson - February 28, 2015 at 03:55 PM

JS

“ Janice, So sorry to hear about Bob. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Jackie Demmin Smith.

Jacklyn Smith - February 28, 2015 at 03:35 PM

GK

“ Doug and family, I was so sorry to hear about your dad passing. I had met him a couple of times and could tell he was one of the good guys, wish I could have known him better. Thinking of you as you end one journey with your dad and begin a new one. Deepest sympathy to you all.
Gayle (previously with your State Farm agency)

Gayle Kiesow - February 28, 2015 at 01:10 PM

SL

“ I'll always remember Mr. Becker as a great teacher. He made his classed fun and interesting. He was a wonderful role model for hundreds of children.

*Former student
Sally Koestner Larson*

Sally Larson - February 27, 2015 at 07:57 PM

Jl

“ We go back many years with Bob and Jan and our memories will always be special to us. Our prayers and thoughts are with the entire family and we pray God blesses each of you with extra strength, comfort, and His perfect peace. Much love, Joyce and Wayne Ingalls



Joyce and Wayne Ingalls - February 27, 2015 at 05:23 PM

HW

“ May the wonderful memories of joys in years past bring you peace and consolation. "Bobby" was the only name I recall him being called. He and my sister, Mary Wade Powell, were friends during their days at Manual Training High School and later at Bradley. May he rest in peace.

Helen Wade - February 27, 2015 at 09:32 AM