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Clifford Paddack Wagner



Clifford "Cliff" Paddack Wagner passed away August 30, 2022, at the age of 89. Born and raised in Cincinnati, he graduated from Hughes High School and Wabash College in Indiana where he was a proud member of Sigma Chi. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings and wife Patricia "Patsy". He is survived by their three children, son Chip (Alicia), daughter Chase Bahlman, daughter Sarah Wagner and loving grandchildren Kyle (Arielle), Adam (Chrissy), Preston, Harrison, Paddack, Edie, Leah and Logan and one great grandchild, Declan. He is also surviving is his wife, Anne, her two children, Jennifer Rodes (Scott) and Stephen Hutchinson (Shannon), and her five grandchildren. Upon graduation from Wabash College, he proudly served in The United States Marine Corps and then joined the family business, Wagner and

Son's Bottling Company in Cincinnati. He and partner Paul Gosiger subsequently acquired and developed the local independent insurance agency, Emory P. Zimmer Insurance Company, from which he ultimately retired. When they started their family, he and Patsy embraced every aspect of parenting. He attended all the sporting and school events, but really found his niche coaching his daughters in soccer with Patsy. They traveled the country with their teams to participate in tournaments. He was an active 56-year member of The City Club (formerly Gyro Club), the University Club, as well as a long-standing member of Knox Presbyterian Church in Hyde Park. The family enjoyed regular summer trips to northern Michigan with friends and family. Retirement led them to Maine and their house on the water enjoying lobster, looking for moose, and watching the eagle land on the rock in front of the house which would inspire the name of the property- Eagle Rock. In his final years, he and Anne liked a good game of gin rummy, rides in the country, a nightly Bourbon, and the love of their families. He leaves a powerful legacy of kindness, strength, generosity, laughter, and wit. This world is a better place because of him. Rest in peace, Cliff, Dad, G-Pa, Grampy, Wags, Tiffy, and Grandpa. Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Interment Spring Grove Cemetery. In remembrance of Cliff, please consider a donation to the City Club of Cincinnati Foundation, 5303 Lester Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45213. Sympathy may be expressed at www.springgrove.org.

Legendary Wabash Supporter Rem Johnston '55 Passes Away

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Remington "Rem" A. Johnston III passed away in hospice care on February 18, 2023.

Born August 5, 1933 in Ossian, Indiana, he was the son of Remington and Elizabeth "Betty" Johnston. He graduated from P.A. Allen High School in Bluffton, Indiana in 1951. Following in the footsteps of his father (class of 1927) and grandfather (class of 1901), he graduated from Wabash College in Crawfordsville in 1955. He majored in political science and was a proud member of Sigma Chi fraternity. A "life-loyal Sig" – loyal and dedicated to generations of his brothers -- he and was awarded the Order of Constantine in 2022, the fraternity's highest honor.



He earned a degree in printing from Carnegie Mellon University and began a half-century career in the printing business. He spent eight years with Harris-Seybold Printing Machinery Company in Dallas, before returning to Bluffton in 1964 to lead his family's business, the Rem Johnston Printing Company.

Upon returning to Indiana, Rem became one of the most significant alumni volunteers in the history of Wabash College. He was a prolific recruiter, led the alumni association, assisted in organizing alumni events, and was particularly close to the Wabash athletic department. He traveled with the college's football, track, and golf teams, among others, which earned him the nickname "Big Cookie" because he always made sure student-athletes had snacks while traveling to athletic competitions – including big cookies from a Bluffton bakery.

He attended every Wabash football game, home and away, from 1970 through 1995 except for a single game in 1970 when his father died. Rem was exceptionally proud of his involvement