



David C Latham

November 5, 1927 - April 29, 2017

David Charles Latham of Orlando, Florida passed away during the evening of April 29, 2017.

David was born on November 5, 1927 in Johannesburg, South Africa, the middle child of Jack and Margaret Latham. David's brothers, Peter and Michael predeceased him. He attended McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada and the University of Virginia Law School (1952). After practicing law in New York City and with the Curtis-Wright Corporation, he moved his family to the Orlando Area in 1959 and worked initially with the Minute Maid Corporation. During his long career, he held the position of general counsel to Citrus Central, Inc., Florida's Natural Growers, The Root Company and Associated Coca-Cola Bottling in Daytona Beach. He was also the founding President and Chief Executive Officer of Shawnee Airlines. Of his many accomplishments he proudly served on the Board of Trustees of Florida Institute of Technology (1969-1985). David remained active in the legal community, practicing law for over 50 years until he retired in 2011. He is survived by his wife of over 33 years, Doris Latham. David was a dedicated father of four children, J. Michael Latham M.D., Kenneth C. Latham (Cheryl), Peter G. Latham (Cindy) and J. Ivy Latham (Charles). He always enjoyed sharing his experiences, wit and natural curiosity in teaching his grandchildren, Chris Latham (Allie), Nikki Carolan (Michael), Phillip Latham and Andrew Wilson. He was also very proud to have three wonderful great grandchildren, Penn Carolan, Myles Carolan and Grant Latham. As a man of many talents and skills he was an avid collector of n-gauge trains. He enjoyed piloting his Cessna 172 to the Bahamas as well as cruising on one of his boats. An enthusiastic "Mr. Fix-it", he always enjoyed helping his neighbors, friends and children on numerous repairs, models and projects. He was often planning or building his own homes and proud of his role in helping plan and oversee the development of the Root Museum in Daytona Beach.

A gracious host, his youthful spirit and intellect will forever be an inspiration to his family and friends.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to Buddies for Life, Inc. P.O. Box 536393 Orlando, FL 32853 (a 501(c)(3) dedicated to rescuing cats and dogs).

Comments



“ So sorry to hear about David's passing. My prayers go out to Doris, Peter, Cindy and Philip. He had a long wonderful life.

Barbara and Al Malmsjo

Al Malmsjo - May 09, 2017 at 06:01 AM



“ I so enjoyed meeting David and hearing some of his wonderful stories! What an amazing wife he had in Doris and wonderful son and daughter-in-law he had in Peter and Cynthia. Your true legacy is your family and David was richly blessed!

Cindy Koenigsknecht - May 03, 2017 at 10:29 AM



“ I didn't know David very well, but I always looked forward to a get together. He was married to my best friend of 50 years and them living in Florida and I in New York, made it difficult to spend time together. He was truly one of the most interesting people I will ever know. I will remember him always...

Patti - May 02, 2017 at 01:45 PM