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Leigh Arthur Rood Bandekow, age 74 of Millsboro, DE passed away at Delaware Hospice on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, with his wife by his side. He was born on October 8, 1949, in Orange, NJ, son of the late Richard J. vonLengerke Bandekow and Elizabeth (Rood) Bandekow.

Mr. Bandekow grew up in Maplewood, NJ, and was a graduate of Newark Academy High School, class of 1967. He attended the University of DE where he served as president of his fraternity, met his future wife and graduated with a degree in business marketing. He obtained a master's degree in banking from the Stonier School of Banking. He spent over 40 years working in different facets of the banking industry, beginning his career at Farmers Bank in Wilmington. His family moved to Rehoboth in 1984 when he was hired as the branch manager at Mellon Bank on Rehoboth Ave. He spent many years as a mortgage lender for Mortgage Capital Investors and ended his career at Bank of America, retiring in 2014 as a fraud analyst.

Mr. Bandekow was a lifelong music lover - his favorite artists included the Beatles, Bob Dylan and Jimmy Buffet. He spent many of his later years collecting coins and clocks. He enjoyed spending time at the beach while soaking in the sun and listening to the waves. He loved animals, especially dogs, and was a devoted Eagles fan. His most endearing qualities were, however, those of being generous and loving to those he held near to his heart. Mr. Bandekow will be deeply missed and forever loved by all the lives he touched.

Mr. Bandekow is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sharon Bandekow of Millsboro, DE; his sons, Tim Bandekow and Dan Bandekow (Janet); his daughter, Katie Montgomery (Stephen); his grandchildren: Xander, Erin, and Zane Montgomery; and his brother Scott Bandekow (Linda), and brother-in-law Stephen Franklin (Donna).

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donation in Mr. Bandekow's memory to the National Kidney Foundation, <https://support.kidney.org>.



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Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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Anonymous sent a Love's Journey to the Rood Bandekow family.



October 3 at 9:24 AM



Jay Galloway posted:

Dan, there are no words to express our sadness when we heard about the loss of your father. Our hearts ache for what you are going through. We send our deepest condolences to you, your mother and family. It is no easy feat to overcome the death of a parent and our well wishes are with you and the family. Jay & Linda Galloway

September 10 at 7:28 AM



Carl Wilson posted:

He was a awesome guy. Met him through his son Tim. He was funny & opened his house to us when we needed plave to crash. He will be DEARLY missed. R.I.P.

September 6 at 2:07 PM



Larry Cetrulo posted:

Leigh was a classmate of ours in the Newark Academy Class of 1967. He was a friendly, funny and generous classmate and always fun to be around. although we did not travel together outside of school, I do have good memories of our classes together. I extend the sympathies of the Class of '67 to Leigh's friends and family. Sincerely, Larry Cetrulo, '67

September 5 at 7:45 AM



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Stephen Franklin posted:

Leigh, Sharon, Sally and my self were on silver side road. We both had just bought brand new VW bugs. Of course we had a few beers, and were on our way to get pizza. At the light at Silverside and Foulk Rd, we decided to play bumper cars, not nowing two cops were watching the whole thing. I would push Leigh, he would back up and push me! When the cops turned there lights on, Leigh ate a tube of chap stick! We got a lecture, and were on our way! Have had a lot of laughs through the years thinking back on that day . May God watch over your soul, and mend the differences between you and Sally!

September 4 at 12:02 PM



Katie September 6 at 12:47 PM

One of my dad's favorite stories to tell!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leigh by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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