



David Curtis Egberg

October 13, 1942 - September 28, 2017

David Curtis Egberg
Bonita Springs, Florida

David Curtis Egberg, 74, of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away at home on Thursday, September 28, 2017. Formerly of Minneapolis, MN, he had been a Bonita Springs resident since 2006. He was born October 13, 1942 in Minneapolis, the son of Charles Lewis and Helen Amanda (née Fromviller) Egberg.

David attended Patrick Henry High School in Minneapolis, Macalester College in St. Paul, and after serving in the Air Force, completed his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry at the University of Minnesota. He began his career at General Mills and went on to Novartis Medical Nutrition as the Vice President of Research and Development.

Dr. Egberg is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Jacqueline Rose (née Ekstrom) Egberg; his beloved children, Jennifer (Brad) West of Downingtown, PA, Sarah Egberg of Bonita Springs, FL and Matthew Egberg of Chapel Hill, NC; brothers and sister, John (Judy) Egberg of Kalispell, MT, Judy (Ronald) Francis of Pipestone, MN, Dale Egberg of Minneapolis, MN and Charles (Sandy) Egberg of New Brighton, MN; and four cherished grandchildren, Benjamin, Nicholas, Hannah and Charlie.

Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to The Salvation Army.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Curtis Egberg*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I am so saddened to have just learned of Dave's passing. I have many memories of his kindness, and his quiet, witty humor. At one point in my career, I wanted to switch to working part-time so I could be home more with my small children. Dave created a part-time position for me in Health Risk Management, so I could do so. He valued family so much. I also remember one time being on a business boat cruise on Lake Minnetonka. I was admiring the beautiful homes when Dave quietly said, "Yes, they are. Good thing none of that is important." I've always remembered that when I've needed perspective. Dave hosted my going away party at his home. He was generous, grounded, focused, and a calming presence during turbulent times. I will miss him, and wish his family many happy, comforting memories in the days ahead.*

Kathy Bedford

Kathy Bedford - October 25, 2017 at 09:48 PM

MV

“ David worked for me for a very short period of time (1year) before I was relocated back to New Jersey. From the moment I met him he was kind, welcoming, helpful and extremely earnest about getting the job done. He spent many hours with me bringing me up to speed and later creating a few new projects together. I was always impressed with his willingness to onboard new thoughts and carefully consider them. He was a true gentleman and pleasure to work with. He was an important asset to me and the company and was loved and appreciated by all who came in contact with him. I know he will be sorely missed.--Mike Valentino

Michael Valentino - October 23, 2017 at 02:02 PM

HO

“ Dear Jackie – Hearing the news of Dave’s passing was met with much sadness. Dave and I had dinner in Golden about a year ago and I last spoke with him a couple months ago. Dave was a tremendous colleague, trusted friend, and mentor to me over the last 20 years. I always learned something when I was with Dave but more importantly we always laughed and had fun, whether it just having lunch, going on a Lake Minnetonka boat ride or traveling half-way around the world together. He always had his priorities straight ... especially when it came to his family. I will miss him.



Hank OBrien - October 22, 2017 at 10:43 AM

LB

“ Sarah, Mr. Egberg's daughter, was my college roommate. He was always so supportive and involved. We spent many occasions together over the years; Mr. Egberg was warm and welcoming. He will be missed dearly. My sympathies to Sarah, Charlie, Mrs. Egberg and the family.

Leah Blissenbach Bice - October 05, 2017 at 03:11 PM

GH

“ Dear Jackie, It was the summer of 1965, Denny Vanvick, Jack Stolski, and I drove up to a house in Denver, Colorado. We saw Dave in the back yard mowing the lawn. Craig Canham, Marc Wanvig and Dave were in Colorado that summer working for the Gas Company cleaning up after a flood in Colorado. I remember Dave as being very responsible and careful to do things the way. He was funny and fun to be around, Family came first, and he was deeply in love with his wife, Jackie. we will miss you Dave, thanks for the memories, Gene Hammerlund

Gene Hammerlund - October 05, 2017 at 02:37 PM

GR

“ I worked with and for Dave for most of the twenty years I was at Novartis. He was always encouraging and supportive. I enjoyed our conversations on such a variety of topics. I can echo the comment of Wendy, Sharon, and Ann. It was a pleasure knowing and working for Dave. I know he will be missed by his family. May memories provide comfort for years to come.

