



David A. Balane

May 18, 1939 - September 15, 2024

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of David A. Balane (aka- Papa Dave, the Old Guy, Florida Dave) on September 15, 2024. He was born in Racine, WI to Edward and Irene (Kwiecinski) Balane. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and he married his high school sweetheart, Margaret during his senior year of college.

He served his ROTC commitment as a 1st Lt. in the Army for two years before beginning his successful career as a civil engineer specializing in steel decking. His most notable accomplishment was the retractable fan-shaped roof of Miller Baseball Park.

Once he retired, he was actively involved as a volunteer at the Interfaith Food Pantry in Carol Stream, IL, and then later at St. Matthew's House in Bonita Springs, FL. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, telling jokes, and watching ND football (go Irish!). However, his greatest pleasure was spending time with family and taking his granddaughters on his legendary Papa Dave adventures!

He is survived by children Michael (Cynthia) Balane and Susan (Steven) Becker; granddaughters Amanda (Jon Perkins) Balane and Claire (Dylan Thompson) Balane; great-grandson Arthur Perkins; and sister Mary Jo

Gruener. He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret and by daughter Katherine McKinney. He was loved by many for his positive and fun-loving attitude and will leave behind a legacy of service to others.

Funeral services will be held privately at a later date. Memorials may be made to Avow Hospice, St. Matthew's House, or your local food pantry.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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