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SIMS, DAVID K.

LAKEVILLE — David K. Sims of Lakeville and Vero Beach, Fla., died peacefully on Nov. 10, 2018, with Jennifer, his beloved wife of 49 years, by his side.

Born in Chicago in 1935, David graduated from The Choate School and Williams College and began his business career as a broker in Chicago. He moved to New York City in 1972, where he continued a successful 41-year career in the financial industry, retiring in 2001 from a senior position with Merrill Lynch.

In 1984 David and Jennifer purchased an idyllic property in Lakeville, where they spent many a weekend before finally making it their home.

David was a people person who was actively involved with family, travel and charitable interests, consistently providing loyal friendship and thoughtful leadership. Ever civically and culturally minded, David always sought ways to help others and bring more meaning to his life by casting his social, intellectual or philanthropic net just a little bit wider. To that end, he served as president of the Board of Directors at the Sharon Playhouse as well as participating on committees for the Salisbury Association and Lake Wononscopomuc.

David was an avid athlete (tennis, golf) and competitor, but his competitive and adventurous spirit didn't end there. With a combined passion for history and appreciation for unique cultural experiences, he traveled with Jennifer — often with family or close friends — to such destinations as Africa, Europe, Central America and Asia. He cherished family and friends dearly, and nothing gave him greater joy than spending time with them. When he wasn't traveling, he enjoyed being with loved ones whenever possible in familiar surroundings such as Lakeville, Lakeside, Mich., and Vero Beach.

He is survived by his sons, Russell Sims of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Alex Johnson of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and his daughters, Casey Sims of Fort Lauderdale and Victoria Sanborn of Seattle, Wash.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sharon Playhouse, P.O. Box 1187, Sharon, CT 06069.

Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.