



David Raetz

March 25, 1936 - September 30, 2024

David W. Raetz was born March 25, 1936 in Milwaukee, WI to the late Raymond and Ann (Schreiber) Raetz, and passed away on September 30, 2024. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 AM on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 in Lake Oconee Lutheran Church.

The family will receive friends at the church from 10 AM until the service hour.

Soon after graduating from Milwaukee Lutheran High school (Class of 1955), David joined the US Air Force, serving in Biloxi, MS, Iceland, and Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

After marrying his wife Grace (Nienow) in 1964, David attended Concordian Theological seminary in Springfield, IL (now Ft. Wayne, IN) where he earned a Master of Theology degree.

During his 55 years in the ministry, David served churches in Lawrenceville, IL; East Troy, WI; Milwaukee, WI; Mobile, AL; Granite City, IL; Atlanta, GA; Lakeland, FL; Crawfordville, FL; Milledgeville, GA; and finally Inverness, FL.

Later in life, David resumed his military service by serving as a Chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol (Auxillary of Air Force) where he reached the rank of First Lieutenant.

After retiring, David and Grace spent time traveling to Europe and the Caribbean, as well as enjoying many vacations with their family. David loved water skiing, Amateur Radio(call letters W4VZL), where he was licensed with the FCC since the age of 14, and a member of the Amateur Radio Relay League. He also enjoyed building Balsa Wood Airplanes.

David is survived by his wife of 60 years, Grace; his daughters, Rebecca Reid and Mary Atkinson (Larry); grandchildren, Matthew, Kristian, Joshua, and Lindsey. He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Michael Reid.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Lutheran Church Charities for Comfort Dogs.

Express online condolences at www.williamsfuneral.net
Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville

Cemetery Details

Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Hwy
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lake Oconee Lutheran Church
1089 Greensboro Road
Eatonton, GA 31024

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - October 15, 2024 at 10:22 AM

PP

“ To Grace and family. Sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Lance and Peggy Priem

Peggy Priem - October 15, 2024 at 06:35 AM

GJ

“ Grace and Members of the Raetz Family,

As the District president when Pastor Raetz served in our Florida-Georgia District, I want to express my sympathy to you, thank you for the service that he faithfully rendered to the congregations of the District, and rejoice with you in the rest and victory which he now enjoys in the Lord Jesus Christ. May His resurrection comfort your hearts in your sorrow but fill them with the peace and hope that He has won for all who trust in Him. I will be keeping you in my prayers as you celebrate His home-going Wednesday.

Gerhard "Mike" Michael, Jr.

Gerhard C. Michael, Jr. - October 11, 2024 at 02:34 PM



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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - October 02, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of David Raetz.



October 01, 2024 at 04:03 PM

AL

“ *Sending prayers and love to this sweet family. I know you will miss this wonderful husband, father, and friend! ❤️*

Alice Loper - October 01, 2024 at 02:35 PM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.*



Luther Minor - October 01, 2024 at 11:52 AM