



## John Gerald Daerr

December 4, 1933 - March 29, 2015

John Gerald Daerr 81 of Bloomington, died Sunday, March 29 2015 at Autumn Hills Healthcare Center in Bloomington.

He was born December 4, 1933 in East Chicago, Indiana to Alva Johnson and John C. Daerr. He graduated from East Chicago Washington High School where he excelled in long distance running before going to work in the area steel mills. He completed his B.A. from Indiana University (the first in his family to receive a college degree) where he studied history, philosophy, and political science. Upon graduation, he embarked on a career with St. Farm and All-State insurance companies before, at the age of 40, opening his own Pre-trial and Accident Investigation firm from which he retired. In his spare time, Jack drew political cartoons for area newspapers (receiving congratulatory correspondence from President Eisenhower and F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover for some of his published drawings). Jack was also an avid painter. After retiring, Jack studied languages and traveled extensively – frequently returning to Europe to explore his family’s roots in Germany and Sweden. Jack was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, a lifetime member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, and a Life Member of the Bloomington Elks. This past year, he enjoyed living at Autumn Hills where he met wonderful new friends and was known for his generous and kind spirit.

Jack’s wife of 59 years preceded him in death (passing away on March 6 of

this year). He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Jerry Conyer of Little Rock, Arkansas; son and daughter-in-law, John and Helena Daerr of Varberg, Sweden; and four beautiful grandchildren, Jerry, William, Anna, and John.

Jack will be fondly remembered for his artwork, the importance he placed on learning, his firm handshake, and the fact that he never met a stranger.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 Saturday April 4, 2015 at Arlington United Methodist Church. A private burial will precede the church service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to Arlington United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Clear Creek Cemetery

West Church Lane  
Bloomington, IN 47403

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Arlington United Methodist Church  
1820 Arlington Road  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/Arlington-in>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *A belated prayer for your loss.*

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**Tim Dixon** - July 30, 2017 at 12:15 AM

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“ *John,*

*Praying that God's peace and comfort will surround you and your family in your time of need.*

*Gina Wilkes Stillions*

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**Gina Wilkes Stillions** - April 06, 2015 at 07:18 AM

KC

“ *Thinking of you and your family during these difficult days, thoughts and prayers to all.*

*Kimberly Carson*



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**Kimberly Carson** - April 04, 2015 at 03:37 PM



“ Dear Lisa, Jerry, John, Helena and all,

*I was so sorry to hear of your father/father-in-law's passing, and so soon after your mother.*

*I am praying for God's consolation for you all and that in time your happy memories will sustain you.*

*I knew your mother through Pi Beta Phi. I have been the treasurer of the local alumnae club for the last 24 years; Judy was a faithful and cheerful member of our club for many years.*

*Our club makes a donation to our Pi Beta Phi Foundation in memory of each alumna and her spouse when they pass on. The Foundation sends out an acknowledgement that I would like to have sent to Lisa (since she lives in the US). If Lisa would email me her mailing address I can have this done. I already sent in the donation in memory of your mother/mother-in-law. At the time, I tried to contact Lisa via FaceBook for her address for the acknowledgement, but did not hear back and I needed to send it in by April 1st, so that acknowledgement is coming to Lisa via my house (I can forward this to you all if I receive the address to do so).*

*Warmly,*

*Kathy Hauser Pratt*

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*812-339-8128*

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**Kathy Pratt** - April 03, 2015 at 10:46 AM

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“ Sorry to hear of the passing of both Mr. and Mrs. Daerr in recent weeks. Thinking of both John and Lisa, and their families.

*Bryan Booze*

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**Bryan Booze** - April 02, 2015 at 04:05 PM