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Decatur - Richard Barnett, of Decatur, passed away Wednesday January 12, 2022, at HSHS St. Mary's Hospital.

Born to William G. and Frances Barnett, Richard was shown early on that hard work, dedication, and gratitude were the keys to a happy life. In middle school he met the love of his life, Doris, and they married in college. During their time at the U of I they became devoted and lifelong Illini basketball fans. Richard played tenor saxophone in the school's marching band and the Ben Bradley Band in addition to raising 3 kids. His drive helped him become a competitive league bowler, an exceptional golfer, and excel at every sport he took on.

He was very committed to, and accomplished in, his career as a registered professional engineer at Tate & Lyle (A.E. Staley), but family vacations were a priority and highlight in his life. Spending this quality time with his loved ones was wholeheartedly cherished. As a man of the Methodist faith and member of South Side Country Club, he never forgot the importance of community.

Richard never let an opportunity pass by to show those close to him that they were loved. He was a true gentleman and treated everyone with respect. There will be an emptiness in the world where he once stood.

Surviving are his wife Doris; children: William (Kelli), Diana (Thomas), and Barbara; grandchildren: Jessica, Justin (Kevin), Zachary, Dylan, Macy, Aaron, and Lyndsey; great grandchildren: Harper and Harrison; niece Debbie (Jon); cousins and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved sister, Joanne.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



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Memorial donations may be made in his name to any charity close to your heart. Suggested organizations are AMBUCS, Piatt County Animal Shelter, and St. Jude's Hospital.

The family of Richard Barnett is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2091 N Oakland Ave, Decatur, IL 62526.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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PI

Pierino lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Richard and Doris were always so kind to my family they are such generous people Richard was Sacha generous man you'll be truly missed my thoughts and prayers go out to their families in Jesus Christ name amen

January 23 at 10:04 AM



BI

Barbara Incarnato posted:

My late husband and I worked with Dick for many years. He was a wonderful and sweet man. I think of him often. My deepest sympathy to his family.Barbara Incarnato

January 22 at 4:39 AM

BH

Barbara Hazelrigg posted:

We share great memories and deepest sympathy with all of Richard's family.Rick and Babs Hazelrigg

January 18 at 4:57 AM

CD

Carol Debrun January 25 at 6:52 PM

Dick was my favorite boss at Staley's. My husband and I became friends with Dick and Doris and we have countless recollections of memories made with them. Dick was one of the kindest, most generous man that I have ever met. He willCertainly be missed. Heartfelt condolences to the Barnett family.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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