



## **FRANCIS BARKER, 1927 - 2020**

January 2, 1927 - October 25, 2020

MELBOURNE BEACH, Fla. We'll always remember that special smile, that caring heart, and that warm embrace you always gave us. We'll always remember you being there for us through good and bad times no matter what. We'll always remember you, Dad, because there will never be anyone to replace you in our hearts and the love we will always have for you.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 23, 2020, in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery, 6805 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Anderson, Indiana.

Francis E. Barker was born to Lawrence E. and Glenna (Wiley) Barker January 2, 1927. He enlisted in the Army while still in high school and served in WW2. On May 31, 1949 he married Jo Anne Jollefee.

He was a graduate of Ball State University and taught for a number of years at Pendleton Heights and Madison Heights. During the hey day of the Indiana State Fair Marching Contest his band placed in the top five for 8 consecutive years, 1960-1967, winning the championship in 1963. Over 85 bands competed each year during that era.

Barker was sponsored for Phi Beta Mu membership by George Vaught and initiated into Gamma Chapter in 1966.