



## David Alan Blocker

December 3, 1941 - May 17, 2022

David Alan Blocker was born in Chicago on December 3, 1941 to Howard and Norma Blocker. He spent most of his youth and formative years in Dune Acres and Munster, Indiana. He graduated from Hammond High School in 1960. In 1964, he graduated from Indiana University with a BA in History and was a member of the Acacia Fraternity. IU became a special place over the years where he made lifelong friendships.

After college, David served in the Illinois National Guard and lived in Chicago's Gold Coast and Lincoln Park. He began a career in the advertising world working for ABC and what was then a small upstart cable company owned by Ted Turner. During that time, he experienced the magic of Chicago in the 1960s. He volunteered at 4th Presbyterian Church and tutored young children in Cabrini Green. He loved life in Chicago and had a very close group of friends. One of his good friends, Mike Barrett, would introduce David to his sister, Jane Barrett of North Carolina. He and Jane would later marry in 1970. David Jr. was born in 1972 where the family lived in Hinsdale and Flossmoor, Illinois. In 1984, David was driving to work one morning from Flossmoor to downtown Chicago when he noticed an older man pulled off to the side of the road. He could see the man was in trouble. David got off at the next exit and went back. The elderly man was having a heart attack, and David rushed him to Northwestern Hospital saving his life. The elderly man's family would thank David every year for being a guardian angel for their father.

David followed in his father's footsteps in the commercial insurance industry in the early 1970s. His father, Howard Blocker, was considered a legend at Johnson & Higgins in Chicago. David's career in the insurance industry would span over 50 years. He worked work for Rollins Burdick Hunter, Willis, Marsh, Aon, USA Risk Services, and Integro in Chicago and Washington, DC. David was a top producer and was known for his creativity, intellectual curiosity, and empathy.

In 1987 he and his family would move to Virginia where he would continue his insurance career in Washington, DC. His marriage to Jane Barrett Blocker ended in divorce. In 1989 David moved to Alexandria, Virginia where he meet Anne Flemming. They were married in 1996, lived in Alexandria until 2005 when they moved to Chicago. David's son, David, Jr. also lived in Chicago and had followed his father into the insurance industry. In 2020, David and Anne moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, to Easton where they lived with their dogs Buster and later Otis. He and Anne shared special memories with many good friends in Alexandria, Washington, DC and Chicago. The Eastern Shore and particularly the Chesapeake Bay has always been a special place for them.

David had a passion and a love of sailing on Lake Michigan and the Chesapeake Bay. He also loved fishing on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. As a history major, he was an avid reader of all books on the Civil War, World War II, sailing and Chicago. He and his son, David Jr. had a very special bond and shared a passion for the Chicago Bears and Indiana Hoosiers basketball.

David was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 31 years. He helped many men in their recovery process. Helping others was something that was important and meaningful to him.

He passed away suddenly after a brief illness on May 17, 2022. He is survived by wife Anne, son David Jr., brother Mark, sister Jill Welt, and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held later this summer. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, the US Coast Guard Foundation or the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Alan Blocker*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *David Alan Blocker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *David Alan Blocker*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of David's passing. I came to know David well in 2007 when he became our trusted insurance broker for a marine organization I was associated with in Louisville. We shared a common bond in our love of the water and sailing. David was a kind, intelligent and lighthearted guy, and was a great raconteur.*

*I learned that David and Anne retired to Easton, Maryland two years ago. My wife and I retired last year just across the Chesapeake Bay in Kilmarnock, Va. Wish we had known we were just a few hours sail from each other!*

*RIP good friend*

*Barry Meeks*

Barry Meeks - October 18, 2022 at 07:59 PM

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“ I had the fortune to share an office with Dave in DC and Virginia while we both worked for Risk Services. He was both a friend and mentor who freely shared kindness, compassion, business insight, both in the workplace and in life particularly through his work with AA.. He never forgot a friend and was a devoted family man. Through his love of family and the peace and happiness from his love of sailing he was able to the end to get through the tough times and challenges which were sometimes thrust upon him. May your journey to heaven be a peaceful one my friend; I will miss you.  
Jon Harkavy

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**Jon Harkavy** - June 06, 2022 at 02:50 PM