

Obituary

Dean Baarda

Dean P. Baarda, the son of Dick Baarda and Julia De Prenger Baarda Pearce, was born November 2, 1939, in Grinnell, Iowa. He was the fifth child of a family of five daughters and two sons.

Dean graduated from Lynnville-Sully High School in 1958 and from Drake University in 1962, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He served on several boards at Drake and was a Charter Member of the President's Circle. In May of 2004 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Drake Alumni Association.

His thirty-three year career in retailing was spent with Dayton Hudson Corporation in Minneapolis, beginning as a buyer and progressing to Vice President of Stores. He was a Corporate Officer for sixteen years before retiring in 1995.

Dean was united in marriage with Judith Baarda on June 16, 1959, in Sully, Iowa. They became the parents of two sons, Vance and Brent. In 1998 they moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, where they resided in the fall and winter each year. Spring and summer were spent on an acreage near Grinnell, where he enjoyed the beauty of nature, landscaping, and being near his beloved farmland. Some of his other interests were traveling, classic sports cars, spectator

sports, classical music, collecting art and antiques and gourmet cooking. Some of his happiest times were the family's Thanksgiving reunions. He was devoted to his wife, his sons and daughters-in-law and his grandchildren.

Dean entered his Eternal Home on March 7, 2009, in Scottsdale. He was a member of Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale where a private memorial service will be held at a future time.

Those left to honor his memory are his wife, Judith, his son Vance and wife Sarah and their four children, Benjamin, Rebecca, Rachel and Hannah of Lindon, Utah; and his son Brent and wife Alana of Libertyville, Illinois. Of his original family, he is survived by his sisters, Ila Mae Huyser, Lucille Nikkel, Karen Langstraat, and Karina Burman, and his brother, Bruce Baarda. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Joyce Huizer.

Dean will be remembered for his integrity, strong work ethic, his warm generous heart and his zest for life. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

Memorials may be given to a charity of choice, or to Drake University's College of Business and Public Administration, Des Moines, Iowa.