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On Thursday, October 15th, 2020, Carroll Grant Brunthaver Jr., loving husband and father of two children, passed away at the age of 88.

Carroll was born on March 27th, 1932 on a farm in Freemont, Ohio, to his parents, Carroll Sr. and Hazel Brunthaver. As a young man, Carroll served in the Us Air Force as a fighter pilot. On August 8th, 1953, he married Betty Jean Hessick. Together they raised a daughter, Susan, and a son, Jeff. Carroll earned his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Ohio State University, and he went on to become a Research Economist at Cook Industries in Memphis. He then served as the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Domestic and Foreign Affairs, under the Nixon Administration in Washington, D.C. During his successful tenure in government, he was the lead US agricultural negotiator of two US/USSR agricultural agreements. Although controversial at the time, the agreements opened up an era of grain trade with the USSR. Additionally, Carroll served as President of the Commodity Credit Corporation and Chairman of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Carroll and his family later moved back to Memphis, where he became the co-founder and CEO of Sparks Commodities Research Firm (currently known as Informa). In the most recent part of his career, Carroll managed individual commodity trading funds with McVean Trading and Investments in Memphis, where he continued to work through his 88th year of life. He truly loved his work, and his successful career is evident of that.

In his free time, Carroll was an outdoorsman. He had a passion for fishing, hunting, and wood working. He was an avid reader, and he also loved to travel. Two of his favorite places to visit with his family were Beaver Creek, Colorado and the Florida Gulf Coast. Carroll was also known for his love of dogs, and he was the own of several beloved beagles throughout his life. Co-workers, friends, and family will remember Carroll for his ambition, sharp mind, generosity, and warm-heartedness.



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Carroll was preceded in death by his parents, Carroll Brunthaver Sr. and Hazel Brunthaver. Carroll is survived by his wife, Betty; his daughters, Susan (Mike); his son Jeff (Patty); his four grandsons: Aaron (Heather), Ryan (Carrie), Kyle (Diana), and Tyler; and his four great-grandchildren (Rowan, Camille, Ruby, and Betsy). A private family service is being held the week of October 19th, 2020. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a charity of your choice.



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Cemetery Details

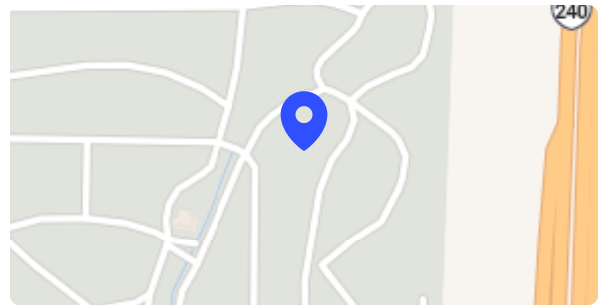


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Tribute Wall

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JP

Jb Penn posted:

My sincerest condolences to Betty and the family. I certainly valued my professional association with Carroll for over a decade. Very best regards. JB Penn

October 22 at 5:38 AM

BW

Burke Wood posted:

Carroll was a true professional, a joy to work with and one of the finest and nicest people I have known. Best Regards, Burke Woodex-Cook Columbia City, OR

October 20 at 9:34 AM

FM

Frank Mccalla posted:

Betty, Mike and Susan, Carroll was a great example of a man who lived life to its fullest. He will be greatly missed. Traveling with him to visit clients was always a pleasure. I cherish those many happy memories. Linda and I wish to convey our condolences at the loss of a great mentor and friend. Love, Frank and Linda McCalla

October 19 at 7:03 AM

JG

Jerry Gulke posted:

Betty and family, I've cherished my relationship with Carroll since we first met in the early 1990's. Carroll was so supportive and helped me greatly. Such grand times we had at Beaver Creek and other conference. The Red Apple comes to mind. There is a void left in the hearts of all that knew him. With much respect, Jerry Gulke

October 17 at 7:24 AM

RC

Richard Crow posted:

DeLoris and I wish to express our condolences at the loss of Carroll. From the days at Cook Industries to the days of business of commodity trading, friendship, and leadership, will always be remembered. Carroll was a leader of men, always offered encouragement and foresight. Our prayers go out to you, Betty, and your family. Love, Richard and DeLoris

October 17 at 6:14 AM



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Rita Sparks posted:

Betty, Susan, Mike and families, My heart aches for your recent loss of your beloved Carroll. He was such a friend to me, always there when I needed an ear to listen. Willard and I took many trips and lots of fun times with Carroll and Betty; precious memories that will always be remembered. My love and prayers go out to you and stand ready to help if there's anyway I can do. I feel this loss too, and only time will help. I loved Carroll like an older brother and I will truly miss him! Love, Rita Sparks

October 16 at 2:07 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carroll by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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