



Dr. Richard I. Bauer

January 21, 1940 - October 7, 2020

Dr. Richard Irvin Bauer, loving husband of Linda Sue (Taylor) Bauer, passed away peacefully on Wednesday October 7, 2020 at his home in Spring City. Born on January 21, 1940 in Pottstown, he was a son of the late Irvin Lloyd & Bertha Gertrude (Peiffer) Bauer.

Dr. Bauer grew up in Snowdenville, East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania and was a lifelong member of Brownback's United Church Of Christ, Spring City, PA., where he was baptized and confirmed. He served in a variety of positions including President of Consistory, Treasurer, Youth Director, chairman of Endowment Committee and honored as Elder Emeritus. He often conducted services in the absence of the Pastor as did his father, son, and grandson. Rich graduated from Springford High School in the class of 1957. He earned his BS from Shippensburg State College (now Shippensburg University) in 1961, MBA from Drexel University in 1967 and Ed D from Lehigh University in 1976. He served in the United States Navy stationed at Jacksonville Naval Air Base, Orange Park, Florida during the USA/Cuban Crisis 1962-1964. Dr. Bauer taught high school business classes in the West Chester School District, served as director of the Chester County Neighborhood Youth Corps, Assistant Superintendent in charge of School Business in the Great Valley School District, a founder and Executive Director of PSDLAF (Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund) and President of CADRE Consultant Investments. He was the past president of School

Business Professional Associations-Delaware Valley (DVASBO), Pennsylvania (PASBO) and International (ASBO). Dr. Bauer also enjoyed playing baseball for the Spring City and Springford High Schools and the Spring City American Legion. He often spoke with gratitude about the American Legion feeding the team following their games. Rich was a distance runner for Shippensburg State College from 1957-1961 during which time the team was undefeated. He coached championship teams for Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball and was a founder of Coventry Soccer League. He was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity and a longtime member of the Brookside Country Club where he enjoyed playing golf. Dr. Bauer served many years on the East Coventry Township Planning Commission and helped implement the Two Hour School Delay for inclement weather when serving as GVSD Business Manager.

In addition to his loving wife Linda of 57 years, Richard is survived by his daughter AmyLinn Stone, wife of John; One son, R. Chadd Bauer, husband of Yvonne; Six loving grandchildren, Maddison, Morgan, MaryKate, John M. "Jack" Stone, and Reed & Riley Bauer. He is also survived by one sister, Janet Faye Bauer Williams; One brother, Rodney Lloyd Bauer, husband of JoAnn; and many loving nieces and nephews. The Bauer family is greatly indebted to the Main Line Home Health Care, Home Instead, children/spouses, grandchildren and church family for outstanding care allowing Richard to live his final days in his home.

Dr. Richard I. Bauer will be remembered as a quiet soft spoken gentleman standing up for what is right and following Joshua 24:15..."But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord"

A donation in his memory can be made to the Brownback's United Church of Christ, 460 Ridge Rd., Spring City, Pennsylvania 19475. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions a graveside service will be held at the Brownback's UCC

Cemetery for immediate family directed by Reverend Mark Stryjak.
Arrangements are being handled by the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home,
Royersford PA. Please visit www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com for more
information.

Tribute Wall

TT

“ Dear Linda and Family:

I am deeply sorry to hear of Dick's passing on to the Lord. Though he will now be in his rightful place in Heaven, he will be dearly missed by his many friends and family. Dick was a great guy. He put himself into everything that did and helped many others to do their best. His obituary included much of his life's accomplishments and his memory will live on in our thoughts and heart. God Bless!

Mary Jo and Tom Tracy

Tom Tracy - October 11, 2020 at 10:46 AM

RF

“ My deepest of condolences to the Bauer family. Dr. Bauer always provided a welcoming presence and could strike up a conversation with ease- even with someone decades his junior. I'll always associate him with my time growing up with Brownback's Church.

Rich F - October 09, 2020 at 05:43 PM

SC

“ Dear Mrs. Bauer, Amy and Chadd,

Deeply saddened to learn of this loss. Thinking of those carefree youthful years of days past where our families managed to do some neat, fun, and interesting things together. Learned a lot in those years, like how to chum for fish near the Haystacks, how not to hurdle sharp tables at the seashore. Also, about putting carts before ponies, chlorine, swimmers ear, bad sunburns, shallow diving, sleeping bags, big black Newfoundland dogs, Bi-Centennials, petting zoos, Philadelphia attractions, incentive to escape from headlocks, hockey rinks at the Hill, poodles, pancakes and Pit. By hook or by crook, I was usually invited along for the ride. I really didn't mind developing a respect and appreciation for the Bauer family and extended family. It was all good. Guess at that age I was too young to truly grasp the man and all he achieved for the love and improvement of his family, friends, community, church, and country. Though I was perceptive enough then to suspect that he would agree that his greatest accomplishment and delight was having the three of you in his life. As surely as he will be missed by you, that part of him that is you remains, as he does with me still today. What mattered most to me is that we shared this connecting principle for a portion of this life's brief journey forming an experience sufficiently relative to transverse time and distance. May his living memory keep and preserve you through this time of difficulty and mourning.

Scott H.

Scott - October 09, 2020 at 03:50 PM

RB

Scott- Thanks for the note and memories. I think the haystacks have succumbed to Mother Nature!

