



Albert Jay Graf

May 6, 1947 - January 8, 2024

Albert “Jay” Graf, 76, of Longboat Key, Florida and Wolfeboro, New Hampshire passed away January 8th, 2024 from Alzheimer’s disease in Sarasota, Florida.

Jay was born in May of 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to Albert J. Graf and Doris E. Schenk.

Jay attended Northwestern Military and Naval Academy in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Jay graduated from Boston University with a degree in economics. He served from 1970 to 1974 in the United States Air Force including one year as a military advisor in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star. He achieved the rank of Captain. He later attended Indiana University, earning an MBA degree in finance and transportation.

Jay worked in the pharmaceutical and medical device industries for almost 40 years, including Eli Lilly, Physio Control, Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc and Guidant, later transitioning into venture capital work with New Enterprise Associates. Throughout his career, he was a trusted mentor and leader to many, touching numerous lives and guiding careers. He left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Jay was a loving husband to his wife, Mary Ann, with whom he spent 54

years.

He was a lifelong fitness enthusiast. His love of exercise and the outdoors led him to be an avid skier, tennis player and novice golfer with his family. He enjoyed power boating on Lake Minnetonka in Minnesota and on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. He was actively involved in his children's lives, helping with homework and projects. He was a constant presence at his children's sports games and school band concerts. He had an extensive commitment to philanthropy for a multitude of causes.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, his sister, Andrea, his children Andrew (Tatiana) and Allison (Juan David) and one grandchild Ana.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either the Alzheimer's Association or to The Nick, a recreational park in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, dedicated to athletic and recreational opportunities, in memory of Jay.

The Graf family would like to express their gratitude for the support and condolences received during this time.

Tribute Wall

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“ *What great memories of Jay in high school. Being a boarding school, it was morning noon and night. True friend and leader. So glad I got to see Jay and Mary Ann at our 50th and 51st reunion. Love you both.*

Geoff Stokes - January 27, 2024 at 07:01 PM