



David Barnhardt

December 3, 1936 - October 11, 2024

David Barnhardt passed away Friday, October 11th in Vallejo. He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and graduated from Virginia Tech in Engineering. He was a veteran of the United States Army from 1959-1962, and then lived in Benicia for almost 50 years.

David worked as a Civil Engineer for the State of California and the Public Utilities Commission for more than 25 years. He worked and traveled all over the world, including trips to: China, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, England, Kenya, India, Poland, France and Germany. He was a past Commodore and longtime member of the Benicia Yacht Club. He also taught boating safety and navigation techniques through the Power Squadron. David enjoyed sailing to Hawaii with five of his friends many years ago. He was also a classic car and train enthusiast.

David is survived by his wife, Karen, and his parrot, Beeper, as well as several friends and neighbors.

Graveside services and burial with Military Honors will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, November 4th at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. The family prefers that any donation in his name be sent to the Disabled Veterans.

Cemetery Details

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

5810 Midway Road
Dixon, CA 95620

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 4. 12:30 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ In loving memory of my cousin David, a man with a passion for classic cars and a love for adventure. He said he spent his days tinkering with his collection, always chasing that perfect ride. Whether it was his '86 Cadillac giving him trouble or his '35 roaring down the road, he said he found joy in every turn of the wrench and every moment at a car show. David was a quiet explorer, he mentioned that he was planning trips with the Road Scholar program or dreaming of more time on the road in his motor home. He lived simply, always appreciating the little things, like a short trip up to Victoria for the holidays or taking the ferry across to Vancouver Island. Though he had a love for the open road, he never wandered too far, and that's just how he liked it. Rest easy, David. You'll be missed.

Lee Lapid - October 26, 2024 at 09:28 AM

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“ Great guy that all of us here playing with old cars will miss David and his visits. Certainly has been an honor to share some time with David and Karen while enjoying the collector cars we have in common.

Rodney Dahlgren - October 23, 2024 at 02:40 PM

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David was a great guy with great stories. I enjoyed working with David on the Northern California Cadillac LaSalle Board. David was almost always present at car meets and board meetings. You could always count on David. We enjoyed David and Karen's company.

Jeff Nielsen - November 03, 2024 at 12:22 PM