



## David Brauer

May 20, 1950 - April 9, 2025

David Brauer, 74, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, IN.

Born and raised in Johnson City, NY, David graduated from Johnson City High School, where he excelled in football and baseball. He earned a Bachelor of Science and a PhD in biology from Binghamton University, laying the foundation for a successful academic career. David began his career as a professor at SUNY Geneseo, where he taught for five years, and later held a professorship at the University of Kansas. In 1984, he transitioned to Henderson, KY, to teach biology at Henderson Community College for five years. He went on to serve as the Dean of Academic Affairs at the college for 25 years, leaving an enduring legacy of leadership and dedication. He retired in 2014 after 30 years of service to the college.

Beyond his career, David was involved in his community, including his volunteer work with the Henderson Lions Club and the United Way of Henderson, where he was honored with the Gordon B. Tittle Award. He was a devoted golfer, regularly playing at the Henderson Country Club with his special foursome and many friends. He also found great pleasure in gardening, a passion he inherited from his father. David was known for his exceptional green thumb and cultivated a stunning garden of flowers and trees, which he generously shared with those around him.

David's passion for sports was evident, and he especially cheered for the New York Giants, Yankees, Rangers, and UK basketball. Dave and Kathy were enthusiastic travelers, always seeking opportunities to explore. Dave took charge of planning their trips, often with the goal of seeing their favorite sports teams, attending Springsteen concerts, and experiencing a variety of places both in the United States and internationally.

David was preceded in death by his parents, John and Erdine Brauer, and his brothers, Bruce Hayes and John Brauer.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Kathleen Brauer of Henderson, KY; his sister, Barbara Baltz of Winter Haven, FL; his brother, Eric Brauer (Gay) of Kirkville, NY; his sisters-in-law, Carolyn Hayes of Murrells Inlet, SC, and Patricia Brauer of Endicott, NY; his brother-in-law, Joseph David (Angela) of Lakeland, FL; his special niece and nephew, Lisa Blanton of Lehigh Acres, FL, and Patrick David (Dorothy) of Mobile, AL; and numerous other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

A celebration of David's life will be held at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Cure PSP , 325 Hudson St. 4th Floor, New York, NY, 10013 or any environmental charity or animal shelter of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home. Please visit [www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com) to share memories and words of comfort with David's family.

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration

JUL **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Stagg Room at the Preston Arts Center on the campus of Henderson Community College  
Henderson, KY 42420

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy, I'm so sorry for your loss! I have been and will miss seeing him at the club with you and Janice and Jim. I know y'll enjoyed playing golf together and doing things with your friends. I hope you're still enjoying the chimes from the golf group. Take care!*

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**penny griffin** - April 30, 2025 at 07:54 PM

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“ *Rick, So sorry to read about your brother's passing. In reading his obituary, it is evident that his life was full of great things. Y condolences to you and the entire Brauer family.*  
*Pat (Lenga) Sissenstein*

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**Pat (Lenga)** - April 16, 2025 at 06:16 PM

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“ *Kathy, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I have fond memories of you and David. My prayers and love for you are being shared.*  
*Bonnie Kitchens Gelke*

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**Bonnie Lynn Gelke** - April 16, 2025 at 09:28 AM