



## David D. (DD) Becker

November 29, 1946 - July 8, 2024

David D. (DD) Becker, 77, went to be with the Lord on July 7, 2024, after a 4 ½ year battle with cancer. Born on November 29, 1946, he was the son of the late Walter T. and Grace (Douple) Becker. He was the husband of Phyllis J. (Nissley) Becker. They were married for 20 years. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bonnie L (Koser) Becker, died August 9, 2001.

In 1964 he graduated from Donegal High School. After graduation Dave traveled to the West Coast with his FFA buddies for 4 weeks. Upon returning he began his farming dream.

After marrying Bonnie in 1967, they started housekeeping on a farm along Donegal Springs Road. Dave was also hauling milk in cans at this time for Earl Lokey. In 1968 he purchased a cattle truck and hauled cattle for a number of years. Dave rented several farms over the years, where he raised crops including 30 acres of tobacco for 30 years. In 1980, Dave and Bonnie purchased their first farm on Hereford Road, he farmed crops and raised beef cattle. Dave did custom combining in the local area as well. For 17 years he hosted the Northwest Lancaster County Tractor Expo at the farm. In 2016, Dave's grandson, Scott, took over the farming operations. Dave was proud that there were 3 generations working together.

From 1970-78, Dave was a member of the PA Tractor Pullers Association. At one point during those years, he had 3 tractors that he owned and ran. Dave also competed in plowing competitions where he won master plowman awards several times. In 1999, Dave & Bonnie traveled to Australia to tour

with Farm Journal and visit the family of their bonus son, Ashley Ovens.

Dave served on the West Green Tree Cemetery board for 58 years, where he was responsible for opening & closing graves and maintaining the property.

He was a member of the Allis Chalmers and Cockshutt Tractor Clubs. Dave attended both Florin and West Green Tree Church of the Brethren.

In addition to his wife, Phyllis, Dave is survived by his son David S., husband of Cindy (Sawadsky) Becker, and their children, Scott Becker, Naomi wife of Owen Forry, and Kirsten Becker. Daughter-in-law, Danielle (Mertz) Becker and her children, Jessica wife of Grant Lawson, Jordan wife of Josh Long, Janelle Becker, Jason Becker, Curtis Becker, and Chris Becker. Dave was thrilled to be a great-grandfather to Lincoln Long, son of Jordan and Josh, and have great-granddaughter to be born in October to Jessica and Grant Lawson.

Bonus son originally from Australia, Ashley, husband of Karen (Kniss) Ovens and their children, Wesley husband of Rachel (Sutherland) Ovens and Austin Ovens. He is also survived by a sister, Marion wife of Sam Long. Dave was preceded in death by son, Robert Becker, November 2017, sister Lois Witman, August 2018 and brother, Glenn Becker, November 2023.

The family would like to thank all the friends and family that have shown so much love and support through this journey.

In memory of Dave, contributions can be made to Hospice of Masonic Village, 98 Masonic Dr Suite 101, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 for their excellent care Dave and the family received or to Ryan Arndt's ministry fund at West Green Tree, 740 Greentree Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

A funeral service honoring Dave's life will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at Florin Church of the Brethren, 815 Bruce Avenue, Mount Joy, PA 17552 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church on Friday, July 12, 2024 from 4 PM to 7 PM and again on Saturday before the service from 930 AM to 11 AM. Interment will follow the service at West Green Tree Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Florin Church of the Brethren  
815 Bruce Avenue  
Mount Joy, PA 17552

## Visitation

JUL 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



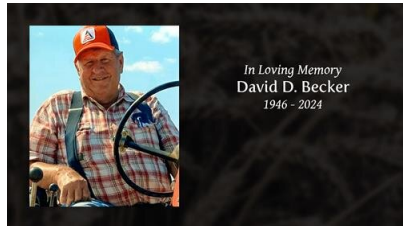
“ *Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of David D. (DD) Becker*



Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc - August 02, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ *Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of David D. (DD) Becker*



Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc - July 13, 2024 at 09:41 AM

CC

*What an awesome time that will be when we are all reunited in Heaven!*

Cindy and Gary Collins - July 14, 2024 at 05:47 AM

GF

“ Our paths have crossed many times over the years with Dave. Can't help thinking about Dave without smiling. He was a truly dedicated person, whether it be to his family, farm life, church, Tractor expo or serving on the cemetery committee and all that entailed. Time to rest now Dave. We don't have to wonder where you are. Phyllis and the rest of the family, may God be a comfort to you in the coming weeks as you begin to process life without him and cherish the beautiful memories you have of him . Prayers for peace and acceptance



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**Gale and Jay Forry** - July 12, 2024 at 08:45 PM

GW

“ I've known David since he was about 5 years old. I can still picture him with his parents at Florin Church when it was on Main Street in Mount Joy. We were always in the same Sunday School class, Bible school class and have know each other ever since. My husband Ronnie and I would sometimes run in David at an auction. Rest in peace dear friend. Hi first wife Bonnie and I were the best of friends and even went together to Camp Swatara. My sinceest condolences to David's wife and family. He was a great guy!

