



Kent William Robbins

August 12, 1959 - October 2, 2019

Kent William Robbins, 60, passed away on Wednesday, October 2, at his home in Bedford, Indiana.

Kent was born on August 12, 1959, in Salem, Indiana, and was the only child of Fred William and Betty Lou (Morris) Robbins. An Air Force brat, Kent lived in Germany, Texas, New York, Maine, and Colorado as a child. Following Fred's retirement, the family settled in Paoli, Indiana, and Kent graduated from Paoli High School in 1977.

Kent spent 35 years working at Paoli, Inc. He began by sweeping the factory floors and, ultimately, climbed his way up the company ladder and served as a vice president for many years. Kent's talent and eye for design were greatly respected throughout the office furniture industry.

Kent is survived by the light of his life and his best friend, his son, Alexander William Robbins, Alex's wife Caitlin (Brim) Robbins, and granddaughter, Ainsley Elizabeth Robbins, whom he adored and affectionately called "Princess" or "Chucky," depending on the face she was making.

Kent was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents, Woodrow and Juna Robbins, Coy and Beatrice Morris, and step-grandfather Ernest Peavey.

The family asks that friends consider memorial contributions to a fund for Ainsley.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Red Brick House at Otis Park, 607 Tunnelton Rd, Bedford, Indiana 47421. The family will be available beginning at 2:00 p.m. to greet or those who wish to offer condolences.

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.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Kent's passing. We go way back. I often think of the fun we had. He turned this Wisconsin guy into an IU fan. God rest his soul.

Marshall Meseck - October 28, 2019 at 01:48 PM

BY

“ Kent and I have been friends for many years. We spent many fun times together, both at work and play. I was truly sorry to hear of his passing but I know he is now in a better place, his golf game will improve, and some day I will see him on the first tee. The stories are many and while he is gone they will be with me for ever. I am truly sorry for your loss. Be strong as he would want you to and know he was there for his loved ones and friends. Bob Yocum

Bob Yocum - October 06, 2019 at 07:16 PM

Brian Anderson

“ Brian Anderson lit a candle in memory of Kent William Robbins



Brian Anderson - October 06, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ Kosher Tower of Treats was purchased for the family of Kent William Robbins.



October 06, 2019 at 08:13 AM

SJ

“ Alex, so sorry for the loss of your father. You are in my prayers !
Sharon James

Sharon James - October 05, 2019 at 02:51 PM

SD

“ Kent and I graduated together and worked at Paoli Furniture too. He was a great friend and a great person. Kent was friendly to everyone. So sorry for your loss.

Sharon Dixon - October 05, 2019 at 02:06 PM

SD

“ Sharon Dixon lit a candle in memory of Kent
William Robbins



Sharon Dixon - October 05, 2019 at 02:04 PM

PR

“ Alex and family,

Paul and I are so very sorry for your loss. Alex we know you were his pride and joy and was so very proud of the man you have become.

Know we are praying for you all during this difficult time.

Love,
Paul and Pam Robbins

Pam Robbins - October 05, 2019 at 11:55 AM

ST

“ I worked with Paoli as a consultant for a number of years with Kent as my key contact for most of them. Although I wasn't Paoli "family," Kent treated me and my team as close family friends. Kent and I - and others - met often in Paoli, at different cities around the country and a few times at cities in other countries. It was a standing gag that he and his team would arrive wherever on-time, no problems, but my travels were unfailingly delayed, diverted, cancelled or otherwise beholden to Murphy's Law. He was insightful, decisive and created an environment for us do jobs with respect for each other's abilities and contributions. Make no mistake - a number of times over the years, when there were health problems in my family - Kent's consistent response was to take care of family first. You want to do your best for someone like that - somebody with a lot of class. And as I write that, i can hear Kent laughing. I never let on to Kent - because he would have given me one of those looks, then changed the subject - but I'd say I learned as much about business and the design industry from him as anyone else, maybe more. Our careers branched off in different directions these last few years, but now my thoughts are with his son and his family, that they find peace and strength in the challenging days ahead and know that the joys of their memories will overwhelm them from time to time. Kent, rest easy.

Stephen - October 04, 2019 at 10:02 PM

MR

“ After joining the Paoli family in 1994 as Director of Purchasing, I had privilege of working closely with Kent with new suppliers and acquisition of new products for the many new designs created by Kent.

Traveled on many trips with him in the states as well as multiple other countries. He was not only only a fellow employee, but was a great friend. He will be missed by many.

Mike Richardson

Mike Richardson - October 04, 2019 at 07:55 PM

GH

“ My remembrance of Kent is that he was very giving. We once met him, his wife at the time (my cousin) and son at a restaurant downtown Indianapolis. Little did we know but it was an expensive one. Kent ordered appetizers and we all ordered our dinners. Then came the desserts. Of course, he kept the drinks coming for all of us. I do believe Alex may have had the largest steak on the menu. The bill came and you guessed it he paid for it all. He wouldn't allow us to even get the tip. Take care of yourself Alex. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

gloria hess - October 04, 2019 at 06:54 PM