



Richard Scoville Krissinger

November 6, 2020

Richard Scoville Krissinger, loving husband and father passed away on Friday, November 6, 2020. He was born on April 9, 1930 in Hartford, CT to Charles Stuart Krissinger and Magdalene Scoville Krissinger. He is survived by his loving wife Ann English Krissinger, to whom he was married for over 64 years. He is also survived by his son Kenneth and his wife Janis Krissinger, daughter Martha Krissinger, and two grandchildren Elizabeth and Andrew Krissinger. He was predeceased by his brother Stuart Scoville Krissinger and his sister Marian Krissinger Berlin.

He graduated from Hartford High School, and Gettysburg College where he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and ROTC. Following graduation, he entered the Air Force where he served in Germany during the Korean War. After leaving the Air Force, he attended the Wharton School of Business.

After moving back to Hartford, he studied to be an architect without having the benefit of professional architectural schooling and passed the Architect Registration Examinations to become a licensed architect in Connecticut. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects and a Registered Interior Designer, and worked at Golden Thornton & LaBau and Russell Gibson & von Dohlen. He moved on to work for the State of Connecticut where he was head of the School Facilities Unit for over twenty years, responsible for the review of public-school projects and new school

construction, renovations, and additions.

He was an accomplished architectural model maker providing architectural firms with detailed scale models of proposed projects at a time when every element of building scale models was done by hand. Among the many models that he created were Hartford's City Place and Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance building (the world's first two-sided building).

He was active in AIA Connecticut, the Connecticut Society of Architects, where he served as the Chair of the AIA CT Architectural Foundation, securing the largest donation from a single donor up until that time.

He was an active member of Saint John's Episcopal Church in West Hartford where he was a member of the Vestry, a member of the Choir, taught Sunday school, and was co-chair of the rebuilding committee following the fire that destroyed the church in 1992.

Richard, or Dick as he was known to his friends, was an exceedingly kind and compassionate man. Volunteering was an essential part of his life that continued after he retired. This was evidenced by his extensive volunteer work at Hartford Hospital and the UConn Medical Center, where he put in well over 1,000 hours of service. His other volunteer work included being a student mentor, volunteering at the YMCA and The Bridge in West Hartford, preparing and delivering meals through Loaves & Fishes and Meals on Wheels, and serving with Masonic Care. He was also a member and past president of the Old Guard.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory can be made to Hartford Hospital, Saint John's Episcopal Church in West Hartford, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

MT

“ So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. I was fortunate to share much of my professional life with him and he always exhibited a quiet, intelligent professionalism. Above and beyond his work, Dick was kind, thoughtful and caring. He will be missed.
Jane and I extend our thoughts and prayers to Ann, Martha, Ken and family.
Much love.

Mark Tamaccio - December 02, 2020 at 12:18 PM

JF

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Dick's passing. My condolences to all his family. I first met Dick at Golden Thorton LaBau in 1970 and worked with him for many years. He was counted as a good friend to all who knew him. He was a talented professional that served as a model to his co-workers. We will miss Dick. The design profession and the world is less without his smile and kindness.

Jim McManus F.A.I.A. - November 16, 2020 at 08:14 AM

MC

“ My deepest condolences to Ann, Ken, and Martha, I was truly saddened by the death of a great friend. Dick was a wonderful man and true Christian a great neighbor and friend. He will be missed by all who knew him and were made to feel good by his warm and welcoming smile.
My love, Madeleine Gauthier

Madeleine Gauthier Fairfield ct - November 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM

HA

“ Condolences to Ann and to the entire family on your loss. Dick was a kind mentor to me at Russell Gibson von Dohlen Architects when we met in the late 1970's and we remained friendly while he served as head of the State of CT School Facilities Unit, and later as a private consultant for educational design while I was a principal at DuBose Associates.

Dick represented the finest qualities of the architectural profession as a talented practitioner, master model maker, volunteer for so many organizations and as a gentleman and family man.

Flo and I will miss him and all that he represented.

Harvey and Flo Leibin

Harvey Leibin, AIA - November 10, 2020 at 04:20 PM

JG

“ I offer my deep sorrow to Richard's family for his passing. Our paths crossed over many years on matters of Site planning and Architecture, model building, site selection and planning criteria for public schools, and community activities. I was always impressed by his caring professionalism, patience and talent. It was a pleasure to work with him and I will miss him. Jeffrey A. Gebrian

Jeffrey A. Gebrian - November 10, 2020 at 10:24 AM

RG

“ I offer my sincere condolences to Ann and family on the passing of Dick. I have many fond memories of working with Dick during his architectural career both in the AIA and with the State of Connecticut. It was also a nice discovery that we also shared a love of the arts and music as our paths crossed many times at events throughout the years. I will miss him.

Raymond Giolitto - November 10, 2020 at 07:30 AM