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STEPHEN ALAN MELCHER Sr.(1943 - 2017)



STEPHEN ALAN MELCHER, SR. Stephen Alan Melcher, Prairie Village, KS, passed away August 21, 2017, at Menorah Hospital. He was born on April 23, 1943, in Galesburg, IL, to Darius Denman and Alma Lee Willson Melcher. He attended Border Star, Pembroke Country Day, and Southwest High School in Kansas City. He received a BA in Latin with highest honors from Williams College in 1965, and his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1967. Steve was a commercial banker, working for Continental of Illinois, First National Bank of KC (becoming Executive Vice President), Johnson County Bank in Prairie Village (President), and finishing his career at Commerce Bank of Kansas City (Executive Vice President) in 1999. Steve and Adrienne then moved to Solana Beach, CA, moving back to Mission Hills in 2007. He then joined the Bank of Prairie Village as Vice Chairman and Director. Among his affiliations were Research Medical Center and Health Midwest (Chairman of each), Vice Chairman of Johnson County Community College Foundation (he and Adrienne co-chaired Some Enchanted Evening charitable gala), co-founder and Chairman of Leawood Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of Johnson County Chamber President's Council. He served on six hospital boards, was a Director of the Kansas City Museum, and Treasurer of Kansas City Terminal Railway. He was a member of the Kansas City Club and the 611 Club, Homestead Country Club, Hallbrook Country Club, Loma Santa Fe Country Club (CA), and Indian Hills Country Club. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Adrienne (Childers) of the home, daughter Nicole Melcher (John Martin), Steve, Jr. (Amanda Biers), Ryan (Abby Franklin), stepdaughter Kimberly Wilkerson (Chad Schoenthaler), and stepson Ryan Wilkerson (Christina). He had 12 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Also surviving are siblings Kathy White (Fred), Janet Nelson (Mark), Jim Melcher (Joanie), Nancy Melcher (Skip Hanson), and Carol Hatch. He also leaves his beloved dog, Sammy. Steve was a kind, loving, exceptional man who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at Second Presbyterian Church, 318 E. 55th St., KCMO. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the charity of your choice.

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