

OBITUARY

Kenneth M. Regan

OCTOBER 30, 1951 – MARCH 4, 2018



Kenneth Michael Regan died suddenly at his home on March 4, 2018 in Killingworth, Connecticut. He was 66 years old.

Ken was larger-than-life, possessed a huge heart, and a wicked wit. He was a master of story (after story!) with a keen sense of wordplay and impeccably-timed jokery. While the image he tried to project was typified by bluster and bombast, friends and family all smiled inwardly, knowing full-well that behind that facade was a man of life-long friendships and a deep love of family, with a heart so soft that he was rumored to have been brought to tears by a touching television commercial. A consummate host, his feasts were legendary and his generosity of spirit was extended to all.

Ken was born on October 30, 1951 in Canton, Ohio to Michael and Phyllis Regan. He grew up in Terrace Park, Ohio, graduated from Mariemont High School in 1969, and went on to attend Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He spent his twenties traveling the country and enjoying being something of a hippie— it was the seventies, after all.

In 1982, at a small gathering at his parents' house in Madison, Connecticut, Ken met the love of his life, Betsy. After a whirlwind romance, including Ken moving up to Connecticut from Philadelphia, the couple married in 1984. Ken and Betsy had three children, Kyle, Cameron, and Johanna, and moved to Killingworth in 1992. Watching his children grow up was one of the greatest joys of his life. Ken could always be found cheering at his kids' sporting events and attending their plays and concerts.

Ken started his long and successful career as a commercial lighting salesman in Philadelphia in the late 70's. He came to be known in the business as Regal Regan, Lord of Light. In his 35 years in Connecticut, he developed many friendships with his customers and associates. His family would like to thank all of his colleagues for their support and generosity over the years. They would especially like to thank Brian Onessimo and everyone at Graybar. Ken is survived by his wife Betsy Welling Regan, children Kyle Regan, Cameron Slaby, and Johanna Regan, son-in-law Chris Slaby and future son-in-law Tullio Milani. He also leaves behind his loving family, siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Michael and Phyllis. His family would like to thank the wonderful staff of the Guilford VNA, Yale Rehab Center at the Milford Hospital, and Family Practice Associates of Guilford, Connecticut.

A celebration of Ken's life will take place at First Congregational Church in Madison, Connecticut at 1PM on Saturday March 10, 2018. All are welcome to attend and celebrate. The family will also have calling hours at Swan Funeral Home in Clinton, Connecticut on Friday March 9th from 5-7PM. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite local charities.