



## Lester David "Jack" Baer

July 4, 1928 - December 3, 2020

Lester David "Jack" Baer, age 92, of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Franciscan Health Rensselaer. He was born in Monticello, Indiana on July 4, 1928, the son of Lester Cornell and Mabel Edith (Wheaton) Baer.

Jack graduated from Idaville High School, Class of 1946 and then earned his Master's degree from Indiana University, Bloomington. On June 10, 1950, in Chicago, Illinois, he married Barbara Warner, who survives.

Jack served in the United States Army during World War II. After his discharge, he and Barbara attended Indiana University. They moved to Rensselaer in 1954. He worked as a teacher in Monon, Newland, South Barkley and Marion public schools and eventually became Elementary School Principal at Van Rensselaer Elementary School. He loved being in the classroom and teaching. He was revered by his students and made a positive impact on many of those who were under his tutelage. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer and a former member of the Rensselaer Rotary Club. Jack enjoyed playing golf and spending his retirement with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, Barbara, his children: David (Donna) Baer of Rensselaer, IN, Jeffrey (Candy) Baer of Martinsville, IN, Gregory (DeAnn)

Baer of Columbus, IN, Patricia (Stephen) LeBlanc of Port Orange, FL; nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a granddaughter.

A private graveside service will be held at the Pike Creek Cemetery in Monticello, Indiana. A memorial service is being planned for a later date, around Jack's birthday in July 2021.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jack's memory to the American Diabetes Association, or the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer, Indiana.

# Cemetery Details

## **Pike Creek Cemetery**

7047 E 175 N  
Monticello, IN 47960

# Tribute Wall



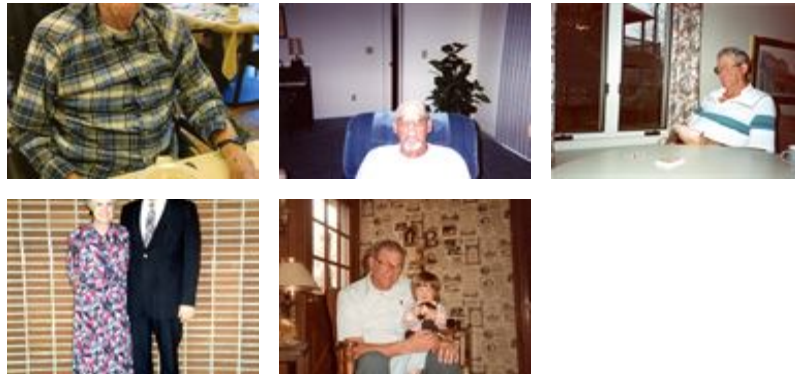
“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 28, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *114 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 28, 2021 at 11:43 AM

SC

“ *Stacey Chicoine lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer*



Stacey Chicoine - December 12, 2020 at 09:53 PM

BP

“ I remember going with Jack to play the Pheasant Valley Golf Course in Crown Point. What an enjoyable time it was spending a day on the golf course with him. He understood that people will forget what you say but never forget how you made them feel!....he always made you feel 'special'! On a couple occasions, on the way back to Rensselaer ,we would stop to purchase sweet corn. Great memories of spending time with Jack.

*Our love and prayers to Barb and the family.*

*George and Bernice Post*

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**Bernice Post** - December 11, 2020 at 09:23 AM

LC

“ Mr. Baer was truly one of the greats. He took a genuine interest in the kids, teachers, and school to help create an awesome experience. He was always smiling and walking at top speed up and down the halls, yet never passing anyone without sharing a kind word. Great man with a great family, influencing so many!

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**Lance Crowe** - December 10, 2020 at 08:48 AM

BC

“ Condolences to BARB and the Baer family. Mr. Baer was certainly an icon in Rensselaer education. Jack was a special part of our family's lives during our time in Rensselaer. Bob and Carla Crowe

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**Bob and Carla Crowe** - December 09, 2020 at 08:30 PM

JB

“ *He was a very responsible man in his chosen field of Education. Wonderful family.* ”



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**judy beehler** - December 08, 2020 at 11:19 PM

DE

“ *In memory of your husband and father.* ”



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**Deb Ellis** - December 08, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ *My condolences to the entire Baer family. I was in the 1st and 2nd grade at Newland, aka North Barkley Township, Elementary School when he taught there.* ”

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**Frank Shirer** - December 07, 2020 at 09:29 PM

ME

“ *Prayers are with you and your family. Dean and Marilyn Eckholm* ”

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**Marilyn Eckholm** - December 07, 2020 at 08:57 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and Prayers are with you all.

