**David Weston Baker, age 88, died peacefully in his sleep on January 2, 2023 from natural causes. Born on June 23, 1934, in Ogden, Iowa, he was the oldest child of Andrew and Mercedes Baker. He married his college sweetheart, Madonna Balk, on June 30, 1956, and together they raised three children, Maureen, Mark, and Carl. David and Madonna were long- time residents of Glendale, WI., and members of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church.**

**David held degrees in Art Education from the University of Northern Iowa, the University of Minnesota, and Pennsylvania State University, where he received his PhD. During his long career, he taught art in Estherville, IA, and Golden Valley, MN, and worked in Extension Services at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and Madison. He served as the Director of Unified Arts in Brookline, MA, and headed the Art Education departments at Louisiana State University, Columbia University Teachers College, and the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Late in his career, he was a professor emeritus at Concordia University in Mequon, WI, where he taught classes in the Art Education Graduate Program. David also edited School Arts magazine for many years, and served as president of the National Art Education Association.**

**In his personal life, David was a devoted husband to wife Madonna for 64 years, and a loving, supportive father to his children. He was blessed to have many close and caring friends, colleagues, and students. Other noteworthy accomplishments: David served in the Iowa National Guard; he designed and made stained-glass windows, based on the creation story in Genesis, for St. John’s Catholic Church in Ogden, IA; and he collected historic art education manuals, books, and materials relating to the teaching of art that he gifted to Concordia University. The extensive collection is now housed in Special Collections at the Concordia University library.**

**David touched the lives of many people. He will be dearly missed by friends, former students, and most of all, by his family. David is survived by his children Maureen (Richard Ciganek), Mark (Diane Poppish) Baker, and Carl Baker, and by grandchildren Daniel Ciganek, Sydney Baker, and Weston Baker. He is also survived by siblings Norma Maguire, Jerry Baker, Jeanette Vermillion, Mary Pieper, and Elaine Kemmerer, as well as by many nieces and nephews. Relatives preceding David in death include his beloved wife Madonna (Balk) Baker, parents Andrew and Mercedes (Vaughan) Baker, and sister Ann Marie Baker. For David, and all who have gone before him, eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

**A private family service will be held for David Baker at Wisconsin Memorial Park in Brookfield, WI, on Friday, January 13, 2023 at 11:00 am, to be followed on Saturday, January 14, with a Memorial Mass at St. Robert Catholic Church in Shorewood, WI, at 10:30 am. In lieu of flowers or donations, the family would appreciate prayers and Mass Intentions offered for the repose of David’s soul and to celebrate his life.**