R C Bauer - October 09, 2020 at 09:17 PM

DH

“ To the Bauer Family,
So sorry for your loss. It's always difficult to endure the passing of an individual who is so loved and is held in such high esteem. But, may you find solace in the fact that Dick, we're certain, already has heard the words, "We'll done, my good and faithful servant."
Dick and Elaine Heess

Dick and Elaine Heess - October 09, 2020 at 03:36 PM

RB

“ The best memory I have of my dad is he was always there for me. Whether it be in school, athletic events, or growing up. My dad was always there for me. He was great at listening and offered advice when asked. As I grew older, my dad became a great friend. When asked he would provide career advice and would always be there for me. When my children were born, he was not only there for me, but also them. He would always be willing to drop off or pick up my kids for their activities. He loved them very much and enjoyed seeing them grow into fine adults. My dad also welcomed my wife into his family. He was so happy to see me happy. My dad has taught me how to live a good life. How important it is to have in God. Through my father, I have seen how to raise a family. I am thankful for my relationship with my father and will work hard everyday to continue his legacy.

R C Bauer - October 08, 2020 at 09:39 PM

SE

Linda and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. God Bless.
Brian and Sandy Ewing

Sandy Ewing - October 09, 2020 at 09:33 AM

PS

To Linda and family:

Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of you husband, father and grandfather.

Dr. Bauer was no ordinary man! He was a colleague and mentor of great prominence for those of us in school business. Actually he was a giant Among our piers and a man of tremendous respect and admiration. He did so much for so many!

Thank you for sharing him with us.

Patrick & Mary Catherine Sable

Patrick Sable - October 09, 2020 at 12:55 PM

DL

Linda and Family,

My condolences to you and the Bauer family, as I just learned today of Dick's passing. As you know, Dick and I were colleagues and good friends for more than 50 years, and many fond memories will reside with me forever of our numerous and special times together. That era includes our business management roles in public schools in Pennsylvania; working together to foster and guide the growth of PSDLAF with the expansion of financial services to schools and municipalities; and our association with ASBO, PASBO, and DVASBO in providing leadership for the financial and support services programs in public schools.

Dick (Dr. Bauer) in his leadership positions was always respected by school business officials -- many of whom will remember him as an icon in that regard. His interest in people and caring about their achievements and successes in their careers was always evident. The cordial and soft-spoken approach he displayed in relating to colleagues was an effective way of communicating and in achieving understanding. In latter years when I arrived and saw his little BMW convertible in the parking lot I could be certain that the agenda discussions were going to be accomplished in a business-like manner.

As I, from time-to-time, peruse and ponder some of my career memoirs I am sure I will read documents and see pictures that portray times Dick and I, and others, were participants in our professional positions pursuing what was best for school business operations and the public and students. Those memories for me are life-long and encompass an enriched segment of my career years.

Farewell My Friend.

Dick Learn

Dick Learn - October 09, 2020 at 03:49 PM

RT

Linda,

Our sincere condolences & sympathy to you & all the family at this difficult time. Many fond memories of good times from Brownbacks softball teams to playing golf at Brookside.

Dick & Sue Trythall

Murrells Inlet, S.C.,----formerly of Bucktown, Pa.

Richard Trythall - October 09, 2020 at 03:59 PM

NH

*Dear Mrs. Bauer, Amy, and Chadd,
I would like to celebrate the life of your husband and father, Dr. Richard I. Bauer. He was truly an amazing person and he impacted so many lives in a positive way. I would like to reflect on the many fond memories that I have embraced over the years from spending time with your family. I was always welcomed into your home and I always felt as though I was part of your family. From the many pony rides, fun times at Cape Henlopen beach, then to Nags Head NC. Dr. Bauer was very influential in my growth and development with sports. From my younger years in the Fall, he was the steady quarterback during my one on one football games with Chadd, in your front yard. He would open the gym at GV Elementary during the Winter, so Chadd and I could work on our Basketball skills. During the Spring and Summer seasons, he was my baseball mentor and coach. I have always felt as though I was a part of your family. From the MG rallies and during the family down time, I was welcomed with many a wrestling matches ending with a "Cherry Belly". I will always remember those "Cherry Bellies" but, I sure won't miss them.*

I know that he is at peace with the Lord!

Nate Heess

Nate Heess - October 09, 2020 at 10:57 PM

JM

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Richard. I have wonderful memories of seeing you and enjoying your family. You are so principled, kind, and have such high integrity. Although I no longer saw you, I frequently thought of you and will miss Richard. Joan Scarpino-Howard Tyson's mom

joan Scarpino-Howard Tyson's mom - November 08, 2020 at 11:50 AM

KB

Linda, Amy, and Chadd,

So sorry to have recently heard of Dick's passing through Linda's annual Christmas card. (I have fallen out of the Christmas card habit over the years) but glad she had not. We just recently with my kids watched some old home movies we had transferred from VHS and came across Dick's video of how to assemble the Cadre display for the many investment funds! Such good memories of Cadre and Dick as we really grew something special!! He always enjoyed when my son Shane was in the office as he included him when he took out the trash to the alley! My son is now 26 and engaged so my how the years have gone by. I remember watching Amy and Chadd grow into fine young adults and remember both of their weddings. Love to all the Bauers and deepest sympathy in the passing of Dick. — Kris Bender

Kris Bender - January 02, 2021 at 04:41 PM