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BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA - George Earl Bledsoe passed away peacefully on Friday, December 27, 2013 at IU Health Hospital, Bloomington, Indiana with family at his side. A resident of Bloomington for many years Mr. Bledsoe was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and also lived in Bucks County Pennsylvania, St Louis, Missouri Englewood, New Jersey and Englewood, Florida. He was the son of the late Amos C. and Georgia Stateler Bledsoe and brother of the late Arthur W. Bledsoe.

Following his graduation from Pennsbury High School, Yardley, Pennsylvania, Mr. Bledsoe earned a Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University and a Masters Degree in Music Performance from The Indiana University School of Music - Bloomington. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and as an alumnus, worked tirelessly to enhance the fraternity and to build a new chapter house that focuses on the brotherhood as well as on the academic success of its members. In recognition of his service to the fraternity, Beta Theta Pi named a ceremonial cup The George Bledsoe

Cup.

Mr. Bledsoe held positions with companies including Ogilvy & Mather and Gardner Advertising, and played a founding roll in the Amish Acres Dinner Theatre - Nappanee, Indiana. He was a partner at Windsong Travel, Inc. in Englewood, Florida and then established Windsong Travel Inc. in Bloomington. In addition, George was a charter member and an artistic director of Gloria Musicae in Sarasota, Florida and recruited singers to form the first professional chorus in the southeast United States. He was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Bloomington, Indiana and retired from The Indiana University Foundation where he served as senior development officer and as special advisor to the President.

Throughout his life George enjoyed music, global travel, and theatre - and he treasured time with his family and friends. He was a Pittsburgh Pirates fan and an IU sports fanatic.

Survivors include his sister-in-law Emmy Bledsoe, his nephew Kenneth W. Bledsoe and wife Kelly Jo and his niece Cynthia C. Cueto and husband Francis E. "Uncle George" delighted in spending time with his grand nieces and nephew - Olivia, Alexandra, Francesca, Emma and William.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 2 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 111 South Grant Street, Bloomington, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Hemophilia of Indiana, Inc., 5172 E. 65th Street, Suite 105, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220 (hoii.org) or Trinity Episcopal Church (trinitybloomington.org). A memorial

tree will be planted on the IU campus following the service at Trinity Episcopal Church as a tribute from George's friends.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ I was so sad to hear of George's passing. I just loved George. We traveled to Washington DC with Mother Bledsoe back in 2007 to work on an event at the National Cathedral for the IU Foundation. It was during this trip that I really got to know George and his mother. He had such a warm spirit, thoughtful nature, and generous heart. He could always be counted on for a high five in the hallway...he was one of my all time favorites. I am so thankful to have known and worked with George. He was as good as gold and I will sincerely miss him. My prayers are with your family.

Megan Mauro - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

BH

“ George and I shared many good laughs...about work, about political matters, and about family while at the IU Foundation. He was the consummate gentleman who loved to engage people in his world. He enjoyed IU sports and kept up his fraternity friendships, with many returning to attend games with George. He was an excellent development officer for IUF and helped to advance that goodwill and spirit that characterizes IU. He will be missed and may he rest in peace.

Bill Heller - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

KA

“ I was so sorry to learn of George's passing and send my sincere condolences to all of his family. He spoke often of his enjoyable visits out east and especially about his niece and nephew and their children.

He was such a wonderful and fun man and a true gentleman with a great sense of humor. I very much enjoyed working with him at the IU Foundation. George will truly be missed.

Katy Bradford - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

DA

“ Dear Family of George,

Please accept my condolences and deep sympathy on the news of George's passing. He was a fine gentleman whom I had the pleasure of knowing the past 18 years. George was a fine colleague and an outstanding representative of Indiana University and the Indiana University Foundation who will be greatly missed.

With warm regards,

David Ellies

David Ellies - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

JG

“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss. I thoroughly enjoyed working with George on the Beta Theta Pi campaign. He'll be missed very much!

Fondly,
Jennifer Inskeep Godar

Jennifer Inskeep Godar - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

JS

“ George was such a lovely person and a true gentleman. We were so glad to have the opportunity to know him. He is missed by so many of us in the neighborhood.

Jim & Sharon Roth - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

CC

“ I am very sorry for your family's loss. God promises to be near in times of grief and sadness. I hope you will find comfort in God's promises and in the many happy memories you all made and share together.

Christie C. - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

RF

“ Dear Family:

We were shocked to learn of brother George's death. Ralph was a fraternity brother and Ann a long time college buddy. George came to our wedding and Ralph was his roommate that summer! We feel diminished by his passing although we were aware of his several health issues.

Please let us know when the memorial service will be for we want to attend out of respect and affection. He will be always missed for he was a part of our lives and the reason Ralph gave blood from his college days until he could no longer donate because of certain meds he was on.

Sincerely, Ralph and Ann Foley

Ralph and Ann Foley - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

CM

“ Experiences in Beta leadership take a significant salute to my brother and colleague, George! Always in the background and always enabling our fraternity, I saw George's substantial gifts of time, capital, and wisdom spent in honor of Beta Theta Pi! Fellowship with George was fun and earned through sweat equity; and, like much in life, there is the great moments, good moments, and some that left me pondering what might have, could have... I am personally inspired and moved with his contributions in benefits to others and feel we all grow with altruism like his. God bless our Beta family!

Charles McCormick III, MD - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

PA

“ To the Bledsoe family... My husband, Bob and George were long-time friends. Beta's, Singing Hoosiers, IU alumni all tied us together. George spoke at Bob's memorial service on July 1, and after that George and I spoke on the phone a few times. We shared similar political views and I also had worked with George at the IU Foundation. I will truly miss my friend. I feel as I know you, because George spoke so lovingly of his family. He was a very good man and I feel blessed to have him as a friend.

Pat Williams - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

JU

“ I was so sorry to learn of George's death. I had just recently learned of his serious illness. He was a wonderful neighbor, always willing to lend a hand when he could. We will miss him.

Judy Bennett - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM