



Duane William Beckhorn

September 23, 1931 - January 22, 2025

Duane W. Beckhorn, 93, of Naples, FL, passed away peacefully at home on January 22, 2025.

Born in Penn Yan, NY, Duane grew up on a small farm and attended a one-room school. This modest upbringing instilled a strong work ethic in him. He earned his BA from Syracuse University and a JD from Indiana University, laying the foundation for a remarkable career in law.

After completing his service in the Army and a clerkship with the U.S. Tax Court, Duane practiced law in Northern Virginia for 40 years. He was the managing partner of Hazel Beckhorn & Hanes and its successor firms for 26 of those years, earning the respect of colleagues and clients alike for his integrity, legal acumen, and steady leadership.

Duane's love of the arts, education, and the Chesapeake was reflected in his service on the Boards of Directors of the Annapolis Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Keuka College, and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. He was also a proud member of the Metropolitan Club of the City of Washington and the New York Yacht Club.

Known for his wry sense of humor and thoughtful conversation, Duane was a man of intellect and charm who enriched the lives of those around him. He actively pursued his passions for sailing, travel, and the arts.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Marie M. Beckhorn; his step-siblings, Louis, Blanche, and Ralph; and his beloved wife and soul mate of 70 years, Jean H. Beckhorn.

Duane is survived by his sons, Kirk D. Beckhorn (Christina) and Jay A. Beckhorn (Karen), and his four grandchildren: Elena, Catherine, Carole, and William.

A celebration of Duane's life will be held at 11:00 am on February 22, 2025, at The Church of the Holy Trinity, 502 S. Morris St., Oxford, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, 13470 Dowell Road, Solomons, MD 20688 [<https://www.annmariegarden.org>] or the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 213 N Talbot Street, St. Michaels, MD 21663 [<https://www.cbmm.org/donate/>].

Cemetery Details

Holy Trinity Columbarium

Oxford, MD 21654

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Trinity
502 S Morris St
Oxford, MD 21654-1315
(410) 226-5134

Tribute Wall

JL

“ My name is John Laraby. Mr. Ralph Kim Beckhorn was my partner and Kim as he was known was Duane's nephew. I met Mr. Beckhorn once. It was when he came up to Penn Yan when Phyllis Mendall passed away. She was Duane's sister-in-law and Kim's mother. I remember we all got together for a dinner one night and after everyone ate Duane announced that he was paying for everyone's dinner and drinks. It was unexpected but very thoughtful. I remember Kim telling me that it was typical for his Uncle Duane to do something like that. From the way Kim talked about his uncle I gathered that he really liked him and adored him. After Kim passed I received a letter from Uncle Duane and Aunt Jean asking about Kim's passing and what they could do. I told them they could donate to School of the Arts which is where Kim worked. I remember asking Duane if he would mind if I called him Uncle Duane and he said it was alright and he would be pleased if I did. What little interaction I had with Uncle Duane I know he was a very friendly lovable man who was very generous. I wish I could have gotten the chance to know him even better. My deepest sympathies to his family.

John Laraby - March 12, 2025 at 06:54 PM

RM

“ Randy & Terri Minchew purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Duane William Beckhorn.



Randy & Terri Minchew - February 21, 2025 at 09:40 AM

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“ Randy & Terri Minchew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane William Beckhorn.

Randy & Terri Minchew - February 21, 2025 at 09:40 AM

KT

“ Koenig Private Foundation Trustees purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Duane William Beckhorn.



Koenig Private Foundation Trustees - February 19, 2025 at 07:57 PM

BS

“ I'm sorry to hear about the passing of Duane, and belatedly, Jean. They were our next door neighbors in Hollin Hills, and warm and generous to both my parents and me and my brother and sister. I remember loving the inside of their house, and spent many evenings there babysitting Kirk and Jay. I also remember them having a German Shepherd that scared me every time I saw it!

Betsy Sprouse - February 16, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Duane William Beckhorn.



February 05, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duane William Beckhorn.

February 05, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duane William Beckhorn.



February 03, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duane William Beckhorn.

February 03, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Duane William Beckhorn.



February 03, 2025 at 01:47 PM



“ Mr. Beckhorn will always be remembered fondly as does Mrs. Beckhorn. Both such genuinely nice people! Longtime customers that we admired and thought alot of. Prayers of comfort for the family. Will be missed by many.

Bruce & Lisa Marvel - February 02, 2025 at 02:16 PM

CB

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Beckhorn were two of the nicest people I had as customers in the 40 years of doing electric work and for them over 10 years. I think of them often and feel blessed to have known them both. My prayers to his family*
Buddy Ball

Charles Ball - January 28, 2025 at 09:16 PM

PB

Mr Beckhorn was a champion for many causes, he was very instrumental in all phases of Ann Marie Gardens. He was well known for his quick wit. Daune was a mighty fine gentleman..Patrick M. Buehler.

PATRICK M. BUEHLER - February 01, 2025 at 10:42 AM