



## David George Guerdan

January 22, 1934 - May 25, 2020

David George Guerdan, age 86 of Maitland, Florida, passed away on May 25, 2020. David was born in New York, New York on January 22, 1934 to George Arthur & Ruth (McCaw) Guerdan. He was raised in Bronxville, New York and later graduated from Hobart College in Geneva, NY. He served in the United States Navy for nearly 20 years, both Active Duty and in the Reserves. He served on the USS Ranger aircraft carrier and later flew as a navigator. His time in the military took him from California to New York to Minnesota and eventually Florida. He loved our military and was proud of his numerous relatives and grandsons who served our country. The Boy Scouts of America was also a very important part of David's life. He served as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Chartered Organization Representative for Boy Scout Troop 625. He was an Eagle Scout and was thrilled to see his 3 sons and 2 grandsons obtain the honor as well. David was an avid sailor and longtime member of the Orlando Yacht Club.

He is survived by his loving wife Edith (Peck) Guerdan of 62 years, son John Guerdan of Douglasville, GA, daughter Laura Underhill of Bath, NY, son Dave (Tina) Guerdan of Maitland, FL, son James (Elizabeth) Guerdan of Falmouth, ME, daughter Kathy Joseph of Winter Park, and grandchildren Amanda, Andy & Billy Underhill; Michael & Ryan Guerdan; Dalton, Cole & Brady Joseph and Emily and Jason Guerdan. Additional family includes sister, Constance Olsen of Falmouth, ME and sister-in-law Carol Guerdan of Lexington, KY along with

many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Inurnment will take place at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims, Florida at a date to be determined.

The family of David George Guerdan invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

In lieu of flowers we ask that you please mail a donation to

Advent Health Foundation-Hospice Care

550 East Rollins Street

6th Floor

Orlando, FL 32803

or you can use their secure website to make a donation with your credit card to

<https://www.adventhealth.com/foundation/adventhealth-foundation-central-florida/donate-hospice-care>

A funeral service and full military honors ceremony will take place. Please contact the Guerdan family directly for details.

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Dear Edie,

*We were so saddened to hear of Dave's death, and we hope that all the memories you have of your years together will help you during these difficult days. Dave and Jack were good friends at Hobart, and Dave was an usher at our wedding in August, 1954. He, John Tolmie and Jack were inseparable during their college years, and I was able to share a bit in that friendship until graduation separated us. We, too, have fond memories.*

*Our sincerest condolences...*

*Jack and Barbara Abbott*

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**John/Barbara Abbott** - July 01, 2020 at 01:31 PM

MB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, I found the obituary this when i woke up thinking about my youth and sailing on lake Conway (OYC) with the Mr. Guerdan and family. Mr. Guerdan was someone I always respected and looked up to. I largely attribute my life long love of sailing to his patient coaching and love of helping others learn, i will always remeber him fondly. The whole Guerdan family left an edelible impression on me and my brothers. The love of sailing carried through my adult life on the Southern Chesapeake at FBYC and now we carry on the tradtion with my children year round in St Pete w. Thanks you will be missed.*

*Matt Braun*

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**Matthew Braun** - June 17, 2020 at 09:39 AM

SH

“ The Guerdan family lived next door to us in Mound Mn during the Late 60's and early 70's. They were great neighbors and Dave was a great father. I remember fondly football games in the front yard, swimming at Dutch Lake, neighborhood fun nights, Jaycee parties and snowmobiling. We were so sad when they moved to Florida! The Guerdan family welcomed all of my family (the Ulrick's) into their lives! Edie took care of Me when I broke my arm, shared many coffee breaks with my mom and the kids all played together! Dave was a loving father, proud of his family and military status and always joined in the fun! Years later I visited them in Florida and had a delightful lunch and afternoon! We were blessed by your family Dave! Condolences and prayers for all! Sandy (Ulrick) Hillyer of Lakeville Minnesota

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**Sandy Hillyer** - June 16, 2020 at 11:20 PM

BW

“ I am so sad to hear of Mr. Guerdan's passing. I was in Troop 625 with all of his sons, and we had some great times as scouts together. Mr. Guerdan was an excellent leader and role model. Always kind, thoughtful and a strong role model. I hope he knew how many young men he taught grew up to be good men. My life is better today from knowing him. I am happy that he had such a rich family life, I could tell that was one of his greatest joys, besides scouting and sailing. I am very sorry I could not be there in person, but I am there in spirit. River Rats forever!

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**Ben Wilson** - June 14, 2020 at 10:33 PM

NT

“ Nate and Katie Travis would like to extend our sympathy for your family loss and send our prayers that your remembrance is joyful

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**Nate and Katie Travis** - June 11, 2020 at 12:11 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Debbie Mitchell** - June 11, 2020 at 07:16 AM

PJ

“ We have fond memories of Mr. Guerdan and scouting as our sons were in Troop 625 with Michael and Ryan. Mr. Guerdan shared many a Thanksgiving feast with us at various campsites where the scouts did the cooking. He was always a part of the big events, watching Pinewood Derbies, Courts of Honor, and supported fundraisers like wreath and Christmas tree sales. He loved his country and community; we will miss his smile and kindness always. Love, The Jackson family

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**Pam Jackson** - June 07, 2020 at 02:11 PM

TG

“ I can't imagine a better father in law. He welcomed me into the family in 1988 and I always felt loved and accepted. We would get into heated conversations over random topics but no matter what we always loved each other. I cherish every memory and am so thankful I was apart of his life. He gave me the gift of an amazing son who became my lifelong love. I will miss you always and cherish every memory! I love you Grandpa Guerdan!!

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**tina guerdan** - June 07, 2020 at 12:58 PM

KM

“ All my love to Miss Edie and family. I'll always remember Mr. Dave coming to my rescue when I was stuck in the middle of the lake in my little pram. One of so many loving and fun memories of growing up with the Guerdans. I know I haven't seen you in many years but the joy of those times lives with me forever.

With Love,  
Kimberly Mitchell

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**K Mitchell** - June 05, 2020 at 12:20 PM

RR

“ Dave and I go back to the mid-70s when I joined the Orlando Yacht Club. Sailing was new to me. Dave was one of the first to welcome my family and me into the club. He was friendly and very helpful. In fact, his kids helped my kids learn to sail. Dave made getting together on Sunday afternoons at OYC a lot of fun for the whole family.

Even though our sailing days had passed Dave and I remained good friends. We only lived three miles apart but we would talk for hours on Skype. I can remember many times Edie would come in and interrupt a very important conversation just to tell Dave it was time to eat. Of course, all of our hours long talks were very important because we were solving world problems.

I will miss those Skype calls and our occasional get together for a beer.

Sail On Good Buddy

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**Ray Renfro** - May 31, 2020 at 07:47 PM



*My Dad Ray taught me how to sail and My Uncle Dave Guerdan taught me the pram theory. Together with RIP Walter Braun, RIP Beth Winklar, RIP Jimmy Deans, Hobie Alter, and RIP Sierra Emory. I became a champion sailor. Thank you God for sharing our lives with one another.*

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**Julia Renfro** - June 17, 2020 at 01:24 PM

SH

“*Oh Dave, you have gone alone.. Tim is there, just smile and he will find you. Edie and I will come along later. We had such fun for so many years. Stephanie*

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**Stephanie Hochuli** - May 29, 2020 at 09:16 AM