



Herman Francis Baechle

May 30, 1929 - January 18, 2023

Herman Francis Baechle was born on May 30, 1929 to Peter August and Anna Genevieve (née Kraenzle) Baechle in Bloomsdale, MO. After a recent battle with leukemia, he died on January 18, 2023 at the age of 93 in his home surrounded by family.

Herman received his primary education at Valle Parochial School. In the fall of 1943, he entered Ste. Genevieve High School where his father was a teacher. He played both basketball and football, serving as a captain his senior year, was active in student government, and was his class president during his sophomore, junior, and senior years. Upon graduating from high school, he attended the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO, from 1947-52, ultimately obtaining a B.S. in Agriculture. While at "Mizzou," he played varsity football for four years, attending and playing in the Gator Bowl twice, and was a member of the Air ROTC Program.

Upon graduation he received a commission in the United States Air Force as a Second Lieutenant. After a brief time in Sacramento, CA, he was stationed in Thule, Greenland in January of 1953. In May of the following year he returned to the USA, taking a position with the Kroger Co. and working as a journeyman meat cutter for two years in several stores in Southeastern Missouri, Southern Illinois, and Western Kentucky. Kroger transferred him to Little Rock, AR, in September 1956 to work as a meat cutter trainer.

In October 1956, Herman met Margaret Mary Kordsmeier of Morrilton, AR, who was working as a registered nurse in Little Rock. They fell in love and

became engaged. Kroger selected him to attend a one-year Masters Program at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. On Christmas break, he returned to Little Rock, and he and Margaret were united in holy matrimony on December 28, 1957 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morrilton. In January, the newlyweds returned to Michigan State where Herman completed a Masters degree in Food Distribution.

Herman and Margaret were happily married for over sixty-five years. During that time, the couple lived in different areas as a result of Herman's employment with Kroger, making homes in Cleveland, OH, Minneapolis, MN, Peoria, IL, and Dallas, TX. Along the way, God blessed them with six children. In June 1975, Herman was transferred to Houston, TX. He purchased a home in Spring, TX, and it was here that he would live for the rest of his life. Herman worked for the Kroger Co. until October of 1986 when he accepted early retirement. His retirement did not last long, however, for in January 1987 he accepted a position with Prefco, serving ultimately as its Vice President of Procurement. He worked for Prefco for twenty-four years, retiring in January 2011, at the age of eighty-one.

Herman was a man of strong faith and was deeply religious. His Roman Catholicism permeated every part of his life and made him the man he was. He was an ideal husband, father, grandfather, cousin, colleague, and friend who lived a life of heroic virtue. His quiet and daily witness to the Gospel manifested to everyone he met the love of Christ in the most mundane of everyday activities. While he was not a teacher like his father, everyone who knew Herman would remark about how much they learned from him, both professionally, personally, and morally. Herman touched the lives of countless people. He will be truly missed and will continued to be loved.

Herman is survived by his wife of over sixty-five years, Margaret Mary Baechle; five children, Catherine Anne Koch (John Joseph) of Morrilton, AR, Julia Anne Manning (Michael Steven) of Spring, TX, Carl Francis Baechle (Diana Ramona) of New York, NY, Mary Anne Baechle of Richmond, VA, and Sara Anne Hildebrand (Stephen Marc) of Steubenville, OH; and eleven

grandchildren, in addition to many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father Peter August Baechle (1893-1977), his mother Anna Genevieve Baechle (1893-1990), his younger brother August Anthony Baechle (1931-2021), and his oldest son Peter Carl Baechle (1959-1976). Funeral mass will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Jack Harris officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. Rosary will be 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, prior to mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Morrilton, AR

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 24. 9:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
506 E. Broadway
Morrilton, AR 72110

Funeral Mass

JAN 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

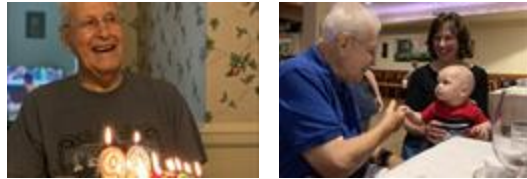


“ *Herman Francis Baechle*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



genevieve - January 27, 2023 at 03:49 AM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Herman Francis Baechle.*



January 23, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Jim & Mary Ann Ledwig purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Herman Francis Baechle.*



Jim & Mary Ann Ledwig - January 23, 2023 at 04:09 PM

DC

“ *David D. Coleman purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Herman Francis Baechle.*



David D. Coleman - January 23, 2023 at 12:38 PM

KB

“ *Karla Ricky Beene lit a candle in memory of Herman Baechle*



Karla & Ricky Beene - January 22, 2023 at 04:52 PM