



## David Arthur Oesterheld

May 20, 1943 - June 9, 2020

David Arthur Oesterheld, a resident of Naples, FL, died on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. He was dearly loved and is greatly missed by his wife, Mary-Ann Oesterheld, his stepdaughters, Tara Eskesen and Kathryn Berg, son-in-law, Michael Berg, grandchildren Bennett, Reese, and Ethan Eskesen, sister and brother-in-law Janet Oesterheld Greaves and Randy Greaves, brother and sister-in-law Douglas Oesterheld and Kathleen Oesterheld, nephew Daniel Oesterheld, and many loving friends.

David was born in New Rochelle, NY, on May 20, 1943, to Arthur and Florence Oesterheld. In 1965, he received his Economics degree with special honors from Dartmouth College. He served in the U.S. Army until 1968 and spent much of that time stationed as a Captain in Baumholder, Germany. In 1970, he went on to earn his M.B.A. in Accounting/Finance at Indiana University. David's distinguished career included many prominent positions in banking and finance as a CPA, CEO, and CFO before becoming Vice President of Budgeting at J.P. Morgan Chase in New York City.

David was married to his late wife Susan Bergholtz for 34 years and then married Mary-Ann in 2011. He cherished and cared for his newly inherited daughters and grandchildren like they were his own. His mantra was "Family

first, no matter what."

David was enormously gifted with a big heart and the desire to make others smile. An intellectual with a hankering for adventure. David made the most of his 40 plus years living in NYC. He loved the fast-paced lifestyle, was a member of several private clubs, and made generous donations to several beloved charities. He treasured New York views and the city energy invigorated him. Jogging and bicycling along the Hudson River was his favorite way to start the day. His love of theater, opera, and experiencing new restaurants kept him plenty busy. David's appreciation for gourmet food and wine found him dining in many of the world's finest restaurants. Even after enjoying an elegant dessert, he couldn't resist indulging in his nightly bowl of ice cream. He was happy to whip up his signature martinis and root beer floats on a moment's notice at any gathering.

David also had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. He was an accomplished traveler and could speak intelligently to anyone about world history, politics, geography, and various cultures. His homes in New York, New Jersey and Florida displayed his carefully curated souvenirs, about which he would happily share his tales of acquisition.

David Oesterheld will be lovingly remembered by everyone as a kind and gentle soul whose passion was to help others. Please consider in lieu of flowers making a donation to:

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A Memorial Service will be held up north at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ I dated Dave in 2009 before he met Mary Ann his second wife. He was a wonderful man, generous, kind and funny. I was thinking about him today in 2026 and found his obituary. I am sorry he's no longer around and send my condolences to his family. Rest in peace, Dave. I know you are having a good time just as you did on earth.

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**Christine Graf** - May 31 at 10:29 AM



“ *David Arthur Oesterheld*

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October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *David Arthur Oesterheld*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM

SL

“ It seems I have known David Osterheld all my life. His father, Artie Osterheld and my dad, Tris Metcalfe, went through school together; grade school, high school and then Dartmouth College along with another lifelong friend, John Branson. David was my younger brother's age so they mostly played together here summers on Windsor Pond. However, as we matured (I use that term lightly), David and I became good friends. He was always fun to be around, had a great sense of humor and a lively personality - a trait sometimes hard to find. I clearly remember the day I heard a helicopter overhead and as it became louder, it dropped unceremoniously into our field. Out popped David and asked if I would like to go for a ride. David had taken up helicopter training while in the Army in Germany. He would return several times with the helicopter to give us all rides including my grandmother. Another time, I had parked my car by the farmhouse, open the garage door, and when I went to put the car in the garage, I saw a Volkswagen in my rear view mirror driving into the garage. When I saw it was David, he said, "First come, first serve." What fun he was. I have many other wonderful memories of David but these are some of my favorites. David and I were at polar opposites politically speaking, but we never lost sight of our friendship and treated our differences with humor and respect. We will miss you, dear friend, and your parting is our loss.

