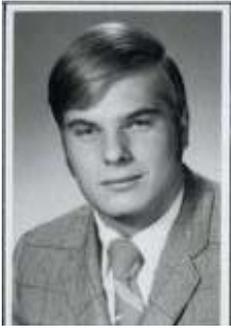


Brian Kest (1948 - 2015)



Brian Kest
Class of 1970

OBITUARY

Brian Kest was born in Toledo, Ohio, June 26, 1948, to Newell and Marian (Hagerty) Kest. In his youth he went to Beverly Grade school before the family moved to the New York and Philadelphia areas. He returned to Toledo as a sophomore in High School. He was active in many activities including football and track at Bowsler High School. He went to college at Ohio University where he was a founding member of the FIJI fraternity. He transferred back to the University of Toledo his senior year to be with his lovely bride Shirley. At The University of Toledo he quickly became very active and was inducted into Blue Key, the University of Toledo's most prestigious fraternity. Brian was in ROTC and upon graduation he served as tank officer in the U.S. Army. After serving his country he obtained a master's in public administration at UT.

He taught and was a coach at Lima Shawnee High School and Sylvania High School. Brian was a founder and manager of the Campus Bookstore. He then became the manager of the Follett's bookstore at the University of Michigan. After being a manager in the Follett's organization he was hired by Mead Corporation to work with college bookstores across the country. He quickly moved up the ladder becoming vice president of sales. He was also the President of Cambridge Satchel Co. His jobs took him all over the world and in the middle 1990's he was one of the American corporate pioneers that opened up China to trade with the U.S. Brian was very active in his church in the Dayton area and was a volunteer at the Dayton Hospice helping many, many families.

There will be a showing at the Tobias Funeral Home, 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27th, 5471 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, Oh. 45429. The family will be receiving friends from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, May 28 with the funeral service at 11 a.m. at the Fairhaven Church, Centerville, Ohio 637 E Whipp Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45459.

Surviving Brian is his wife, Shirley; his brother, David (Inge) from California and Ray (Jeane) from Florida; his brothers-in-law, Jack, Pat and Dan (Serena) Sluka, and sister-in-law, Barb Sulka from Michigan, and many nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins.