



## Ivan James DeBaecke

December 23, 1923 - July 28, 2015

### Obituary of Ivan DeBaecke

Ivan James DeBaecke, 91, of the Villages, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Mr. DeBaecke was born on December 23, 1923 in David City, Nebraska to Julius and Julia DeBaecke. Mr. DeBaecke spent 25 years in the United States Navy, serving in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. His service began in 1941 when at 17 years of age he signed up for military service six months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. He retired from the Navy in 1966 as a CWO3 attached to VF-151 at NAS Miramar serving as the squadron avionics officers. He was deployed aboard the USS Coral Sea during the initial air strikes on North Vietnam with this deployment lasting just short of 12 months. Mr. DeBaecke was a patriot at heart and served his country with dignity and bravery. In 2013, DeBaecke was one of 26 World War II Veterans that participated in an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. where they were greeted by U.S. Representatives and were able to visit the World War II Memorial. He is preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Cooke DeBaecke and daughter Susan Marie Clink. He is survived by wife Phyllis Young DeBaecke, sons Ivan DeBaecke, Jr. (Carol) U.S. Navy retired, Charles DeBaecke (Linda) U.S. Navy retired, and Bob (Deborah) of Fairview, Tennessee, 10 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

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# Tribute Wall

EG

“ *Phyllis, I cannot express how shocked I was to learn that Ivan and my Bob passed away on the same day. What a hero Ivan was and Bob loved to listen to his war experiences. We treasured you and Ivan as dear friends. They are now in Heaven sitting on the right hand of God and free of all their suffering. I will keep you in my prayers that God will comfort and take care of you. Love, Elsie Grant*

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**Elsie Grant** - August 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Dad, you are my life time hero. I will forever miss you and joy we shared as a family. You were a true professional at everything you did and a shining example for your kids to be all they can be. You were always there for me and helped me understand right from wrong, good from bad. I will forever be proud of you and all that you stood for. Your love of country, family and God has helped mold me into the man I am today and I am grateful to have had you as my dad, father, friend and mentor. As God welcomes you into His Kingdom may His peace be always with you. You are with mom now and will forever be as He has promised. I love you dad, then, now and forever. God Bless You Always! Love, your son Chuck*

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**Charles De Baecke** - July 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Ivan James DeBaecke*

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**Kelly (De Baecke) Hewitt** - July 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Grandpa, As I sit here writing this it still feels so surreal that this has happend. You have always been an ringing example in my life. Your strong military career that showed how to have pride for your country was and still is an inspiration of what a true American hero looks like. I will never forget childhood visits to your Charleston home, sharing your stories, outlooks on life, and amusing quips that would without fail bring about your unforgettable laugh. You were always so supportive, loving and concerned about me especially when I went through all my eye issues. I have been talking and sharing more than ever lately with my 4 kids your legacy. I am so proud to be born a De Baecke and more importantly your granddaughter. Rest in peace Grandpa. I know you've reunited with Grandma and Aunt Sue now and we have one more angel to watch over us. Added condolences to All the De Baecke's and to everyone who loved you in life and celebrate you in death. God Bless Kelly (DeBaecke) Hewitt

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**Kelly (De Baecke) Hewitt** - July 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Grandpa. I do not think you will ever know how much you meant to me. I can remember "bragging" about you as far back as elementary school to all my friends. You accomplished and achieved so much in your life and I always admired that. I am thankful that you were able to get to know Melissa and our children, your great-grandchildren. I have so many wonderful memories of you and I will hold on to those forever. You will be missed greatly. I love you. Your Grandson, Mike

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**Mike DeBaecke** - July 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Kelly (De Baecke) Hewitt** - July 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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**Mike DeBaecke** - July 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ivan James DeBaecke* ”

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July 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM