



## Page Burt Haacke

March 4, 1950 - June 27, 2024

Page Burt Haacke, 74, a longtime resident of Timonium, and Baltimore native, died peacefully of complications from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma on the morning of June 27. At the time of his passing, he was lovingly surrounded by his family.

Son of William John Haacke, Sr., and Bertha (Pfeil) Haacke, Page was born in Baltimore on March 4, 1950. He attended Leith Walk Elementary, Woodburn Jr. High School, and played football at the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (Poly), where he graduated high school in 1968. He went on to attend college at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech), where he served as president of the jazz ensemble.

Upon graduating with his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech in 1972, Page worked alongside his father and older brother, William John "Jay" Haacke, Jr., at Haacke Associates as a manufacturer's representative. Later, he became the sole proprietor of the business, strengthening his family's legacy and creating successful business relationships spanning decades. He worked at Haacke Associates from 1972 until his passing—a total of 52 years.

Page had a lifelong love of music, especially the music of his childhood: Motown, Elvis and the Beatles. A talented musician, he played numerous

instruments including piano, bass, guitar and flute, but his true passion was the saxophone. In his younger years, he played alto sax with Bill James and The Expressions, who played throughout the Baltimore area clubs and the Civic Center.

Diverse in his love of sports, he was always physically active and a huge competitor. While he rooted avidly for the Baltimore Colts and later the Ravens, his passion was for baseball. One of the many pleasures of his life was attending Baltimore Orioles Dream Week fantasy camp in Sarasota, Florida, to celebrate his fortieth birthday. He broke two ribs fielding a ball at second base on day one, but continued to play all week with a pure love of the game. At home, he was a longtime member of the Jeppi Nuts men's softball team and played left field and catcher for The PONCE. He continued to play competitively in Over 30 hardball leagues until he was sixty-three years old.

In 2001, after the sudden passing of his nephew, Jess Campbell Carson, Page became an active Board Member for The Jess Carson Foundation, Inc. Since 2002, Page played an integral part in helping his family and friends honor Jess' life and legacy by raising over a quarter million dollars for programs benefitting critically ill children and their families, including launching the first pediatric hospice program in Anne Arundel County, "Chesapeake Kids," and funding two NICU rooms and a teen rec room for long-term care teens at Mt. Washington Pediatric hospital in Baltimore, among many other accomplishments.

Above all else, Page cherished his family and friends. He met his beloved wife, Debbie (Little) Haacke, when they were just fourteen and sixteen years old respectively. Theirs was a chance meeting as teenagers that would ultimately span 50 years of marriage. Together, they proudly raised two daughters—Lindsey Page (Haacke) Smalls and Kerrie Beth (Haacke) Hendren—married to Elliott Smalls and Tim Hendren. Page's greatest pride

and joy has been the love they shared and his three beautiful grandchildren—Mya Smalls, Brayden Hendren, and Brooklynn Hendren. Page, “Granddad,” never missed a game or a dance recital.

In addition to his beloved wife, children, and grandchildren, Page is survived by his sister, Leslie Haacke Carson and husband Douglas C. Carson; mother-in-law, Charlotte Foster; brother-in-law David Little and wife Linda Little; and four beloved nieces and two beloved nephews. He was predeceased by both of his parents, his brother William John “Jay” Haacke, Jr., his sister-in-law, Betty Scales Haacke, and his beloved uncle William “Butch” Pfeil.

Page was a giving soul with a loving heart who always made us laugh with his immense quick wit and wonderful sense of humor. “Say something funny, Page. We’re listening!”

Visitation with family and memorial celebration will be held on Monday, July 22, from 12-4PM, at 15819 Old York Rd., Monkton, Maryland 21111.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Jess Carson Foundation, Inc., 1548 Shipsview Road, Annapolis, MD 21409 or at [Jesscarsonfoundation.com](http://Jesscarsonfoundation.com).