



## Dr. Duane F. Morrow

September 23, 1933 - November 18, 2017

Dr. Duane F. Morrow, 84, of Evansville, passed away Saturday, November 18, 2017 at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville.

Duane was born June 23, 1933 in Detroit, MI, where he was raised and educated. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State University in 1954, studying under Dr. Calvin L. Stevens. He then attended the University of Illinois, receiving his Ph.D. in synthetic organic chemistry in 1957 while studying under Dr. Nelson J. Leonard. Duane began work in the Endocrinology Department of Parke-Davis in Detroit in 1957. He became very interested in the field of anti-fertility and specialized in this area at Parke-Davis for twelve years. He then moved to the laboratories of Mead Johnson and Company in Evansville in 1969, to serve there as a group leader in anti-fertility. He eventually served as a section leader in the Chemistry Department, then as Associate Director in the Product Development Department and later as Associate Director of Regulatory Affairs. Duane retired from the company (now known as Bristol-Myers Squibb after several mergers) in June of 1992. At the time of his retirement Duane was the Acting Director of Regulatory Affairs for the Pharmaceutical Marketed Product Division. He is the author of eighteen papers published in peer-reviewed journals, as well as two chapters in books, and is the holder of eleven U.S. patents, as well as several patents from foreign countries.

Duane served as a docent in the Education Department of Mesker Zoo and Botanic Garden since 1986 and has been a Life Master of the American Contract Bridge League since 1971. He contributed his teaching and writing works to both organizations for many years. He is very pleased that his world travels over the past years have managed to take him to all seven continents and to 59 foreign countries.

Surviving Duane are his wife of 33 years, Donna (Kasbohm) Morrow (well known throughout the city for her cooking and gardening skills); sons, Brian (Ginny Robinson) Morrow, Michael (Shannon) Morrow and Patrick (Donna Shipton) Morrow; bonus children, Mick (Karen) Schnell and Kim (Perry) Nunamaker; one sister, Carrie (Bob) Zetterberg; grandchildren, Brad Davis, Zach Schnell, Zoe (Drew) Miles, Sean Morrow, Brett Morrow and Riley Morrow as well as two great grandchildren, Colyn Schnell and Kimma Davis.

Funeral services for Duane will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, November 24, 2017 at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. Bessie Adams officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 P.M. until service time on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Duane's bridge and zoo friends for their support and love.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Garden, 1545 Mesker Park Drive, Evansville, IN 47720 or to the Vanderburgh County Humane Society, 400 Millner Industrial Drive, Evansville, IN 47710.

# Cemetery Details

## Evansville Crematory

318 N. Lemcke Ave.  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## funeral

NOV **24**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Duane F. Morrow*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - November 21, 2017 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dr. Duane F. Morrow*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

“ This is one of my favorite stories that Duane shared with the new docents. "Janey" really enjoyed her talks with Duane and asked after him several years after she was no longer a regular camper.

*"A Special Camper . . . .*

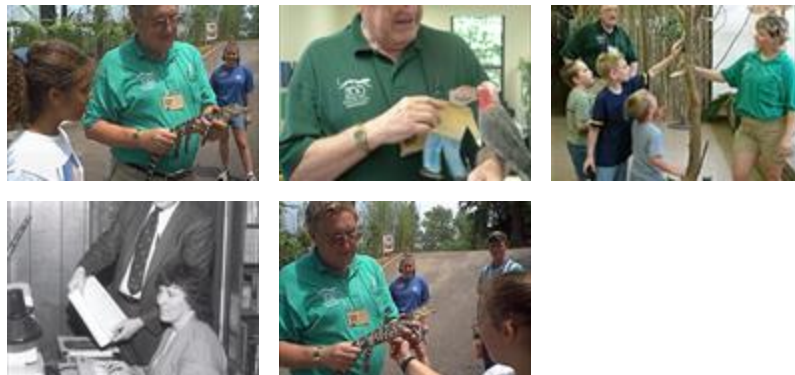
*In the summer of 2004, I was working with Opie, the porcupine, in front of the Tropical Rain Forest, when a little girl, one of the Summer Campers, came up to me and asked me if I remembered her. I had no recollection at all of ever having noticed her before, and told her that, No, I didn't recognize her. She became VERY indignant, and told me very forcefully that her name was Janey Jones, had been here at Summer Camp the year before, and that I HAD BETTER remember her name after this. With that kind of introduction, I made sure that I remembered this little girl's name. Sure enough, a year later, I met a group of 2005 Summer Campers sitting on the floor in the hallway of the Kley Building, and this same little girl stood up and asked me if I remembered her. I said, "Sure I do. You're Janey Jones, and you were here at Summer Camp the last two years!" Janey seemed very pleased to hear that this time I did indeed remember her. At that time, I was holding Draco, the savannah monitor. I placed him on the floor in front of this group of campers, and started to talk to them briefly about him. Draco then did something I have never seen him do before or after; he crawled over to Janey and up into her lap, which, of course, excited her even more. I've never figured out why he was so attracted to this one girl above all the others, but he obviously was quite taken with her. In the summer of 2006, I was at the Zoo one Wednesday, and was in the Docent Room in the DC Building where a little girl was sitting with Sarah Tye. I looked carefully, and sure enough, it was Janey again. I said "Hi" to her, and found out that she was going to be in Summer Camp for several weeks in a row. I made sure to come up to the DC Building every Wednesday for the next three weeks in a row and talk with Janey about how her Summer Camp was going this year. Obviously, I'll be very sure to always remember Janey, and look forward to seeing her again next summer. indeed remember her. At that time, I was holding Draco, the savannah*

