

## Obituary

**Born:** Tuesday, March 14, 1939

**Died:** Thursday, December 27, 2018

NORMAL

David Day Rademacher, 79, died following a brief illness on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, Normal, Illinois.

Memorial Services will be held on January 5, 2019 at Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis, IL. Visitation will be at 10:30a.m. with an 11:00 service followed by committal with military rites in the Kettelkamp family cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be on January 12, 2019 at 2:00p.m. at New Covenant Community, Normal, IL. The Rev. Richard Watts and the Rev. Robert Ryder will officiate. Visitation with family will follow the service. Kibler-Brady-

Ruestman Memorial Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

David was born March 14, 1939, the only child of Erwin J. Rademacher and Anna Margaret (Shelton) Rademacher. He married Mary Jean Hewitt on August 21, 1966. They have a daughter and a son. He married Betty Green on June 7, 1975. She survives.

He was preceded in death by both parents and his beloved uncles, E. E. and Louis Rademacher.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of 43 years, his daughter Gieta (Glenn) Beckmann, his son, David (Jenny) Rademacher, and his daughters, Susan (Rob) Blaese and Karen (Jim) Townsend.

He was a proud, loving and fun "Papa" to grandchildren, Ezri and Cyrina Beckmann, David Charles Morris JR, and Jeremy and Ashley Townsend. Great grandchildren, Grayson, Locke, and Zeke Townsend, and Cameron Jeanne Morris will always know him as they hear "Papa stories." In addition to the love for his family and friends, David was devoted to his sweet little dog, Lizzy.

He was a graduate of Nokomis High School where he was a lettered athlete in four sports and president of his Senior class, He received bachelor and master degrees from the University of Illinois, Urbana. At the Uof I, he was on University Senate, president of Senior Mens Honorary, president of Interfraternity Council, a YMCA Bailey Scholar, and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He was a Lieutenant. In the U. S. Navy from 1962 to 1964 serving as an officer on the destroyer, U.S.S. Leery DDR-879.

David began his professional career as a high school teacher in Hayward, California. In 1969, he started a long teaching and administrative career at Illinois State University in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. He served on many University committees and developed the first academic support services for student athletes at ISU.

He was an accomplished photographer, a model train collector and enthusiast, a gardener and a manager of his farm in Nokomis. He enjoyed maintaining the family Cedar Line Farm in Marion, IL. He especially liked mowing the meadows with his big John Deere tractor. David played tennis and golf. At age 78 he was skiing the black diamonds at Vail, Colorado.

He was a member of New Covenant Community, Young Mens Club, KodaRoamer Camera Club, Bloomington-Normal Ski Club and the McLean County Historical Society.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Research Foundation, New Covenant Community, or the

University of Illinois YMCA.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.kiblerbradyrustman.com](http://www.kiblerbradyrustman.com).

## **Service Summary**

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### **Visitation**

10:30 AM to 11:00 AM, Sat Jan 05, 2019

### **Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home- Nokomis Location**

200 East State St.  
Nokomis, Illinois 62075

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### **Memorial Service**

11:00 AM Sat Jan 05, 2019

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