



W. Bruce Achenbach

July 25, 1949 - August 12, 2023

W. Bruce Achenbach passed away peacefully, after a long illness, on August 12, 2023, in Naples, Florida. Bruce's death, at age (74), was preceded by his father, Walter Achenbach, of Naples, Florida; brother, Jay Achenbach, both in 2016; and his mother, Jean Achenbach, of Naples, Florida in 2021. He is survived by his brother, Brian Achenbach and his wife Younghie, of Claremont California; his sister-in-law, Julie Achenbach and nephew, Kyler Achenbach, both of Naples, Florida; and niece, Kendra Achenbach-Warner of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Bruce was born in Columbus, Ohio, spending his childhood years there, in Toledo, Ohio, and Vineland, New Jersey. He obtained both his BS and MBA degrees at The Ohio State University, the latter with cum laude honors. He enjoyed a very active student life, where he was active as Vice President of the Student Body, President of the Student Senate, a member of the OSU collegiate debate team, and member of Bucket & Dipper and Sphinx, the Junior and Senior men's honorary societies. As a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, he formed lifelong friendships with his brothers located throughout the country.

His entire career was spent with Trane Company, which spanned 35 years serving as Vice President and General Manager positions with several business units. Prior to his retirement, Bruce headed Trane's European and North African operations, followed by responsibility for worldwide operations outside North America for under 100-ton products.

While Bruce's retirement began with the home he built in Thailand, he returned to Naples in 2007, where he both designed and built his unique new home in Twin Eagles where he enjoyed his passion for golf and the Florida wildlife. An avid Buckeye fan, Bruce returned to Columbus most every year to play golf with his Delta Tau Delta fraternity brothers at the OSU Scarlet and Muirfield courses and take in a football game in the "Shoe".

Per his wishes, there will be no local funeral service.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978

Tribute Wall



“ *W. Bruce Achenbach*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I enjoyed my time with Bruce. He was one of the first people to welcome me to Twin Eagles. He will be missed by many. Rest In Peace.*

darrin - August 29, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ *Could this be a lifeguard at Kingshill apartments in Columbus in the 1970's?*

Lana - August 27, 2023 at 10:26 AM