



## Jack R. Wentworth

June 11, 1928 - September 11, 2017

Surrounded by his loving family, Jack R. Wentworth, former dean of the Indiana University Kelley School of Business, peacefully passed away on Sept. 11 in Indianapolis at the age of 89.

Wentworth served as dean of the IU Kelley School of Business during a crucial time in its history, from March 1984 through June 1993.

During his tenure as dean, the business school rose in national prominence, particularly for its undergraduate and MBA programs. Private support for school grew nearly fivefold and membership in its alumni association nearly doubled. He laid the foundation for the Kelley School's extensive international involvement today.

Wentworth served on the school's faculty for nearly 40 years, joining the faculty as assistant professor in 1959 after earning three degrees in business from IU, serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and working in advertising for the Cadillac Division of General Motors.

Wentworth was instrumental in establishing the Consortium for Graduate Studies in Management, a national organization that since 1966 has helped thousands of students from underrepresented populations to earn an MBA and hold executive positions in corporate America.

From 1978 to 1985, Wentworth served as IU's faculty representative to the Big 10 Athletic Conference and the National Collegiate Athletics Association. In 1980-81, he was chairman of the Big 10 Conference and also was chair of its management review and finance committee.

He also became actively involved with the IU Simon Cancer Center Development Board during his wife Rosemary's successful battle with the disease as a 14-year cancer survivor.

Jack never failed to say that any of his success was because he had Rosemary by his side.

He and Rosemary loved to travel and did it often. Over the years there were many trips to Europe, Asia and South America as well as traveling around North America. After Rosemary's passing, Jack continued to explore the world. His favorite place was anywhere with his family, especially his grandson.

Wentworth was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Rosemary, who passed away in 2006, and is survived by their daughter, Barbie Wentworth Morel; son-in-law, Don Morel; a grandson named after him, Jack Morel, a freshman at the University of Michigan; and beloved caregiver, Phil Morel. A son, Bill Wentworth, and his wife, Karen, of Newark, Ohio, also survive.

Given his love of the Kelley School and his belief in the importance of cancer research, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made payable to the IU Foundation and designated for either the IU Kelley School of Business (Jack R. Wentworth Professorship) or the IU Simon Cancer Center Breast Cancer Research.

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Bloomington, IN 47408

A memorial service to celebrate Jack's wonderful life will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at the Indiana Memorial Union at 10:30 a.m. in the Whittenberger Auditorium with a reception to follow at 11:30 a.m. in the State Rooms East & West.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Tribute Wall

DZ

“ *To the family of jack:  
I will never forget the friendship and care from your mom and dad!  
They took me in for the holidays while my wife was having our  
second child in Michigan. One of my best memories is working in  
the bureau of business research for your dad while earning my mba!  
He really made a difference in the lives of others!  
All the best memories for all of your special family! Your folks were  
special! And made IU special for me!  
Don Zuidweg MBA 1960  
Ps I would have contacted you earlier but just got the iu magazine  
with the news.*

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**don zuidweg** - December 07, 2017 at 06:12 PM

BH

“ *Jack was one of those energetic, gentle, and respected types who  
just got things done quietly and without fuss. His obituary illustrates  
the respect that the entire IU community had for him as he was  
deeply involved in everything IU. Jack and Ro were a great couple.  
He gave me my start in fundraising nearly 30 years ago, and for that  
I am forever grateful.*

*Bill Heller*

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**Bill Heller** - September 22, 2017 at 04:35 PM

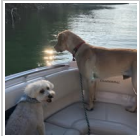
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“ Jack - that's how we all knew him - not Dr. Wentworth or Dean Wentworth - he asked us to call him Jack. I began my career at the school in 1985 and learned immediately how much Jack was admired, appreciated and let me say it, loved - by faculty, by students, by staff. He will be missed and my condolences to his family on his passing.

Carol Rogers  
IBRC

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**Carol Rogers** - September 20, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ Barbie - I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful father. What a great man! Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Your Dad was such a wonderful role model at IU and touched so many young lives. I have many fond memories of both your mom and dad at your house in bloomington during our tri-delta days. I'm sure they are both just as proud of you, as you are of them. God's peace.

Carol Laker Rudicle

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**Carol Rudicle** - September 19, 2017 at 04:28 PM

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“ I was lucky enough to meet Jack at an IU auditorium show last year. He was so much fun and had wonderful stories. Thanks for the memory Jack! IU was blessed to have you for so many wonderful years.

(former Kelley Grad School for Accounting and current IUF employee)  
Rebecca Howe

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**Rebecca J Howe** - September 18, 2017 at 11:50 AM