



Mr. Kent Edward Parks

July 16, 1957 - July 29, 2014

Kent Edward Parks of Atlanta, Georgia, formerly of Champaign, Illinois, passed away from heart failure in his home on July 29, 2014.

Kent is preceded in death by his father (Robert Parks), mother (Wanda Parks), brother (Steve Parks) and niece (Rachel Parks). Surviving Kent are his brothers, John Parks (Erika Meinhardt), Brad Parks (Betsy Parks), his sister(-in-law) Dawn Hallsten (Don Mateer), and nine nephews and nieces.

Kent was born on July 16, 1957 at Burnham Hospital in Champaign. He graduated from Champaign Central High School in 1975, received his degree in finance from the University of Illinois in 1980, and completed his MBA from the University of Illinois in 1989.

Kent worked in the banking industry in Champaign for many years before he moved to Atlanta 1996. In Atlanta he managed real estate leasing for several large corporations, most recently at Community Loans of America.

Kent thoroughly enjoyed sports. He was a faithful Illini and a golf fan throughout his life. In his earlier years Kent played many sports and enjoyed success on the central Illinois tennis circuit in the late 70's and early 1980s. He also participated in basketball and softball leagues in Champaign. In latter years he kept fit at the gym.

Kent's smile and sense of humor will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. Kent enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He cherished his role as uncle and great uncle. He appreciated fine cigars and travel. He was generous to a fault and friendly to all.

Services for Kent will be held at Morgan Memorial Home in Champaign on August 9, 2014 with visitation from 1:00-2:30 followed by a memorial celebration of his life at 2:30. Burial will be right after the service at Fairfield Cemetery in Newman, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the American Heart Association.

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Cemetery Details

Fairfield Cemetery

Newman, IL 61942

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA 30075
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Service

AUG 4. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Kent Edward Parks*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I met Kent in the summer of 2013. Kent, as you all know, had a magnetic presence and magnetic personality. He and I quickly became friends as we both enjoyed sports and fine cigars. I am so sorry for the loss of such a fine, loving and giving individual! I can only believe that the Lord needed him for a higher cause! I will always remember my friend, Kent!*

*Noel Orsborn
Marietta, GA*

noel Orsborn - June 11, 2015 at 06:47 AM

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“ Brad and I had some great times with Kent...travelling out to visit John in Atlanta, rafting down the ‘Deliverance’ Chatooga River, and watching his USTA 4.5 team play in the National Championships in Indianapolis were some memorable highlights during our college years. Things were always more fun when Kent was along.

Kent and I also had a long history around tennis. Being a few years older than me he provided me with kind words of support when I was first starting to play competitively. We had many fun and enjoyable matches over the years. The guy was a stud, playing on knees that would swell up to the size of cantaloupes after a long match!

I am so sorry to have heard that he will no longer be with us. Sarah and I are thinking of Brad, John and their families.

Peter Bouton - August 04, 2014 at 03:21 PM

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“ With Respect, Admiration and Appreciation for the Leadership Kent provided from the Utah based Bridgerland Construction Team, our wish to all the family, friends and CLA fellow co-workers is that comforting memories of joyous times shared surround and fill your day.

Marty Spicer

Marty Spicer - August 04, 2014 at 09:57 AM