



Del George Beckerat

February 27, 2019

Del George Beckerat left to be with his Lord on Wednesday, February 27, 2019. Born on July 3rd, 1926 in Bochum, Germany. He came to the United States through Ellis Island, N.Y. With his mother Anna Marie. He entered military service during WWII with the Navy which included tours in Japan and Africa. After the service Mr. Beckerat attended Bliss College and graduated with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration. He went to work in the transportation industry as a freight loader, drove trucks, Salesman (Salesman of the year nationally) and worked his way up to Terminal Manager for Ryder Truck Lines in Tampa, Largo, Florida and Savannah, Georgia. After leaving Ryder after 30 years, he worked for Maislin Transportation and ABF Transportation. In retirement he as a liason with the Destination Tampa Bay. Mr. Beckerat was devoted to charity and community. He was a Life Member of Elks Lodge #1224, St. Petersburg, American Legion Post 273, Madeira Beach. He was a Master Mason with New England #4 Lodge, Worthington, Ohio and a Shriner. All with over 50 year memberships. He participated in Charity Newsies, Columbus, Ohio; German/American Society, Pinellas Park and Toastmasters International. He was a founding member of Neighborhood Watch in St. St. Petersburg and brought forth many safety changes including speedbumps, sidewalks and traffic lights for children and neighbors. Athletics were his passion, he was devoted to fitness and health. He was a valued member at Tyrone Racquetball Club and Lifestyle Fitness Center where he excelled in racquetball, handball, weight lifting and mentoring others. He

enjoyed all sports and was a Golden Gloves boxer recognized by the USA Olympic Committee for his numerous contributions as a volunteer/advisor. Del is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Christa, who has been at his side for 42 years; children: Michael Del (Kathy) Beckerat; Pamela Sue (Dan) Smith, Deborah Ann Beckerat all of Ohio; step-daughter/caregiver, Christa Wagner of St. Petersburg; grandchildren: Tara Giuliani, Shannon Stinson, Meagan Lantz, Michael Beckerat, Heidi M. Taylor, Timothy Emrich, Matthew Wilkinson and Pamela Wilkinson all of Ohio and Tennessee. Viewing will be held at the R. Lee Williams & Son Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 5th from 1-3 and 5-7 pm where there will be an honorary Elk Service and a Masonic Service. Graveside Services at Memorial Park Cemetery at 12 Noon Wednesday, March 6 with Military Honors.

Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Del George Beckerat uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cheryl J. - Neighbor posted a condolence Christa, through your sadness and hurt may you, family and friends find a measure of both hope and comfort from Almighty God by means of Jesus promises: Imagine living without fear of sickness, pain or death in perfect conditions on earth forever! God, never intended mankind to get sick, grow old or die; Rev 21:4 promises conditions as originally purposed; "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."*

Cheryl J. - Neighbor - March 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Deborah Beckerat - Daughter posted a condolence My Dearest Daddy you are Ann.d will always be the best dad in the world! No one can ever take the bond we had away. You raised me with amazing faith. To know right from wrong. To be truthful. And I will see you again and So will Mike and Pam. You are with Jesus now. I love you daddy. You are free! Love Debbie Mike and Pam*

Deborah Beckerat - Daughter - March 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Pamela Smith - Daughter posted a condolence Dad, Daddy, You have now gotten your wings. Rest in peace with your heavenly Father. You made your children so very proud of you for so many reasons. You taught us right from wrong, honesty, truth, to stand proud of who we are, head up and shoulders back. We wish we could have had more conversations and visits in your last years of life. It wasn't in our control. You always protected us and taught us the right way to live. You took us to church exposing us to eternal truths that would shape the remainder of our life. As your children we always have the memories of how you loved us. No time, no distance, no power, not even death can remove you from our hearts. And daddy our blessed assurance is that we will be together again.....forever. Love you. Mike, Pam and Debbie

Pamela Smith - Daughter - March 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MS

“Michael Del Beckerat - Son posted a condolence Dear Dad: Your earthly journey is over and you are safely in the arms of Jesus, our LORD and Savior! You were always hopeful that The LORD would "allow you to sweep the streets of Heaven".....by now you know that the streets are gold & don't need to be swept; and you are much more precious to HIM than you could possibly imagine. We, your children rest in the knowledge that we too will join you in our ETERNAL Home. You were, are and always will be our hero as well as "DAD". Though time, distance and circumstances of life did not permit near enough opportunity to be together with you; the time and times we were together made such a life-lasting impression that our children and even our grandchildren know about Grandpa Beckerat and how much your children love you. Some have memories of Florida, the beach and Bush Gardens. Some of us cherish memories of grouper sandwiches and conversation shared on St. Pete Beach. One of us has memories of you ALWAYS waxing him in racquetball; no matter how hard he played.....20+ years older you were a machine on the courts! Many of them will always remember "Grandpa HARDBODY!" You left us good tracks to walk in Dad! Our spouses who knew you loved you and are so thankful for the times together with you. One of Kathy's fondest memories is you sitting at her grandmother's piano and playing beautiful notes from that old upright. Another on the back deck singing in German to a couple of totally enamored young grandchildren who were awestruck. You spent days journaling with Kathy and loved her cooking-always asking for recipes. Pam and her home were "home base" for you in Ohio. She took great care of you and was so pleased to wait on you and make "Daddy's room" ready for those visits. Debbie always loved her "Daddy" & thought that the sun rose and set on you. Honestly; you were "bigger than life" to us most of the time. Those that had time with you Dad, still talk of precious memories from many years ago. As children, we were blessed to have a DAD who provided for us well (even if it meant 2 jobs and travel); a DAD who dressed us for Church and walk hand in hand with his 2 daughters & son in tow to Sunday morning Services on Spring and Summer days in Clintonville. You

always gave us your best-taught us to make our beds, clean our rooms, clean up after meals and STOP chewing nails! You made us better people; and most of all you loved us. You taught us to love GOD, love our family and love our country. How we have missed you Dad and how grateful we are for the memories of you in our lives.....how we loved and do love you and are so very proud of you and thankful that we can call you "DAD" Your picture surely reflects the man you were. A great man! Our sympathy to all who knew you, all who loved you and called you friend. However, we know that all who had the privelege of knowing you are much richer for the relationship. Our heartfelt sympathy to your family & much appreciation for their love for you & for final care and arrangements. We love you DAD! Oh one last thought....."Semper Fi" Your Kids

Michael Del Beckerat - Son - March 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Rev. Jefferson C. Lake - Chaplain of Egypt Shrine Temple in Tampa, Florida posted a condolence Egypt Shriners wish to extend their condolences to the family and friends of Noble Del George Beckerata brother Mason and Shriner. Feel free to contact me at my cell Phone anytime. 863-397-1219 Peace Be With You! Sincerely Yours, Rev. Noble Jefferson C. Lake, Chaplain, Egypt Shriners Tampa Florida.*

Rev. Jefferson C. Lake - Chaplain of Egypt Shrine Temple in Tampa, Florida -
March 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Clndy Layton - Friend posted a condolence Christa and mom: I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Here is a quote I found by an unknown author that fits Del perfectly: "The Measure of a man: Not - "how did he die" But - "how did he live" Not - "what did he gain" But - "what did he give" These are the units to measure the worth of a man, as a man, Regardless of birth."

Clndy Layton - Friend - March 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM