



Dieter Baeckmann

January 2, 1934 - April 6, 2025

Dieter Baeckmann passed away peacefully on April 6th, 2025.

Dieter was born in Berlin, Germany on January 2, 1934, to the late Max and Gertrud Baeckmann. It was in Berlin that Dieter met the love of his life, Rita. They began a family and immigrated to America settling in Yonkers, NY, where their family continued to grow.

Dieter had begun his career as a tool and die maker apprentice in Germany and carried his trade to the United States. It was Dieter's work ethic and dedication that led to a successful career and ability to care for his family when they moved to Cairo, NY in the late 1970's.

Dieter was a man of many hobbies and interests. He was a competitive bicyclist who participated in many races in the NYC area, and he continued to ride for pleasure once moving upstate. Dieter was also a dedicated soccer player in clubs in Yonkers and Cairo. Even after retiring his cleats, he loved to watch his sons play soccer and watch games on TV as well. Dieter was also a motorcycle enthusiast, lover of history, harmonica player and enjoyed painting soldier figurines. When he wasn't busy with his many hobbies you could find

him sitting on the deck with a cold beer and cigar simply enjoying conversation with family and friends. Dieter lived life to the fullest and brought many laughs and memories to those who loved him.

Dieter was predeceased by his beloved wife Rita Baeckmann and his daughter Regina Baeckmann. He is survived by his children, Brigitte (Robert) Gentile, Peter (Marie) Baeckmann, Thomas (Lucy) Baeckmann, and Eric (Heidi) Baeckmann. Dieter will also be greatly missed by his twelve grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and his sisters Inge and Edith.

Dieter will be fondly remembered as “Papa” and “Opa”. While Dieter will be missed terribly by so many, his memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be forthcoming.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I'll carry your memory forever ❤️ I love you, Opa!

Courtney Baeckmann - April 14, 2025 at 04:37 PM

SB

“ I remember the first time I met him , he was so much fun and the sweetest man ever. Dieter you will be truly missed RIP. Thoughts and prayers Eric to you and your family ❤️

Sandy Beck - April 14, 2025 at 12:42 PM

EB

“ I will miss my Dad every day and think of him often. Many visits and laughs we shared. Rest easy Papa and look down and continue laughing. I'll be talking with you often. Love you Rubyfoot!😭 Petri Heil!

Eric Baeckmann - April 14, 2025 at 12:31 PM



Anouk Pedersen

Condolences to you and family . ❤️ .

Anouk Pedersen - April 14, 2025 at 12:47 PM

RS

“ Of all the people I brought Meals on Wheels to, Dieter was my favorite. I would visit on my days off. He would sit with my German Shepherd and show me his unbelievable miniatures collection. We would talk motorcycles and machine shop. Some of Dieter's work even made it to NASA! I'm better for knowing you, my friend.

Richard Snyder - April 13, 2025 at 06:27 PM

PB

“ Anyone who knew the man I called Papa, knows that he loved to be with family and friends sharing stories, often while sitting on his deck with a good beer and a cigar. He enjoyed talking about his bike racing days, soccer, history, motorcycle trips, and spending time in the Adirondacks with my Mother. Although I will miss him terribly, I will treasure the lifetime of memories I have of him. I love you Papa. Peter

Peter Baeckmann - April 09, 2025 at 07:46 PM