



Ben B. Korbly

September 17, 1945 - May 28, 2024

Ben Bond Korbly, 78, passed away May 28, 2024, after battling a long neurodegenerative illness. He was born on September 17, 1945, in Tampa, FL where he was raised and graduated from Robinson High School in 1963. After graduating from the University of Florida in March 1968 with a BSBA in Accounting, Ben joined Price Waterhouse's Tampa office. Drafted into the US Army in October 1968, he served over 18 months in Vietnam. Upon his discharge in 1970, Ben rejoined Prince Waterhouse (now PricewaterhouseCoopers, PWC) in Tampa, subsequently working in offices located in Nassau, Bahamas, Hartford, Connecticut, Boston, Massachusetts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the national office in New York, New York. In 1984 Ben became a partner at PWC and in this role headed both the Northeast Insurance Practice and Actuarial Practice. At the time of his retirement from PWC in 2006, Ben was serving as the National Risk Management Partner for the Insurance, Managed Healthcare, and Actuarial Practices.

Ben is survived by the love of his life, Mary Eugenia Boarman Korbly, married for over 51 years, their two children and their families: son Dr. Stephen Korbly and his wife Jennifer and daughter Dr. Nicole Brooke Korbly and her husband Dr. Ben Christian; grandchildren, Isabella Anne, Adriana Brooke, Owen Vincent and Marina Jade Korbly and Avery Brooke, Carter William and Merritt Elizabeth Christian. Ben is also survived by his four sisters, Letitia Korbly

(Seese), Mary Brooke Nicotra, Frances Isabel Korbly-Canter and Catherine Anne Bassett. Ben was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Alexander Korbly III and Frances Rawls Bond Korbly.

Ben was dedicated to his family and actively involved with Steve and Nicole's youth activities, in particular swimming and gymnastics, serving on numerous boards supporting each activity. Additionally, Ben loved the water. Early in life Ben raced sailboats and was the Florida State Champion in 1954. After retirement he enjoyed boating and fished the Florida coast, earning the nickname Captain Ben. Throughout his life Ben was committed to remaining physically fit. He worked out 2 hours per day six days per week until his illness prevented him from continuing. Ben was known by all for his unwavering integrity and values and a keen ability to use fair and prudent judgment in his decision making. He was a great listener and advisor and he always made everyone smile and laugh with his witty sense of humor. Later in life, Ben enjoyed his family, especially his grandchildren, fishing, and spending time with friends, all of whom loved and admired him dearly. Ben will live on in our hearts forever.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Ben's name to Captains For Clean Water <https://captainsforcleanwater.org/donate/>

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

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“ Ben and I met in August, 1955, both 9 years old. We had just moved to Harborview Street in south Tampa. He invited my brother and me to ‘play some football’. We became great friends for life: through schools, families, careers and sharing multiple fun retirement trips with our neighborhood buddies, ...branded ourselves the “Flomax 4”. Jimmy, Ronnie, Ben and I met annually, visiting Florida, Hawaii, Alaska, Utah, Texas, North Carolina, and Washington DC. He always shared the latest accomplishments of his talented kids and grandkids...and there were many...so proud of them. No doubt Ben and Mary Gene were fantastic parents!

Ben is the definition of a beloved friend and companion for life. Loved his lifelong curiosity to learn new things, and sharing freely with all. Rest in peace my friend...until we meet again.

Larry Killingsworth - June 29, 2024 at 01:23 PM

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“ Ben was a true partner and friend when I worked for him, and with him, at PW and PwC. He was someone who I could go to for advice on any matter. He was, unlike everyone else, not replaceable. If it weren't for Ben, I would not have stuck it out and had the career I did. I have missed him, already.

David Rogers - June 19, 2024 at 09:37 AM

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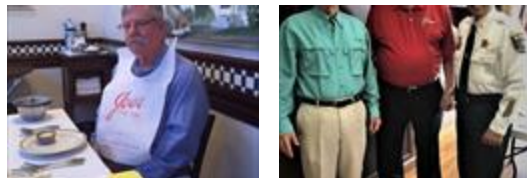
“ My association with Ben can be summed up pretty easily...."no matter what Ben's involvement was in an endeavor, he always lent diligence, sharp intelligence and his ever-present ethic of doing the right thing to the equation." During the time we worked together on various Colony HOA and community projects, he generously shared his experience, advice and guidance with me along the way. When I served on the Colony Board of Directors as the lone owner/director on the developer dominated board, Ben was a steady sounding board for me when challenges arose, but could also temper those times with his wit and humor. It was my good fortune to have Ben as a friend, neighbor and colleague. He was definitely "one of the good guys!"

Vicki Olson

Vicki Olson - June 06, 2024 at 02:23 PM

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“ Ben set the bar in the definition of a "true friend". He was intelligent, hardworking, sincere, talented, passionate, tenacious, trustworthy, and had a keen sense of humor. I enjoyed my years of friendship with Ben, serving on the Colony Residence Council. His years of service with Price Waterhouse gave our community confidence in accurately reporting our financials. Ben leaves a legacy that is respected by all those who knew him. I have two pics to share of Ben. A pic with Ben myself and Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno at an event. Ben at Joe's Stone Crab in Miami, Florida, one of his favorites.



Bill Ribble - June 04, 2024 at 03:35 AM