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**Genevieve Wimer** - July 12, 2024 at 12:52 PM

AM

“ I met Dave while volunteering selling food at his Allis Chalmers tractor auction. We chatted about his tractors and the fun he had with them. He was a friendly guy who enjoyed sharing his knowledge with a newby to the tractor hobby. (I have an ib).

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**Andrew Maloney** - July 11, 2024 at 09:48 AM



CK

“ When we were younger, Dave was always full of energy and life. I thought, he will never get old. He told me one summer, if you shave your beard off now, you could get pneumonia. Good memories!

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**Cliff Keener** - July 09, 2024 at 08:56 AM



SC

“Grandpa” Becker will be dearly missed by our family. He always had a smile and a warm welcome whenever we were at the farm. So glad he is now pain and illness free. I know he had a warm welcome upon his arrival in heaven! Our prayers and love to our Becker family!

Chad, Shelley, Bradley, Kyleigh, Benjamin and Mia Candy 🙏📱

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**Shelley Candy** - July 08, 2024 at 10:45 PM



BW

“ Dave and Bonnie were long time friends of my father’s and Dave became a good friend to Bob and I. Many visits at the farm for straw and at tractor pulls. Always a smile for everyone. I’m sure there are a lot of stories being shared right now in heaven with all the pulling alumni!!! Our prayers Davy and all of your family. Bob and Beth Wittenbrader.

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**bob and beth wittenbrader** - July 08, 2024 at 10:04 PM



“ I knew Dave when I lived in Mt. Joy in the 1980's and 1990's. Of course, it was tractor talk all the time. Now that I live in upstate NY, it is a pleasure and honor to say some of Dave's tractors and equipment are in my barn from his auction sale. Now they are more special to me. Our Heavenly Father will now extend his arms and reach out to David and welcome him into Heaven. Dominic Centonze, Middlefield, NY

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**Dommy Centonze** - July 08, 2024 at 09:16 PM

SK

“ Many times as a child I got to spend a couple of weeks a Summer on the Becker Farm with my cousins Davie and Bobby and my Aunt Bonnie and Uncle Dave. The kid from the big city.

David Becker treated me like one of his own, worked me harder than he probably thought I could go and loved me like only he could. Feeding steers, topping tobacco, stocking chicks in a neighboring farm's chicken house, driving an old International truck with bad brakes, you name it. I did it. I learned a lot from David Becker and a lot about myself.

Prayers for the family, gratitude for his rest from the pain and thankful to have known him.

Scott M. Koser

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Scott M. Koser - July 08, 2024 at 06:51 PM

RA

“ I will forever cherish the time spent together and the undying support that Dave and Phyllis offered me in music ministry and my beginning of licensed ministry. To quote a card Dave Becker sent me, "I am glad that God crossed our paths on this side of Heaven." Amen.

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Ryan Arndt - July 08, 2024 at 02:29 PM

CG

I have fond memories growing up with David at Florin church. He was always very friendly and supportive to all of us youth. Lost touch as adults but he took very good care of my youngest brother Carl who was laid to rest at West Greentree. I was very glad to call him 'friend'.

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Clair Greiner - July 08, 2024 at 04:59 PM

MC

*Although I didn't know Mr. Dave very long, in this case though first impressions have proved Mr. Dave to be a fine man and real good friend, I will cherish knowing him and never forget our discussions about farm life and the tractors that have helped to make it all happen. We found each other with involvement in ESACCA our Allis Chalmers Assoc. Dave was a tremendous help in establishing the Assoc. and will be missed by me and many others. May God Bless and keep you now Dave, in his Kingdom of Heaven. My sincere sympathy to Phyllis and the family.*

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**Michael A Cline** - July 08, 2024 at 06:08 PM

DB

*Helen and I extend heart felt sympathy to you Phyllis and the family. Phyllis we had many great times together and Dave will definitely be missed. Phyllis you and Dave were married 20 years and worked together like a team and those tractor shows WOW. So many memories Phyllis and our friendship will continue. With all our love and Prayers. Don and Hell*

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**Don and Hellen Booser** - July 09, 2024 at 02:07 PM