



David N. Kelling

May 20, 2014

KELLING, David N. passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at the age of 72. Loving husband and Messmer High School sweetheart of Kathleen (née Farley). Beloved father of Lisa Greco (David Kocol), Lesley Kelling (Thomas Ochnikowski) and Maria Kelling. Proud grandfather of Jacob Shatto, Rachel Settecase (Michelle Hinton) and Phillip White. David was born on August 29, 1941 in Milwaukee Wisconsin. He attended St. Elizabeth's Elementary, and Messmer High School and graduated from The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1966 with a Bachelors Degree in Economics. David was a highly decorated veteran of the Central Intelligence Agency for over 30 years with postings in the Middle East and Europe. He retired with his wife Kathleen to Whitefish Bay, where he enjoyed spending time with his family, golfing, and traveling. He will be greatly missed by his family, including his in-laws, over 50 nieces and nephews, as well as his friends and colleagues from around the world. Service & Reception InfoVisitation will take place on Thursday, May 29, 2014 from 4-7:00 PM at Northshore Funeral Services Chapel, with a Funeral Service at 7:00 PM.

Tribute Wall

HJ

“ Dear Kathy & family, please accept my deepest sympathy on the death of David. He was a great guy to work for and we sure had some of the greatest tennis matches while in Bahrain. Some of the best house parties were held at the Kelling' residence. Everyone liked David's sense of humor. Regards to the entire family.

Howie Judd - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ That mustache will live for evermore... Go with God, Dave, old man.. As a onetime (somewhat tolerated) member of the Kelling/Jackman/Bunton clan of iconoclasts, let me note that Dave was the soberest. Now they are all gone, and we are bereft. His other colleagues share with me a memory of another Good Spy (a book he contributed to at my request with honest straightforwardness), and he has Kai Bird's and my gratitude for it. Connie and I only recently finally donated our first child's bureau contributed by Dave & Kathy in Beirut, and he & Bunton shared via "Sandy Drum" cables our experiences at our lonely posts in the Arabian Gulf. We will always cherish the memories, here or in heaven. God bless. - (& Connie)

Henry Miller-Jones - June 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Dear Lesley and the entire Kelling clan, I'm so sorry for your loss. As I mentioned before, I only met your father a couple of times, but he was so very funny! I knew of him even more through your stories. Indeed, I can see his continued legacy in your collective sense of humor and various shenanigans on Facebook. May you take comfort in the memory of happier times. Warmly,

Brenda Tharp - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Dave was my brother's (Bruce Jackman) closest Associate and, I dare say, Friend. I had heard a hundred "Kelling Stories" before I met Dave, so I was prepared. But not completely. The first time I met him was at Bruce's retirement party where he, Dave and Jerry Bunton held court. Sadly, the last time I was with Dave was at my Brother's funeral. He served with distinction in the fight against the really bad guys in the Middle East, and for that we are all both proud and grateful. Bruce's wife Mary Ann said in an email to me yesterday, "If he weren't so much like Bruce, I'd say Dave was one of a kind. He will be greatly missed". They were close friends and kindred spirits. We won't be able to attend the service on Thursday, but know that the Jackman Clan's love and spirit will be with you. Please hug Kathy for us, and God Bless you all. and All The Jackman Clan

Kent Jackman - May 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My love and condolences to all. I never got sick of Uncle David 's stories! He will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.

Jennifer Scott - May 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ You never forget those that are gone but keep them in your heart and in your memories. May he rest in Peace with the Angels. My deepest sympathies to the Kelling Family, With love, Birten

Birten Kafescioglu - May 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ We share the family's sorrow and I (John) will miss Dave's contributions to our near monthly Foreign Service lunches. He will indeed be missed.

John and MaryLee Katzka - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I aspire to continue enjoying life as Dave did. I was a son-in-law for many years and a close friend throughout and after. I will miss having a highball and having in depth conversations about world and local politics and events (even after divorce). I loved Dave about as much as a non-blood-relative can, and considered us to be close until the end. May you encounter smooth seas and following winds during this final part of your journey, Dave. Rest in peace. With the greatest of love and respect,

Jon R White - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM