



Mr. David L. LaBrake

February 18, 1934 - October 28, 2021

David Lee LaBrake, age 87, beloved husband of the late Donelda LaBrake, passed away at home on Thursday, October 28th 2021. Both David and Donelda had resided in Phoenixville PA for over 60 years.

Born on February 18th, 1934 in Syracuse New York, David was the son of Evelyn (Andrews) and Leonard LaBrake. David, being one of the eldest sons in the family, worked at many different jobs from a very young age to help his father to materially support his large family of eight children. Upon graduation from high school, David was drafted into the military and served two years in the United States Army. He then attended Rochester Institute of Technology where he studied printing, worked full time, and completed his Bachelors Degree in three years, all the while pursuing and then courting his wife-to-be, Donelda. David never shrank back from a challenge or hard work. He and his life long love Donelda married the

week following their college graduation in 1958.

David and Donelda remained married for nearly 63 years up until her sudden illness and death earlier this spring. David was a loving, generous man of integrity and a faithful husband, father grandfather, and friend. He came to know the Lord when living in Alden New York when his children were all very young and he had an enduring faith in the Lord Jesus Christ from that time forward. He was active with The Gideons Ministry, preached as a young man and faithfully attended Cornerstone Church of Skippack until his illness precluded church attendance. He loved God's Word.

The love and care of his wife, children and grandchildren were priorities in David's life. Through his loving support, his wife Donelda was able to stay at home with their three children and later on to pursue many artistic endeavors; he was at all times her greatest supporter and encourager.

David used his knowledge of printing to oversee the production of packaging with Case Hoyt Packaging, and then Container Corporation of America. He later sold primarily cosmetic packaging in New York City, again working for Case Hoyt Packaging. He and Donelda were able to join together on many projects for companies such as Avon Products,

Liz Claiborne,
and Cointreau Liquor; David designed the packaging and Donelda executed
the fine artwork.

David was a life-long learner, attending night classes while working in New
York City to become
a paralegal, an ombudsman, and a financial planner. He was an avid reader of
news, history,
biography and theology.

David's avocation was the game of golf. He loved the sport and became highly
skilled at it,
playing whenever and wherever he could. He loved to mentor others at the
sport he so
enjoyed, and he played it avidly until, sadly, his failing health prevented him
from golfing.

David is survived by his three children: Delmalyn (Norman) Vaughn of
Cheltenham PA, Derron
(Susan) LaBrake of Havertown PA, and Dwayne (Cynthia) LaBrake of Cedar
Park TX; eight
grandchildren: Peter Vaughn, Naomi (Matthew) Dassow, Kathryn LaBrake,
Aileen LaBrake,
Fiona LaBrake, Carder (Conley) LaBrake, Cole LaBrake, and Christian
LaBrake; great grand
daughter Vera LaBrake (daughter of Carder and Conley LaBrake); siblings:
Sidney LaBrake of
Virginia, William LaBrake of Arizona and Philip LaBrake of New York and
numerous nieces and
nephews. In addition to his dear wife and parents, David was preceded in
death by brothers,
Dick, Jeffrey and sisters Evelyn and Emily.

A private entombment service will be held at Limerick Garden of Memories. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in David's name to Charity International Ministries (CIM), P.O. Box 307, Cheltenham, PA 19012. CIM is a Haitian Orphanage that David has assisted and supported for many years. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home Inc., in Phoenixville PA. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall



“ Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. David L. LaBrake



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - November 01, 2021 at 03:58 PM



The updated version of this video can be found at:
<https://youtu.be/kDSwPtGhDY0>

Norman Vaughn - November 02, 2021 at 05:55 PM

RG

“ I was blessed to be adopted into Kimber Drive family through marriage and with that came Christmas Breakfast with the LaBrake family at the Wilson's and Christmas Deserts at the LaBrakes. I always enjoyed talking with Dave about his latest best golf course and to view his golf ball collection hanging on the wall. The last time we visited Dave and Donnie he mentioned that he had battled cancer for over 20 years. I was surprised to hear it was that long but also inspired by their commitment to each other, their belief in their doctors and their strong faith in God. Each time we spoke they always shared how proud they were of their children and grandchildren. I feel fortunate to have called Mr. LaBrake (you can call me Dave) my friend and already miss that deep voice and wonderful wisdom.

Richard Glaab

Richard Glaab - November 11, 2021 at 07:23 PM

PC

“ *What a beautiful tribute! When my husband and I moved to Philadelphia, David and Donnie welcomed us to their home numerous times and took us out to dinner, a treat since we lived on grad student wages and couldn't afford to go to restaurants. Jeff and I are thinking of your family during this time.*

Paula Carder - November 04, 2021 at 11:45 AM

TG

“ *That was a wonderful tribute for your father and also your mother. They were both extraordinary people who made this world a much better place. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Tom Goggin

Tom Goggin - November 03, 2021 at 08:58 PM

RM

“ *David was a patient of mine for more than two decades. He and Donnie became good friends as we travelled the destiny of his health, life, and illness together. His deep,sonorous voice, his firm handshake, his intelligence and the warm twinkle in his eye will.always be part of my memory, and that of the office staff at the Kimberton Clinic. It was a pleasure and honor to be his family doctor.*

richard Fried, MD - November 03, 2021 at 07:55 AM



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Norman Vaughn - November 02, 2021 at 05:54 PM

DL

“ My wife and I were married over 20 years ago in Gulfport, Ms. As we walked out of the church that spring afternoon, there stood Uncle David and Aunt Donnie, I was in total AWW ! They were traveling back from there sons home in Texas and took the time to attend our wedding. It was wonderful to see them and have them be apart of our wonderful day, never will forget that. Thoughts and prayers go out to my cousins and their families. David L LaBrake

David LaBrake - November 02, 2021 at 05:32 PM

CG

“ Dave was a phenomenal friend and neighbor. Some of my best memories growing up included times spent with Dave and his wonderful family. Of the many things that impressed me about Dave, the one that impressed me most was his faith. Even during his illness he was positive and talked about his love for God. He was an inspiration! My sympathies to.Delmalyn, Dwayne, Derron and their families. They have lost two very wonderful parents!

cathy glaab - November 02, 2021 at 03:42 PM

DL

What great friends they were in opening their home to us as grade school thru high school friends & beyond...now they are happy, together again, in heaven...our sympathies to their families...Liz, Erna & Diane

Diane Lenters - November 04, 2021 at 09:48 AM

AM

“ I remember Dave LaBrake from working alongside him in the office of Container Corporation locally in the late 60's. He was an excellent manager of the Sales Department and I was a secretary to the General Manager. He often spoke of his love of his wife and children and shared his pride of their accomplishments. Heartfelt condolences to his family. May memories of better times be of comfort to you all in the days ahead. Sincerely, Arlene Ponis Martin



Arlene Martin - November 02, 2021 at 07:36 AM