



Gerald Duane Baas

June 20, 1926 - January 10, 2014

Gerald Baas

RACINE-Gerald Duane Baas, 87, was welcomed into the arms of his Lord and Savior on January 10, 2014. Gerald was born June 20, 1926 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to John and Nellie Baas. After proudly serving in the Army Air Corps during WWII, he attended Calvin College and married Sue Galema in Grand Rapids on August 17, 1951. They lived in Detroit and Traverse City, Michigan, before making their home in Racine in 1965. He was employed by Abbott Laboratories for 35 years until his retirement in 1986.

Gerald was a dedicated member of the Racine Christian Reformed Church where he served several terms on the church council. He also was an enthusiastic supporter of the Racine Christian School, where he served on the board, and of Christian education at all levels, also serving on the Board of Calvin Theological Seminary.

Gerald loved spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, creating extra special memories during summer vacations at Spider Lake in Traverse City, Michigan and in winters at their condo in Englewood, Florida.

Gerald is survived by his children, Mary (Marv) Hofman of Holland, MI, Jane (Craig) Friesema of Racine, John (Beth) Baas of Sioux Center, Iowa, Jim (Stephanie) Baas of Hudsonville, MI, Steve (Mary Jo) Baas of Brookfield, WI, and Dan Baas of Grand Rapids, MI. He is further survived by grandchildren, Tim (Kristen) Hofman, Peter Hofman, Bethany (Ryan) Wolter, Jon (Julie)

Hofman, Sarah Hofman, Mike (Lori) Friesema, Jill (Bill) Ties, Liz (Kiel) Hoek, David Friesema, Sam, Leah, Stephen, Lauren, Abby, Rebekah and Lydia Baas, in addition to his 17th grandchild expected this April. Gerald is also survived by nine great grandchildren and one sister, Beth (Bill) Carpenter in addition to nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends in Racine and Florida.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sue; brothers, Roland and Ralph Baas and sister, Ardene Howard.

Funeral services will be held at Racine Christian Reformed Church, 900 Illinois St. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Doug Aldrink officiating. Gerald will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Monday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. and will continue at church on Tuesday from 10:15 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Gerald in a special way may direct memorials to the Racine Christian School Endowment Fund, the Gerald and Sue Baas Family Scholarship at Dordt College, 498 4th Ave. NE Sioux Center, Iowa, 51250 or Stars and Stripes Honor Flight, PO Box 636, Port Washington, WI 53074.

The entire Baas family offers special thanks to the staff and volunteers at Hospice Alliance Hospice House in Racine for their loving and compassionate care of our Dad and Grandpa in his final days of life.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

Visitation

JAN 14. 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Racine Christian Reformed Church
900 Illinois Street
Racine, WI 53405

Memorial Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Racine, WI 53405

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Duane Baas*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *We extend our sympathy in the loss of your father. We assure you of our prayers and may God's grace be abundant. Howie & Vicki in Mexico*

Howard & Vicki Hall - January 14, 2014 at 06:22 PM

LM

“ *We send our love and prayers for our Lord's peace and comfort for your beautiful family. Love, Peter and Laura Medendorp*

Laura Medendorp - January 13, 2014 at 09:03 PM

WJ

“ *We lived across the street from the Baas family for many years on Kinzie Ave. My mom and our families send condolences. We always remember your family as being great people (all those kids in that 'little' house!).*

Warren Smith Jr for Jean M Smith

Warren Smith Jr - January 13, 2014 at 07:58 PM

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“ *Cassandra Flagg lit a candle in memory of Gerald Duane Baas*



Cassandra Flagg - January 13, 2014 at 11:50 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Gerald Duane Baas.*



January 12, 2014 at 10:04 PM