



David J. Bunce

December 7, 1938 - December 5, 2018

David John Bunce died peacefully in the arms of his daughter on December 5, 2018, two days shy of his 80th birthday. David was born in Buffalo, New York on December 7, 1938, one of three children of Wilbert Bunce of Ontario, Canada and Jane (Tuyn) Bunce of Buffalo. He attended Bishop Fallon high school in Buffalo where he excelled in the drama department. After high school, he joined the Air Force and served as a chaplain's assistant in Morocco and Germany where he met his future wife, Grace Dufour of Trenton, Illinois. They were married at St. Clare's Church in Basel, Switzerland on January 16, 1959. David and Grace moved to Buffalo and started a family. He had his first experience in sales with the Larson company, but was hired by Ross Laboratories in 1963, a career path that would profoundly affect his life and his family's future, leading eventually to a position with the company as District Manager in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1967. There he would remain and rise to Regional Manager until his retirement, winning countless sales awards along the way and establishing a reputation as a consummate leader in his company, and most importantly, making friendships with his Ross associates and their families that would last a lifetime. David was known for his wit, his large and warm personality, his razor-sharp memory, and most of all for his love and devotion to his family, especially for his wife Grace. His passions included the study of history, his large library, cooking, and dining out with friends and family. He was also devoted to his Catholic faith and served as a greeter and usher at Mary Queen of Peace where he formed many new friendships that would last to his final days. David is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Christopher Bunce and Dolores Olivarez of Seymour, IN; his daughter, Jennifer Maurice of Mandeville, La; his son, Eric Bunce of Norco, La; his daughter and son-in-law Carla and Clyde Ponthieux of Mandeville, La; his sister Jane Bunce of Philadelphia, Pa; six grandchildren John and Cassie Maurice of Metairie, La; Brian and Christy Maurice of Destrehan, La; Claire Bunce of Chicago, Il; Amelia Bunce of Edinburgh, Scotland; Alexander Bunce of Seymour, IN; David Ponthieux of Mandeville, La; great-grandchildren Solomon Bunce of Edinburgh, Scotland and Payton Maurice of Destrehan, La. He is preceded in death by his wife, Grace, his parents, Wilbert and Jane Bunce, and his brother, Theodore Bunce.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass at 1pm on Tuesday, December

11 at Mary Queen of Peace, 1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville, La. Visitation will begin at 11am to service time. Interment at St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery, St Benedict, La. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice in his name.

Cemetery

St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery

75376 River Rd.
Benedict, LA,

Events

DEC **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
1501 W Causeway Approach, Mandeville, LA, US,
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DEC **Mass** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ AT MARY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH MY WIFE AND I HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE OF MEETING BOTH GRACE AND DAVE, IF YOU WERE LOOKING FOR A STAND UP GUY, FULL OF FUN, HUMOR AND LOVE FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS THERE WAS NONE BETTER THAN DAVE. HIS 50TH WEDDING PARTY WAS AN EXAMPLE OF THE HIGH REGARD HE HAD FOR HIS WIFE. FAMILY AND FRIENDS'. I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT HE CONTINUES AS A GREETER AT THE GATES OF HEAVEN AND I WILL MEET HIM AGAIN.

BUD GREGG - December 16, 2018 at 12:16 PM



“ To the family of Dave Bunce:
I'm so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. David hired me in 1987. I had the good fortune early in my career to learn the business under Dave and to go on to serve as one of his Regional Sales Trainers. Dave and Grace entertained me in their home on several occasions. Dave had definitely mastered the art of hospitality. He taught me the ins and outs of the many years of success that he enjoyed as he lead the "Dixie Thoroughbreds". One of the many learnings was that the best way to get to know someone is over a lengthy dinner. Never without injecting his passion for history. I enjoyed many lengthy dinners and put on many calories under Dave's leadership. Please know I am forever thankful for the opportunities Dave provided for me and my family. His influence had a tremendous impact on me and he leaves behind many great memories that will live on. May he R.I.P.
God bless,
Johnny Miller

Johnny Miller - December 10, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ To Dave's children and extended family I send my heart-felt condolences. Knowing Dave, and Grace, changed by life as a young person starting off in a career in sales with Ross Labs. Dave was my Regional Manager for many years and in a fashion that only Dave could deliver he inspired and empowered me, and countless of our colleagues, to go beyond anything we would have ever imagined possible. In 2000 my wife and I traveled to New Orleans to spend the weekend with Dave and Grace which we will never forget. A master of hospitality, Dave gave us the insider tour of New Orleans. It seemed like he knew half of the city personally and was loved by all who knew him. What a blessing it was to know Dave Bunce. God Rest Him.

Terry Young - December 06, 2018 at 05:33 PM