



## Benjamin Edward Smothers

August 17, 1952 - May 31, 2023

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Ben Smothers, son of Fount and Ida Smothers, was born in 1952 in Atlanta, Ga. A few years later he and his family moved to Nashville, TN. In school Ben was an “A” student and played on his high school chess team. In 1980, Ben was the #1 Kansas High School Chess player. At Kansas University Ben earned both BS and MBA degrees in Business.

After graduation Ben was employed by the State of Kansas as an auditor. He then served in the US Navy until he was Honorably discharged. After that he was employed by Kansas University until, unfortunately, he became disabled. To address his disability Ben was taking long daily walks in and around Lawrence, KS and found these walks were therapeutic. He especially liked walking to and from Clinton Lake.

After struggling with his disability for decades Ben passed away in Lawrence, KS on May 31, 2023. He is survived by his brother, Norman Smothers.

In lieu of sending flowers, please feel free to make a donation, to a charity of your choice, in Ben’s name.