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Beecher C. Eaves, age 94, grew up in Detroit. After serving in the US Navy during World War II, Beecher graduated from Wayne State University as an engineer. During his time at Wayne State, he was an active member of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity and this association continued throughout his lifetime. Many of his Theta Tau brothers were poker buddies, as well as lifelong friends.

In 1949 Beecher married Patricia (née Korneffel) and remained married for nearly 60 years, until her death in 2010. They lived in Royal Oak for 48 years before moving to Troy.

Beecher is survived by his son, Robert Eaves, daughter, Pamela Koziel, his grandchildren; Elizabeth Peterson, Christian Eaves, and Allison Koziel Bolla, and six great grandchildren.

Beecher was a man who lived with enthusiasm. In addition to owning a successful boiler business (Car-Bee, Inc.) for more than 50 years, he also loved to fly. He was always eager to plan a trip or a social gathering. Whenever someone would casually suggest "we should do that sometime", Beecher would pull out his calendar and book a date for whatever event they were discussing. He was impressive, continuing to run five miles every Wednesday until he was 84 years old and flying small planes until he was 90, managing to pass all FAA requirements long beyond most others. After he was widowed, he found love and companionship again with Emily Noreen Swanson and they shared many adventures together. He was a man to be admired and he was by many.

Whenever anyone inquired how he was, Beecher always responded, "I am super damn fantastic." He really was.

According to his wishes there will be no service. If you are a highball drinker, have one for Beecher and toast a life well lived.



# Comments

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“ What a great guy! I was Tour Director on multiple trips with him & Noreen. We had good times. He was such a trooper & came up with some good zingers. No moss grew under those feet. He will be sorely missed. Condolences to all of you.

**Diane Youngson** - November 30, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ Thank you, Diane. My dad and Noreen loved those trips. Thanks for doing such a good job of looking after them.

**pam eaves koziel** - December 03, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Beecher's passing. I will always remember the many Theta Tau Alumni poker games we attended together over many years. They were always on the 1st Friday of every month except for July and August. Beecher always brought enough Crown Royal for who wanted some . He brought enough blue Crown Royal empty bags for everyone to carry their money back and forth to games. Most games were finished by pizza at the original Buddy's Pizza in Detroit.  
I'll miss you my friend!  
Show those Angels how to fly without wings!

**Harlan Sr.** - November 18, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ My dad really enjoyed those poker games and Buddy's Pizza. During my childhood I used to be awakened on Poker nights by the aroma of White Castle hamburgers that he brought home. I guess he was still hungry! I was happily allowed to get out of bed and have late night burgers. Fond memories.

I have about 80 of my dad's empty Crown Royal bags.

**Pam Eaves Koziel** - November 18, 2020 at 11:40 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of the loss of such a great man! My husband, my two daughters and I sure loved seeing him & Noreen at the holidays! Always enjoyed his stories and kind words. The world will miss such a humble and wonderful man. Glad he had such a long life. Condolences to the whole family!

**Vicki Webster** - November 18, 2020 at 07:30 AM

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“ We considered Beecher a part of our Swanson family for the nearly 10 years that he and my mother-in-law spent together and had many wonderful times with him! Some of the memories I will always cherish: our Grand Hotel (Mackinac Island) trip with them, flying in the copilot seat next to Beecher to go to lunch on Grosse Ile, him driving our ATV on our land with Noreen on it behind him, weekends at his Grand Bend/Lake Huron home, dinners and brunches at Red Run CC and so much more! I truly loved this man and already miss him immensely! We will definitely be hoisting a “high ball” to him! Condolences to Pam, Bob and the entire family on the loss of such a special and amazing man!!

**Donna Swanson** - November 17, 2020 at 07:41 PM

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“ Mr. Eaves was one of the most generous men I have ever met. He never did anything second class— he enjoyed the very best and treated those around him with respect and care. While serving a church in Clawson, Mr Eaves would visit — one Sunday morning he met me in the center aisle and (with many church members nearby) he exclaimed, “Hell of a sermon. Matt! Really, Hell of a sermon !! “. He made me laugh and always welcomed us into his family. Go in Peace, Mr. Eaves. — Matt Lash

**Matthew Lash** - November 17, 2020 at 07:12 PM

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“ Enjoyed Beecher and Noreen coming to my house on Easter and Christmas. They would stop by and have dinner and visit. Beecher always brought something usual Kentucky Fried Chicken. I always enjoyed his company. Also enjoyed going to his club for the yearly dinner. He was quite the fella. Sorry he is gone, but he was ready. You have great memories you can share with family and will always have them

Jo Johnson

jo johnson - November 17, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ Beecher was the one person I always said was the one friend I knew the longest, not counting family. We had great times playing golf, especially at the Invitationals at Red Run and Plum Hollow. Also who could forget the great Christmas party's. He will be missed.  
Dick Lynch

**Richard Lynch** - November 18, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ I knew Beecher as the president of the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity's alumni assoc.at Wayne State University. When I was the treasure, then regent (I was a student) of this WSU chapter from 1993-1995, I was responsible for giving Beecher our chapter's rent check and reporting to him how things were going with our 100-year-old house just outside of WSU's Detroit campus.  
Beecher was just an all-around great guy, who cared about our fraternity, the old house, and all of us fraternity brothers that lived there.  
Beecher will be sorely missed, and his concern and support for us engineering students was, and will always be greatly appreciated. He made things happen, in the right direction!

David Nawrocki - 11/22/2020

**David Nawrocki** - November 22, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ Oops...(above) 1993-1995 should be 1973-1975

**David Nawrocki** - November 22, 2020 at 08:44 PM