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**Diana Barber** - November 23, 2017 at 04:08 PM

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**Diana Barber** - November 23, 2017 at 03:00 PM

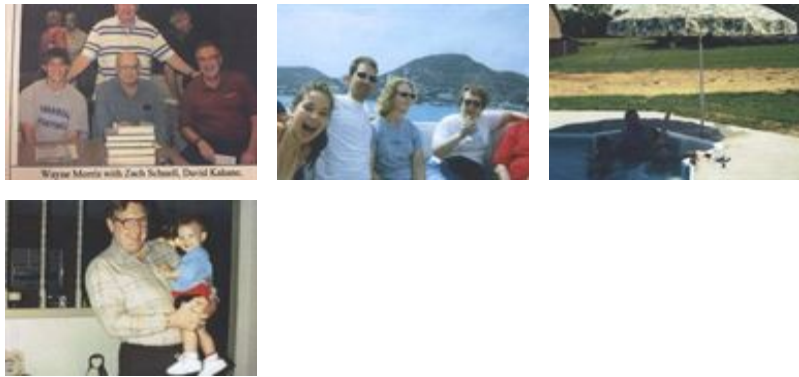


“ Dearest Donna,  
 My heart and prayers go out to you.  
 Much love,  
 Nora Henness and Clarence

Nora Henness - November 22, 2017 at 03:30 PM



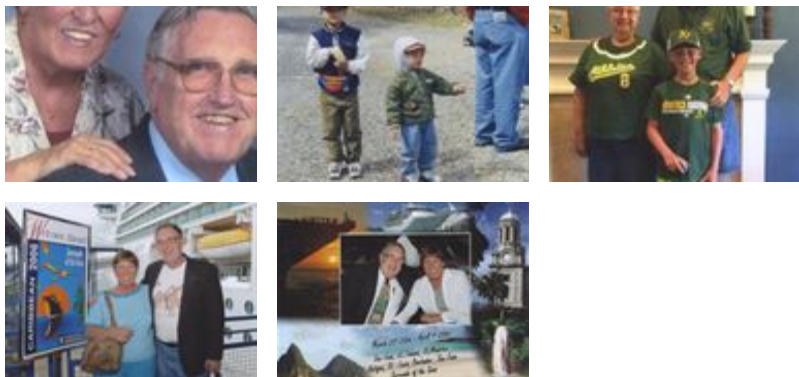
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Pierre Funeral Home - November 21, 2017 at 03:25 PM



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Pierre Funeral Home - November 21, 2017 at 11:29 AM

DD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Dawn L DeKemper** - November 21, 2017 at 05:46 AM

DD

*We loved our visits with Duane. They were always filled with love, laughter and his ever engaging kindness. I marveled at his stories of travel with Donna all over the world or simply down the road for lunch at Denny's. Duane my life was enriched by knowing you over the many years and I will miss your presence on earth greatly. Donna you are in our hearts and remain a constant in our prayers.  
With deep sympathies, Dawn and Cecilia  
Boston,MA*

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**Dawn L DeKemper** - November 21, 2017 at 05:57 AM

MH

“ *Duane was my zoo docent mentor in 2006. He was such a great teacher, so knowledgeable. The first time i handled animals was working my first Boo at the Zoo with Duane. Most docents are a little frightened of handling the tarantula but he didn't give me a chance to react. He just plopped her in my hands and said here ya go. To this day she is one of my favorite animals to work with and when I think of her I think of Duane. I have so many great memories of the time I spent with Duane and the zoo will not be the same without him. He will be so missed. Donna i am so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Marcia Helfrich** - November 21, 2017 at 12:10 AM

SB

*Duane: a world class scientist whose work changed the world; a volunteer whose community spirit changed Evansville and just a great guy whose humble, exuberant manner changed the lives and lifted the spirit of everyone who knew him. A life VERY well done my friend!*

Steve Bohleber - November 21, 2017 at 07:43 AM

BC

“*Duane was very kind and funny. He always had a smile on his face. If I had a bad day he could always put a smile on my face. He was extremely dedicated to his zoo and animal family. We always had a great time celebrating his birthday at our Bowling for Rhinos event every year.*

Bobbi Crouch - November 20, 2017 at 11:49 PM

DV

“*Duane was a great guy, he taught me so much as a docent. He never got impatient when I'd ask him the same question again and again. We had the best time with Opie. I'll never forget him. I love him and Donna so much. Bye for now Duane, I'll see you again.*

Diane Voelker - November 20, 2017 at 09:45 PM

MR

“*Duane was one of the kindest and most humble people that I have ever known. A true gentleman in every sense of the word. He always had a kind word and a smile, and was one of the most down to earth people that I ever met. My prayers and thoughts are with Donna & the rest of his family.*

melanie ransom - November 20, 2017 at 08:45 PM