*Myles Beeching*



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**Myles Beeching** - December 07, 2020 at 07:59 AM



*Heartfelt sympathy Barb and family Prayers*

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**Valerie Brunton** - December 08, 2020 at 09:23 AM

CT

“ Grandpa Baer will always be remembered as kindness and love. I know that I'll never pass a golf course without thinking of him, eat Swedish pancakes and perfect bacon without thinking of him or play cribbage without thinking of him. Sending Gma and the rest of the family my love during this saddest of times... Cierra and family



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**Cierra Tabony** - December 07, 2020 at 05:36 AM

DW

*I am so sorry to learn of your loss! Great husband, Father, Grandpa and teacher/ leader! Always had such a pleasant smile and loving demeanor. I can still hear the sound of his shoes walking down those hallways in grade school! Mrs Baer we send hugs and prayers of peace for you and your family! Love , Diane (Ames) Wolfe*

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**diane wolfe** - December 10, 2020 at 11:36 AM

RS

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this time. May God comfort your family as you have many precious memories of Jack.*  
*Roger & Vicki Steffen*

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**Roger & Vicki Steffen** - December 06, 2020 at 08:56 PM

GW

“ *Glen And Linda Wood. lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer*



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**Glen and Linda Wood.** - December 06, 2020 at 06:17 PM

JM

“ *Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer*



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**Jerry miller** - December 06, 2020 at 05:26 PM

DW

“ *Our sincere sympathy to all of you.*



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**Don & Gloria Waymouth** - December 06, 2020 at 05:16 PM

CK

“ *Chuck And Pat Kohley lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer*



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**Chuck and Pat Kohley** - December 06, 2020 at 05:06 PM

BF

“ *Bethel Ford lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer*



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**Bethel Ford** - December 06, 2020 at 04:12 PM

JO

“ *Janice Odom lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer*



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**Janice Odom** - December 06, 2020 at 03:19 PM

LB

“ *Mr Baer was an amazing principal and touched many of our lives while students at Van Rensselaer. He will be remembered by so many*

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**Lorie Brand** - December 06, 2020 at 12:08 PM

BJ

“ Beth Jackson lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer



Beth Jackson - December 06, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ I was lucky enough to have Mr. Baer as both a principal, teacher and friend. He was one of the best and will certainly be missed. My sympathy to Barbara and his family.

JoAnn Reese - December 06, 2020 at 11:26 AM

BL

“ Our thoughts and prayers for the entire Baer family. May God grant you Strength and your memories give you Peace at this difficult time.

Bob and Debbie(McIntyre) Linback - December 06, 2020 at 10:21 AM

CS

“ Cindy Stath lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer



Cindy Stath - December 06, 2020 at 09:43 AM

TR

“ *My condolences to the Baer family. My history with you is long and filled with so many memories. Jack was a special man. Special hugs to you, Barb.*



**Teresa Rishel** - December 06, 2020 at 09:37 AM

JC

“ *Mr. Baer was a gentle giant. Thinking of all of his family and friends during this time.*



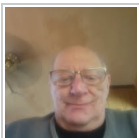
**Jackie Tiede Checkley** - December 06, 2020 at 08:53 AM

JS

“ *Judy Siegrist lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer*



**Judy Siegrist** - December 06, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ *Dan Cole lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer*



**Dan Cole** - December 06, 2020 at 08:22 AM

JF

“ Sending my deepest sympathies to the Baer family at this difficult time. I know my father spoke many kind words about him. He was a wonderful man.



Jan Faris - December 06, 2020 at 07:43 AM

DS

“ Donna Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer



Donna sullivan - December 05, 2020 at 11:49 PM

JB

“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer



Judy Burvan - December 05, 2020 at 07:48 PM

GB

“ Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of Lester David "Jack" Baer



Gloria Baier - December 05, 2020 at 07:41 PM

ED

“ Jack Baer was a good man and educator who touched the lives of countless students, myself included.  
He made a difference and will be missed.  
My condolences to his family.

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**Ed Davisson** - December 05, 2020 at 06:37 PM

PB

“ So sorry for your loss. Jack was so nice to me when I first came to Rensselaer as a Speech Therapist a long time ago (1975). Enjoyed all our times at Curtis with Jack and Barb.



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**Penny Bardoczi** - December 05, 2020 at 05:45 PM

PM

“ I am so sorry to hear this. He was truly so respected and had a Special way of letting kids know underneath that big tough guy was an even bigger heart, Sending Prayers to his family.

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**Patricia Mattocks** - December 05, 2020 at 05:04 PM