

David Thornton '61

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David Thornton, 78, of Southern Pines, passed away at St. Joseph of the Pines on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

Born in Meriden, CT on May 6, 1939, he was the son of the late G. Kenneth Thornton and Ruth (Stevens) Thornton. Dave graduated from Meriden High School in 1957 and went on to Williams College where he majored in Economics. He was a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity, managed the basketball team, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Graduating in 1961 he went on to the University of Chicago getting his MBA in 1963. He married his high school sweetheart, Ann Decherd in '62.

He went to work for General Mills out of college and was in Brand Management for 10 years in Minneapolis, before being transferred to Gorton's of Gloucester where he served as Director of Marketing and Sales for various divisions of Gorton's for 23 years. He retired to Southern Pines, NC, in 1996 where he pursued his love of golf. He was a lifelong Red Sox fan and loved travel, photography, spectator sports, but his family most of all.

In addition to his wife, Ann, Dave is survived by their children: Susan A. Thornton, husband, M. J. Daley, of Washington, D. C., and Steven W. Thornton, wife, Amy A., of Lawrenceburg, IN. He was the grandfather of Benjamin W. (Wesleyan, '18) Anne A., (Colorado College, '20) and Kathryn T. Daley (Bowdoin, '22), and Lucy A. and Luke M. Thornton.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines is serving the family. A private service will be held at a later date in Connecticut.