



David Charles Lueker

February 18, 1925 - October 3, 2018

Dr. David Charles Lueker

2/18/25 – 10/3/18

David was born in Jefferson City, MO February 18, 1925 to Charles Gottlieb Lueker and Helen Branditz Lueker. In 1929 the family moved to Flagstaff, AZ where he attended elementary school and Flagstaff High School, generating many lifelong friends and graduating in 1943. He then attended Park University, Parkville MO where he met the love of his life Darlene Zimmerman, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in 1947. David and Darlene were married January 14, 1950 and enjoyed 68 years together. Following graduation from Park University he was employed by Cerophil Laboratories in Kansas City, MO. He was then accepted into, and attended, the Microbiology Master's program at the University of Southern California Los Angeles. David later transferred to the University of Colorado, Denver medical school where he taught laboratory classes and graduated with a Masters and ultimately a PhD in Microbiology in 1964. Following graduation, the Lueker family moved to Fort Collins, CO where he accepted a position as a tenured Microbiology Professor at Colorado State University. He successfully touched CSU students' lives for 21 years until retiring in 1985. Throughout his teaching career David received file folders full of thank you letters from students expressing appreciation for how he had positively impacted their lives. David also conducted significant research and published/presented many papers on immunology, microbiology and the treatment of cancer - ultimately developing a successful RF device to treat cancer eye in cows. Following retirement, David enjoyed creating and demonstrating hands on science experiments for elementary and middle school children in the Poudre School district, in the pursuit of "making science fun". His volunteer efforts were beloved by both the children and teachers, who nominated David for the State of Colorado school district Volunteer Of The Year. He won the award, and was honored by the State of Colorado as the school district Volunteer Of The Year for the 3rd Congressional District.

David was a charismatic and kind presence in the world, frequently empathizing with

friends and neighbors over lifes trials and tribulations. He loved supporting Darlene, his children, and extended family, and knowing where they were and that they were all safe. Taking Princess and Martha(the family black labs) for walks was a recurring joy, as was “just a little piece” of cookie or ice cream. David could immediately connect with people and enjoyed conversations with anyone about any subject – thereby positively impacting hundreds of people’s lives. He just enjoyed helping people, from cleaning kitchen dishes for Darlene, to building a canoe with Mark, to frequent telephone conversations with Andrea, to caring for a friends medical issues. He also eagerly researched and provided disease treatment expertise to friends and acquaintances, repeatedly providing comfort visits in the hospital or at home.

David is deeply missed by his family, and was beloved by all his neighbors, who have gone out of their way to keep the lawn mowed, snow shoveled, and otherwise support him and Darlene as they aged in their home.

David is survived by his wife of 68 years, Darlene Z. Lueker, his brother Richard Lueker of Albuquerque, NM, his son Mark Lueker, Daughter in law Malu Lueker, grandson Alexander Lueker all of Fort Collins; Daughter Andrea Lueker and son in law Richard Hubbard of Los Osos, California; and granddaughter Catalina Hubbard of Morro Bay, California.

David’s burial service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Ft. Collins, CO at 10:30am Saturday October 27, 2018 followed at 11:30am by a memorial celebration of his life and light luncheon at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 2000 Stover Street Ft. Collins, CO. Please send any stories you have to mlueker@308systems.com and we will add them to Davids Living Legacy book, and bring your fond memories and stories to share at the reception.

In lieu of memorial flowers, and to honor his heart for the less fortunate, please consider a donation in Dr. Luekers name to the Fort Collins Rescue Mission.

Cemetery

Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery

8426 S. College Ave.
Fort Collins, CO, 80525

Events

OCT 27

Graveside Service

10:30AM

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Memorial Service

11:30AM

St. Luke's Episcopal church

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