Gary Richter

Gary Richter - October 05, 2017 at 01:21 PM

NG

“ David agreed to have me work for him back in 1989 when I joined Sandoz R&D. I immediately realized that I was working with an extraordinary leader. From making everyone feel valued to drawing structures and pathways on the board, David seemed to be able to do it all. He was a steady pilot even when multiple changes at the top caused the direction to zig and zag. It was always a pleasure to meet with David for a drink after he had retired and catch up on where he had journeyed. I hope that his family can continue to cherish their own memories of the good times that they had with him. From a big David C. Egberg fan, Norm Greenberg

Norman Greenberg - October 05, 2017 at 08:55 AM

RW

“ Rollie W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of David Curtis Egberg.



Rollie W. - October 04, 2017 at 11:07 AM

SG

“ I worked for Dave during my 13 years at Novartis. Dave was always the true selfless leader. He had a clear sense of right and wrong which was always his guiding compass. People always came first. It is hard to find these qualities in leaders today. I feel very fortunate to have known and worked for Dave. I suspect we are all better people for having known Dave. He was also very smart and quick to use his smarts to solve a problem. I'll never forget when my dog ran into a skunk and I told him that the vet recommended a mix of hydrogen peroxide, baking soda and dish soap. Dave the organic chemist quickly drew out the chemical reaction showing me how this worked! If there is a heaven, Dave is in the front row.
Sharon Gohman

sharon Gohman - October 04, 2017 at 09:34 AM

AE

“ Dear Egberg Family,
I had the honor and privilege of working for Dave at Novartis Nutrition. His leadership, wit, wisdom and wicked smarts made our work environment fun, strong and productive. Dave would often have us crying tears of laughter at our project review meetings. Because he was so wonderful we worked hard for him but also knew he had our back when things weren't going according to plan. Just a top notch human being who made his mark on the world.
Ann Erickson

Ann Erickson - October 03, 2017 at 05:21 PM

CC

“ Cary & Cindy Charlson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Curtis Egberg.



Cary & Cindy Charlson - October 03, 2017 at 12:02 PM

WR

“ Egberg Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I worked as Dave's Administrative Assistant the last years before his retirement from Novartis. He was a wonderful person and always kind and caring. Not to mention smart....I remember he dazzled us all with his chemical equations. One time in particular he wrote an equation on the whiteboard and of course none of us "non-Chemistry" people knew what it was. He later told us it was for BEER. He had a great sense of humor and cared about the people that worked for him in R&D. Another time I was talking with him about my review and writing on it all the things that I had done/accomplished, which I was having trouble with. He told me that if "you don't toot your own horn, no one is going to toot it for you". I always remember that and am proud to state my accomplishments instead of down playing them. He was one of a kind and touched many lives through his journey in life. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

*With deepest sympathy,
Wendy Remmers*

Wendy Remmers - October 03, 2017 at 09:20 AM

DP

“ It's hard to say how much we enjoyed knowing Dave. From the day i met him -- at Sarah's closing on the purchase of her house next door to us -- I knew a gentle, friendly soul. Over the years, we'd look forward to his and Jackie's trek back to Minnesota: Then we could talk, take a little wine, good-naturedly disagree on the politics of the day. The only downside was the embarrassment I had to face at how tireless he was: pulling up shrubs, setting a brick stoop in 90 degree heat. We've missed him these last couple of years, and we are bereft that we will not see him again until the Final Great Reunion.

Our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends and our firmest hugs to Jackie, Sarah, and Charlie.

Dwight Penas and Kathy Thurston

Dwight Penas - October 02, 2017 at 07:35 PM