



Walter Henry Kohl, Jr.

November 22, 1932 - June 19, 2020

Walter Henry Kohl, Jr. died at his daughter's home in Sarasota on June 19th, 2020 at the age of 87 years.

A private celebration of life will be held at Marina Jack's this Saturday afternoon.

Walter was born on November 22, 1932 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to Beatrice and Walter Kohl Sr. He attended Villanova University before leaving college to serve in the US Navy during the Korean War, where he excelled managing the ship's commissary, a glimpse of Mr. Kohl's entrepreneurial spirit that would serve him well throughout this life.

He married his wife Mary in 1959 in New Jersey, where they started a family, until relocating to Florida in 1976. They were married 44 years until her death in 2003.

Mr. Kohl was known for his deft business acumen and an unwavering commitment to his family. Inspired by visits to Florida in the 50's, he developed the first Five-Star manufactured homes community in New Jersey, after selling his beloved Ford Thunderbird for seed money to help start the business.

His long, self-made career was marked by cool yet shrewd calculation, ranging from a parking lot in Elizabeth, New Jersey, to selling rights to a hit single, to developing successful retirement communities in Florida.

He loved his country, cars, the beach, travel, good deals, and most of all, his children.

He is survived by his sister Barbara Sherrier; his children Karen Strand, Walter Kohl III, and Marie Sherman; 7 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and countless family members and friends whom he made smile over his many years on earth.

He lived the fullest of lives, right through to the end. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Tidewell Hospice.

Tidewell Hospice

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Comments



“ Karen, Walter and Marie, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. He was always so nice to me when I was younger and he always loved his family with all his heart. Jeff luzzi

jeff luzzi - June 28, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Walter what a wonderful man my sister lived him so much as well as his wonderful family my thoughts and prayers are with all of you

Kathie Walker - June 25, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter Henry Kohl, Jr..



June 25, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Henry Kohl, Jr..



June 23, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ I want to send my deepest sympathy to all of the family members. I am in Istanbul this morning, literally praying God's comfort for you . Since my mom Josie died 3 years ago, we have lost touch. But for about 13 years I spent every Christmas, Easter, birthday and once a week at dinner with my mom and Walter. So I have many so great memories flooding my mind, I would need to write a book! He was thoughtful, funny, a great story teller and sent very nice cards. During that season Walter was like a father to me as well. I am thankful for the those happy times and how much he blessed my mom's life as well. May the Lord be near at this difficult time.

God Bless You, Lou Ann



Lou Ann - June 23, 2020 at 10:34 AM