



Gerald William Van Keppel Jr

August 10, 1935 - October 27, 2022

Gerald William Van Keppel, Jr. (Bill) passed away peacefully at his home in Kansas City on October 27, 2022. Born on August 10, 1935 in Kansas City, he was a graduate of Pembroke Country Day School and Rockhurst College.

He worked for most of his career in the family construction equipment business founded by his father and had many passions, especially art, race cars and travel, all of which contributed to a life well-lived.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, G.W. (Van) and Elizabeth Van Keppel and his siblings Elizabeth Walker, Helen Anderson and John Van Keppel. He is survived by his wife Marilyn, his children Dierk Van Keppel and wife Lorie, Kurt Van Keppel, Mary Arendes and husband Clay, Jenneken Van Keppel and husband, David Gipprich, and seven grandchildren: Audrey Van Keppel, Willem Van Keppel, Anne Arendes, Henry Arendes, Margaret Arendes, Grace Gipprich and Chloe Gipprich.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember a special fun Friday afternoon in a 1980’s Rockhurst classroom where Bill (“sweet William” to Marilyn who professor to me!) popped in with good beer and cigars all around to turn “class” into a lesson on “Enjoy Life!”. Clearly, I have never forgotten the lesson. So so sorry for your loss to Dr. VK and the whole family. Bill left his mark!!

-Monica Murdock

Monica Murdock - November 02, 2022 at 08:19 PM

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“ Dear Mary
I was so sorry to read of your father’s passing. You and your sweet family are in my prayers.

With love,
Belinda

Belinda Troxler - November 02, 2022 at 05:19 PM