



George W. Beaves, 87, of Dubuque, IA, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

Mass will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dubuque, where friends may greet the family from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Very Reverend Dwayne Thoman will officiate. Military honors will be accorded by the American Legion Post #6. Hoffmann Schneider & Kitchen Funeral Home and Cremation Service is entrusted with arrangements.

George was born December, 24, 1929 in Dubuque to George I. and Ludwina (Eisbach) Beaves. He attended Loras Academy and enlisted in the Air Force in 1951. He was stationed at Empire Air Force Base in Empire, Michigan, where he met his wife of 61 years, Dorothy, in nearby Traverse City. George and Dorothy (Zakoscielny) were married on October 22, 1955, at Visitation Church in Detroit, Michigan.

George worked in the plumbing and pipefitting trade and was a member of UA Local 66, for which he has held the positions of secretary and president. He was also enshrined in the Dubuque Labor Hall of Fame in 2016. He started his long career working for his father at Beaves Plumbing & Heating. He went on to work for others such as Braconier Plumbing & Heating and Dubuque Plumbing & Heating, as well as for contractors during the construction of the Byron nuclear power generating station in Byron, IL. After his retirement from the trade in 1987, George worked for the City of Dubuque Parking Department.

George has been a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Parish and has served in many capacities, including as a member of the School Board for more than 12 years. He was also elected to the Dubuque Community School Board, and served for 15 years.

Bowling and the brewing of beer, wine, and soda were among his interests, and he was also an avid reader and popcorn aficionado. He was a member of Trees for Dubuque, and enjoyed living in the great outdoors with his sons as members and Scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts Troop 12. George was one of the original owners of the Dubuque Fighting Saints, and was also instrumental in organizing the Dubuque Youth Hockey Association. After his retirement, George met regularly with friends at the

Fisher Building Café and later at the Locust St HyVee for coffee and conversation. It was at these "meetings" where the gang would solve all of the world's problems.

George is survived by his wife Dorothy, sons George I. of Rockford, IL, David (Beth) of Asbury, IA, Gregory (Sara) of Houston, TX, Mark (Tracey) of The Villages, OK, and his "favorite daughter" Mary Kay (Dennis) Weber of Peosta, IA, as well as 14 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, brother Peter (Margaret) Beaves, sisters-in-law Eileen Beaves and Betty Church, and many nieces and nephews.

George was preceded in death by an infant daughter, his parents, sisters Mary Ellen (James) Kadra and Charlotte (Bill) Hanley, brothers Richard (Gerry) and Theodore, very close cousin Jack (Veronica) Murphy, sister in law Ann (Joe) Jackowski, and brother in law, Joseph Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the family for later donation to George's favorite charities.

George's family extends their sincerest gratitude to the doctors, especially Drs. Whalen and Kirkendall, the nurses and the entire staffs at Grand River Medical Group, Finley Hospital, Oak Park Place, and [Hospice of Dubuque](#), for all their kind, compassionate and professional care.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hskfh.com