



Ronald Leslie Bush

August 20, 2016

Ronald Leslie Bush of West Hartford, CT, husband of Carlene (Dahill) Bush, died on Saturday, August 20, 2016 after a short illness. Born in Meadville, PA on July 12, 1947, he was the son of the late Ronald E. and V.E. "Betty" (Findley) Bush.

In addition to his wife, Ron is survived by his daughter, Allison D. Bush (husband Reylandi Gonzalez) of Madrid, Spain and a brother, Brian K. Bush (wife Sheryl) of Sun City, AZ. He was pre-deceased by his son, Tyler W. Bush and sister, Gayle A. Bush. Ron leaves cousins and relatives from both the Dahill and Bush sides, who were a dear part of his extended family. Ron attended Linesville, PA schools and graduated with a BA from Lebanon Valley College ('69), where he was president of his fraternity and ran competitively on their cross-country team. He was awarded an MBA from Harvard Business School ('76). Ron was a Principal of both Brightwork Partners and Retirement Research Inc. For over 20 years, Ron offered a wealth of information, analysis and insight to the country's leading providers of retirement products and services. He was ranked among the 100 most influential people in the defined contribution industry. Previously, he was a founding partner of Access Research, Inc. Ron was a sounding board, teacher and advisor to many, including colleagues at the companies he helped found and as a mentor to many of his son's friends. He never missed a lacrosse or football game, graduation, or chance to take them to dinner while he spent time in cities around the country. Ron enjoyed visiting his daughter abroad, summers and

family cookouts at Groton Long Point, his golf and bridge groups, and long runs around town or during his travels. He will be greatly missed. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. A celebration of Ron's life will be announced at a later date. Donations in Ron's memory may be made to NOLS Tyler Bush Memorial Scholarship, NOLS, 284 Lincoln St., Lander, WY 82520. Online gifts may be made at <https://www.nols.edu/portal/alumni/giving/1/>. In the memo filed indicate, Tyler Bush Memorial Scholarship. Messages of sympathy and condolences may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ contrast to all the other people in this, I don't actually know Ron Leslie. I'm only 17 and I didn't attend Harvard in 1976, however I was checking Harvard's "if I knew then..." chapter 2, marriage and family and his comment made me laugh - his career advice was smart too. So I looked him up. I can tell he was a good, funny, successful and most importantly loved person. I will share the comment that made me laugh below:



-When in doubt, use the three most important words with your spouse: "You're right, dear."

-The sweetest words in the English language are, "Granddad, would you like to ...?"(this one warmed my heart so I couldn't help sharing <3)

-Zeina Sleiman, not a 1976 Harvard Business Graduate, almost a High-School graduate this year, and hopefully in 5 years time a computer engineer :)

zeina - January 28, 2022 at 02:11 PM

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“ Ron sat directly across from me throughout our first year at the Harvard Business School. From the first day of classes until the end of the year, I was impressed by his calm, poise, and serenity. He always smiled and always had a kind word to say about everyone and everything. We lost contact upon graduation, but the memories of his friendship remain forever. My condolences go to his family.

Riccardo Di Capua, HBS 1976 Section B

Riccardo Di Capua - September 05, 2016 at 08:59 AM

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“ 42 years ago I met Ron upon entering the Harvard Business School. All of us had inner thoughts as to whether we would one day actually graduate. Our future at HBS and the business world was unknown. During our first year together at HBS, every day in the classroom Ron exuded confidence, insight and poise. There is much sorrow in his passing, I will cherish those memories of so many year ago.

Murray Air, HBS 1976 Section B

W. Murray Air - September 02, 2016 at 05:29 AM

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“ A few years out of HBS, I called Ron for some help in a very tight insurance market. Even though we hadn't spoken since graduation, in 1976, he jumped right on my request, and within a short time, had gotten resolution for my company. That was a few decades ago, but Ron's unselfish and giving nature has stayed with me. He left us way too early, and is missed.

Ray Sims, HBS 1976 Section B

Ray Sims - August 31, 2016 at 10:17 AM

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“ We all were out of context when we gathered as Section B, 1976 Harvard Business School, 42 years ago. But Ron had a great attitude toward the rigors of the curriculum, the eccentricities of his classmates, and the warm beer at the Pub & Galley. It was a pleasure to know him those years, and to see his career and family grow over the following years. A characteristic bit of information he sent along to share with his classmates was this one, pulled from my archives in 1999: "Outside business, Ron's family keeps him busy, with daughter Allison (13) and her interests in choir, band, and theater, and son Tyler (10) who plays a variety of sports. Ron admits that his coaching days are over, as Tyler's skills far exceed his now! "As a family, we ski," Ron said, "but this year in Connecticut we have our canoes out, not our skis." He will be much missed.

Barbara Keck, ClassNotes Correspondent, Section B, HBS '76

Barbara Nadel Keck - August 30, 2016 at 10:28 PM

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“ I had the privilege of knowing Ron since the early 80's. He was a trusted advisor to retirement businesses I had run and more importantly, a valued friend. I had the opportunity to talk with Ron at the SPARK meeting in June. I shall miss those conversations.

My deepest sympathy to Ron's family on their loss.....

Gary Lineberry

Gary Lineberry - August 29, 2016 at 03:24 PM

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“ *It has been years since I have worked with Ron at both CIGNA and Access Research. I remember him as being consistently kind, knowledgeable and approachable. Though our association was brief, meeting with him was always a pleasure. Carleen and family, my deepest sympathy on your profound loss. Sincerely, Marcie Lain LaBelle*

Marcie LaBelle - August 29, 2016 at 01:40 PM