



David A. Brubaker

April 21, 2023

David A Brubaker, 74, passed away April 21, 2023.

He was born in Marion, Indiana, to parents Lloyd and Margaret (Schoby) Brubaker.

A true artist, he painted a world full of color, sang his own song, and wrote stories about his experiences through his unique lens. He will forever be remembered for his patient, gentle and kind spirit.

His passion for drawing began in middle school, where his habit of doodling often conflicted with teachers' ideas of paying attention in class. Since then, no margin has been left unadorned.

After meeting his wife Lucina A (Eshelman) Brubaker at college, they settled in Lancaster County where they spent the next 40 years together. They were active within the Florin Church of the Brethren and the larger Mount Joy community.

He taught English for the Penn Manor school district for several years, but continued to subtly correct his sons' grammar thereafter. He then spent many years as an interior designer, sharing his artistic vision through the homes of friends and clients.

Since his retirement in 2011, he was able to dedicate larger blocks of time to his personal artwork, shifting from pencil drawing to his true passion for watercolor painting.

Following the deaths of his wife and mother in Lancaster County, in 2019 he moved to a retirement community in Sarasota, Florida, to be near his sister

and her family.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Judy and Chuck Hendricks, his son Peter Brubaker and spouse Erin Swaney of Austin, Texas, and his son Robin Brubaker and spouse Meghan Dabkowski of New Castle, Delaware. A memorial service will be held in Sarasota, Florida, on May 27th. Because he spent so many years in Lancaster County, a future celebration of his life is also pending in Pennsylvania.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of David A. Brubaker*



Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc - June 02, 2023 at 02:54 PM

DC

“ Judy, Peter, and Robin,

It's June 18, 2024. David has been on my mind quite a lot recently, and so I tried to call him yesterday afternoon. We hadn't spoken in quite a long time; the last time must have been during the early stages of the covid pandemic. But it wasn't unusual for periods of time to pass without us contacting each other. I had texted his cell phone recently, and it was unlike him not to respond. So yesterday after not reaching him, I googled his name and found this site.

To say I am sorry to read of his passing in an understatement.

David and I first met when we were both seniors in high school, and each president of our high school chapter of the National Thespian Society. Then we reunited and cemented our friendship when we each enrolled as freshmen at Manchester College. The two of us acted together in plays at Manchester and sang together in Chapel Choir, Madrigal Singers, and toured together with the Acappella Choir. When he and the divine Lucy met and fell in love I was honored to be part of their wedding party -- the infamous celebration delayed by a terrible blizzard! I will never forget the two of the arriving by snow mobiles!

Over the years we would lose touch only to regain contact -- a pattern we repeated often. The three of us made it a point to attend Manchester Homecoming together to celebrate our 20th class reunion. 2025 will be our 55th. I am not sure I and stand to go without David.

When Lucy passed, I drove to Mount Joy to attend her funeral.

Later, David came to visit us in New York. We have a piece of David's artwork hanging in our home. And one of my favorite photos is of the three of us singing in costume at one of the annual Madrigal Dinners.

No matter how much time had passed, our reunions were always joyful.

David is a part of me, and he always will be. The thought of David and Lucy singing together again warms my heart.

May Light Perpetual Shine Upon Him.

With love,

David Carson

David Carson - June 18, 2024 at 01:29 AM

DM

“ *Judy, Peter & Robin,*

I was lucky enough to have David as a pet sitting client back before he moved to Florida. I was also lucky enough to be able to adopt his sweet Tutti before he left. He was a very kind and loving Cat Dad to Tutti. I would send updates and photos of Tutti and he would send a wonderful Christmas card each year. Recently my texts went unanswered and we didn't see a Christmas card and I knew something was wrong. We are so sad to find out that Dave has passed. What an extraordinary person he is! May he rest in peace. Deb and John Mengoni & Tutti the Cat

Deb Mengoni - December 27, 2023 at 09:43 AM

DR

“ *Peter and Robin, your father was my 7th grade English teacher. (I believe it was his first year teaching.) He was a caring person. I remember a song he sang for a faculty program called “I’m 5”. He was great— so talented and funny. May God’s strength and peace surround you on your way forward.*

Diane Ressler - May 18, 2023 at 06:01 PM

NB

“ *Peter and Robin, I knew your father when he was a teacher at Penn Manor High School. I had him as my homeroom teacher in my senior year and also for an English class. I remember he was such a kind teacher and person. So sorry to hear of your loss. Naomi (Souders) Brenneman 'class of 1978*

Naomi Brenneman - May 18, 2023 at 07:44 AM

GH

“ Peter & Robin, I was in the same high school class as your mother and we were close friends. Then when she and Dave married the friendship continued. We have enjoyed the yearly Christmas greetings that Dave created! He was a very talented person! May you be comforted by the love of the Lord Jesus Christ! Your parents left you a wonderful legacy to follow! Ginny & Glenn Hoover

Ginny Hoover - May 17, 2023 at 01:36 PM

JM

“ Peter and Robin, I could hardly believe it when I read of your Dad's passing in the morning paper. What a gifted, creative, caring man! I always looked forward to his Christmas greetings. You were so blessed with two very wonderful parents and I'm sure that you were both a blessing to them. May the love of Christ comfort you and give you peace. Jean Moyer

Jean Moyer - May 16, 2023 at 09:48 PM

DM

“ David was devoted to his wife and children, but his loving advocacy for his mother as she endured a long, drawn out, slow decline was quite remarkable. I know his family will miss him. It was an honor to serve as his physician and work with him to ensure his mother had the best possible quality of life in her later years. His art work was exceptional, as was his ability as an interior decorator-both skills that have benefitted my home.
David Fuchs, M.D.

David E. Fuchs, M.D. - May 16, 2023 at 08:15 PM

JL

“ We met David when our older son was in nursery school at Florin Church of the Brethren and had many happy times with him and Lucy as our kids grew up together. We were sorry to hear of his passing, Jim & Janet Lawrence but comforted by knowing where he's destined to spend eternity.

Jim Lawrence - May 16, 2023 at 04:56 PM

SF

“ As the Congregational Administrator of Lititz Church of the Brethren, I had the pleasure of seeing Dave pretty regularly and always enjoyed our conversations. We shared a mutual interest in creative arts and I loved seeing his artwork that he shared here at church and also his displays of art work at the Art Walk and shows. When my son graduated from high school in 2019, he gave him a meaningful card and gift that touched us both. He was one of the kindest people I ever knew and I loved his sense of humor. He was missed when he moved to Florida, although we stayed in touch, and he will always be remembered.

Susan Faulkner

Susan Faulkner - May 16, 2023 at 09:56 AM

LC

“ I met David when he joined the choir at Lititz church of the brethren. He was such a kind, gentle man. I especially admired his art work. Every Christmas he sent cards to all of us with his own artwork as the design. He continued this even after he moved to Florida. I even framed one of my favorites and it is still hanging on my wall. I know he will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Linda Clark

Linda Clark - May 16, 2023 at 07:34 AM