



David Oliver Bechtel

August 21, 1942 - May 23, 2025

David Oliver Bechtel passed away on May 23, 2025, in his apartment in Phoenixville

Pennsylvania, he was 82 years old. David was the son of John Franklin and Esther

May Bechtel, he was born on August 21, 1942, in Pottstown, PA. His parents moved to

Bryn Mawr in 1953 where he graduated from Haverford Township High School in 1960.

After graduation he enlisted in the US Navy and served for 4 years reaching the rank of

3 rd Class Petty Officer. He was assigned to the USS Vulcan.

While in the Navy he married his high school sweetheart Dorothy Goodes in 1961, they

had two children Barbara and Robert, he was a loving father to them. David and

Dorothy later divorced in 1981. Following their divorce David moved to Florida where

he later met Flora Baker, they were married April 1986 and remained married until her

death in May 2010. David returned to Pennsylvania in April 2024 and lived in the

Phoenixville area.

After leaving the Navy David had several jobs working at an Electronic Factory building equipment meant for the USN, he then worked for his father at a Metal Finishing Company that did work for NASA and then worked as a manager for Marriott Fast Food Restaurants. When he moved to Florida he worked as a cook for a German Club in Cape Coral and then as a manager for a Medical Equipment Company that provided equipment to individual homes and hospitals. He also helped Flora with her Estate Sales Business.

David is survived by his brother Donald Bechtel, his daughter Barbara Bechtel, his son Robert Bechtel and three grandchildren Michelle, Anna, and Brittany, and one great grandchild Ellie Olthoff.

David will be laid to rest next to his wife Flora on June 25, 2025, 11:00 AM at the Fairview Cemetery in Boyertown, PA. There will be a short graveside service with family members and close friends. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com. Memorial Contributions can be made in his honor to the American Diabetes Association at <https://donors.diabetes.org>

Tribute Wall

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“ *My wife and I loved this man, David was always optimistic about anything and everything. We will cherish the years of friendship and shared conversations...redt in the arms of Our Lord David.*

Patrick Kenneth Vazquez - June 20, 2025 at 09:08 AM

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Thank you so much for your kind words,I am glad he had someone in Florida looking after him .I was happy when he came back and feel fortunate that I got to see him here.you always think you have so much time and this happens.

Robert Bechtel - June 27, 2025 at 05:47 PM