*Susan Metcalfe LaRock*

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**Susan Metcalfe LaRock** - July 20, 2020 at 05:03 PM



*I too have known David all my life along with Doug his brother for summers up to the college years with Ron Wareham which completed our team of summer explorers. We all took a canoe trip down the CT River for a week as boy scouts. David's sister Janet and Ron's sister Penny were only a few years younger than my sister Sue and Ron's sister Sarah but all the girls were the adversaries typical to immature young boys. David always had humor to drive him with his ideas while his brother Doug was more even fair-minded and reasonable yet David was a leader. The college years disrupted summers as we all seemed to part but for the occasional summer visits yet Doug and his son were my children's age and played together from several years. David will be missed I'm sure as those who create fun and humor are a gift to those in their sphere. Rest in peace David.*

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**Tristram Metcalfe** - July 21, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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“*Hola Mary-Ann, quería agradecerte la gentileza de habernos informado la reciente muerte del querido David y, asimismo, expresarte la profunda pena que nos causa su desaparición. Lo sentimos muchísimo.*

*Conocimos a David en el año 1997, cuando vivimos durante un año en Nueva York. Mi mujer, Silvia, cuyo apellido también es Oesterheld, nacida en Argentina, se contactó con David por teléfono.*

*David fue encantador con nosotros desde el primer momento y con el tiempo desarrollamos una amistad que culminó, varios años más tarde, con su visita a Buenos Aires, donde conoció a algunos Oesterheld de la rama argentina.*

*Te enviamos un entrañable abrazo y quedamos en contacto para lo que necesites.*

*Florencio Sueldo y Silvia Oesterheld*

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**Florencio Sueldo** - July 06, 2020 at 04:45 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Kathryn** - June 21, 2020 at 10:24 AM

CM

“ *MaryAnn, I was so very sad to hear the news of David's passing. What a very sweet, kind and friendly person that we are grateful to have known and gotten to spend a little time with here in Naples. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Hugs 🙏 From Donnie and Cherie Milarcik*

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**Cherie Milarcik** - June 20, 2020 at 09:35 PM

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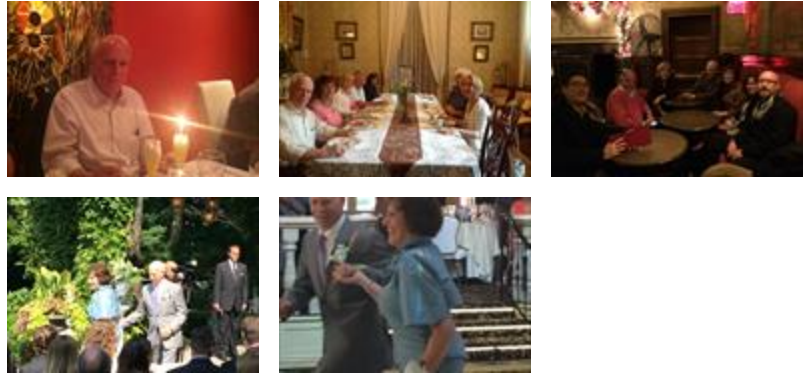


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**Dan Oesterheld** - June 20, 2020 at 02:12 PM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Robert Nielsen - June 18, 2020 at 01:16 PM

TA

These are wonderful! Thank you ❤️

Tara - June 20, 2020 at 07:58 AM

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“ 16 files added to the album Family Memories



Tara L Eskesen - June 16, 2020 at 04:51 PM

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“ 12 files added to the album *Family Memories*



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**Tara L Eskesen** - June 16, 2020 at 10:47 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Family Memories*



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**Tara Eskesen** - June 16, 2020 at 10:35 AM

KB

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories of Dave*



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**Kathryn Berg** - June 16, 2020 at 10:22 AM

RK

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. We will always have fond memories of David sharing his New York City stories with us.*

*Perry and Rosa Kwok*

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**Rosa Kwok** - June 14, 2020 at 01:06 PM