



David P. Blaker

April 21, 1918 - February 11, 2010

David Blaker, beloved husband, father and friend, passed away on February 11, 2010. He is survived by Marilyn, his bride of 55 years. Their children are Dan Blaker and his wife Jimmie Carol, his daughters April Rayborn and her husband Robert, and Dawn Clabough and her husband Doug. Grandchildren and their spouses are Melody Lozano and her husband Joel, Jonathan Blaker and his wife Nancy, Anne Howard and her husband Steve, Ryan Hiner, Kimberly Rayborn, Rob Rayborn, Blake Hiner and Tad Clabough. Great-grandchildren are Jake and Jacie Lozano, with another great-granddaughter due to be born in June to Jonathan and Nancy Blaker. Dave was very happy to learn of this expected birth just before he died.

David was born in Seattle, WA. to Percy and Maybelle LeVake Blaker on April 21, 1918. He began his work career at Boeing during WW II, building B-17s and serving as liaison to Northrop Grumman Aircraft in Los Angeles. He later served in the US Navy. After the war he was employed by Western Geophysical in Los Angeles, who transferred him to work in the Permian Basin oil reserves in West Texas. He later accepted a new position with Smith Bits, where he was assigned to West Texas and New Mexico as their distributor. Offices were established in Odessa, TX, Hobbs, NM and Farmington, NM, which gave him a good excuse to buy and fly a Beechcraft Bonanza airplane. During that time Dave also developed, patented and manufactured a piece of drilling equipment that was sold along with the drilling bits. Always the entrepreneur, Dave and a partner were challenged by

purchase of a rural independent telephone exchange in Oklahoma, which soon expanded to three telephone exchanges in that state. Modernization of the facilities, complete with state-of-the-art equipment and underground lines was completed over a period of a few years. The exchanges were sold in 1969, at which time the Blakers moved to Houston where they have lived ever since. During that time, they established a medical personnel recruitment firm, one of the first in the country to concentrate on the medical field. The company is presently owned by their daughter, Dawn Clabough.

Dave and Marilyn loved to travel worldwide, and spent many happy trips with family and friends. His favorite location was Bora Bora in Tahiti, which they visited four times. He also loved classical music which he enjoyed sharing with friends. He later developed a talent for woodworking, making children's toys in the Buckingham workshop.

Dave was a member of the Memorial Church of Christ where he served as a Deacon and an Elder for many years. He was also a volunteer Chaplain in the Texas Medical Center, working at The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIRR) and Texas Childrens Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Blaker are scheduled for Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Wooster Funeral Home Chapel with Joe Terrell officiating. Interment will be in the Foster Cemetery under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Lifeline Chaplaincy/Compassionate Touch, 1415 Southmore Blvd, Houston, TX 77004-5845, or to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel
1601 S. Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, Ok

Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of David P. Blaker*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *David P. Blaker*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *We suffer immensely with your loss.
His death causes us deep sympathy toward toward his great family
and his many, many friends.##imported-begin##Dorrace and Virgil
Poe##imported-end##*

February 19, 2010 at 12:13 PM



“ *I want to express to the family my heartfelt condolences for your
loss. How wonderful, though, that Dave has left each of you so
many great memories to carry you through this time. Dave was a
man to be admired for his insight, his faith and love for his family.
Please know my prayers that God will provide you with peace are
with you all.##imported-begin##Beth Little##imported-end##*

February 14, 2010 at 04:38 PM



“ *Dearest Aunt and family.*

It is such a sad time for all of us but especially those of you that were so close to Uncle Dave. For Dan ,Dawn & April it was losing their Dad. All of you grandchildren have lost your Grandpa and good friend.

For Marilyn it was losing her best friend, her strength, her advisor, her constant companion and lover. This is much harder for her.

So children, stay close to her and try to remind her that someday she will be reunited with him.

Sending you all much love and many hugs to keep each other comforted.

Ken & Sue Blaker###imported-begin##Ken & Sue Blaker###imported-end##

February 14, 2010 at 10:23 AM



“ *Marilyn and family,*

I watched your absolutely wonderful tribute video and read the obituary. Dave lived a full life and was surely loved. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love in Christ,

Cathy and Bill Rhea###imported-begin##Cathy and Bill Rhea###imported-end##

February 13, 2010 at 11:25 PM



“ Marilyn, to you and your family, I want to express my sympathy and pray that God will bless you all with peace and comfort during this time. Many years have passed since our school days at Foster & Elmore City, but just wanted you to know that I was thinking of you. I talked with Don briefly at the "Ritz" at E.C. last year sometime. With pleasant memories of past years.##imported-begin##Beryl (Stribling) Scroggins##imported-end##

February 13, 2010 at 07:47 PM



“ Marilyn and family. My thoughts and prayers are for you to granted the peace and strenght to endure the long days ahead of you. May God keep you in his loving hands. Love Patty and family##imported-begin##Patty Tomlinson McKee##imported-end##

February 13, 2010 at 12:36 AM



“ Your family has been a second family to me. I have so many fond memories of times spent together. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Jody##imported-begin##Tom, Jody and Courtney Castillo##imported-end##

February 12, 2010 at 07:01 PM



“ *May God's presence and His blessings comfort your family during this difficult time. April is my friend, and a friend to many at Turner Construction. From her stories, I know Mr. Blaker will be sorely missed. God bless you, and keep you.*

Sally Strandquest##imported-begin##*Sally Strandquest*##imported-end##

February 12, 2010 at 09:00 AM



“ *Dear Ones,
How blessed I am for Dave to have been a part of my life. Now he and Daddy are home together. They were, indeed, world changers. They will live in my heart until I join them in heaven to the praise of His Glory.*

My love to all,

Christi##imported-begin##*Christi Stinson*##imported-end##

February 11, 2010 at 03:26 PM