

David F. Pate: Memorial visitation for David F. Pate, 79, of Roselle, will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, at Salerno's Rosedale Chapels, 450 W. Lake St. (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.), Roselle. Born Feb. 19, 1918, in Glencoe, the son of Anna and Ralph Pate, he died unexpectedly Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998. The Pate family moved to Elgin in 1921 and formed Mrs. Pate's Bakery in which Dave worked until entering the Army. Dave married Bonnielee A. Reese, January 15, 1942. After returning from service in the Army Air Force C.B.I. Theater, he started Dave Pate Construction Company, designing and building custom homes in the western suburbs. He developed a unique system for installing basements in crawl space homes. His interest in engineering prompted him and his family to form Dave Pate and Sons Construction Company specializing in foundation repair of commercial, industrial and residential buildings. The corporation celebrated its 60th year with Dave being active in sales and marketing until his death last week. Among his many projects were the structural repair to the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio in Oak Park and the recent Clarence Buckingham Fountain restoration in Chicago. In addition to his love for world travel, classical music, swimming, collecting blacksmith tools, Civil War history and decorating wedding cakes for his children and grandchildren, Dave was widely renowned for his extensive collection of antique autos. Since the age of 15 racing Model T cars in Wasco, Ill., Dave had an intense love for autos and their restoration. Working in his shop, he restored several 1920's and 1930's Buicks and Chevrolets recently turning his attention to a World War II Dodge Army Command car. He was a regular attendee in parades and competitions, carrying the color guard and often winning first place. Dave was a graduate of Elgin High School class of 1936 and later attended the Business School in Long Beach, Calif. He attended the College of DuPage pursuing an associate's degree at the age of 62. He belonged to the VFW Post 7539 as a life member, the Buick Club of America, the American Truck Historical Society, the Roselle Chamber of Commerce and was the past president of the Holy Name Society of St. Walter's Church. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Bonnielee A.; sons, David Lee (Elaina), Brian A. (Patricia), Lauren J. Sr. (Josephine) and Lowell S. (Tracey); daughters, Michelle E. (Carter) Lusader, Adrienne E. and April A. (Mike); nine grandchildren; sister, Margaret (W.C. 'Bud') Kenyon of South Elgin; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and two sisters. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Walter's Building Fund, 130 W. Pine St., Roselle, IL 60172 or charity of your choice.

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