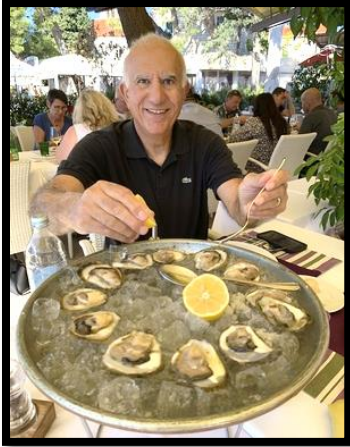


K. Samuel Cohlmia



K. Samuel Cohlmia, 74, of Stillwater, OK, passed away at his home on June 25, 2021. A service celebrating his life will be Thursday, July 8, 2:00 PM, at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater. A reception will follow, 3:00-5:00, at Stillwater Country Club.

K. was born on October 27, 1946, in Shattuck, OK, to Mae and Mitch Cohlmia. He graduated from Shattuck High School in 1964 and attended the University of Oklahoma where he was the starting catcher for the Sooner baseball team and a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He graduated from OU with a BA in Economics and then served his country in Viet Nam from July 1970 to June

1971. K. and Sandy (Stuart) married in 1980; and their beautiful daughter, Kyle, was born in 1983.

Upon his return from Viet Nam, while he was pursuing an MBA at OU, K. heard from one of his professors that Stillwater was the ideal place to open a retail business. He heeded that advice and opened a retail clothing store, K.'s LTD, at the corner of 8th and Main. Eventually, he moved that store to Campus Corner, renamed it the Wooden Nickel, and owned the business there until 2013. K. not only built a business to make Stillwater proud, but he was also a wonderful boss to many OSU students and a strong supporter of OSU's fashion design program.

When he remodeled Peck's Lodge, the building that housed the Wooden Nickel, K. became a student of OSU campus-life history. He spent hours reading about the Peck Brothers who initially owned the building and more hours combing through OSU yearbooks, looking for photos of students enjoying their temporary student union on the 2nd floor of Peck's Lodge. Many of those photos now decorate the hallway of that 2nd floor. K. delighted in conducting tours of Peck's Lodge while sharing the history of the building.

K. very often joked that he wanted to be remembered with these words: "He was a good eater." And that he was. But K. enjoyed so much more than just a good meal. A shared, hearty laugh; a vigorous workout at the gym; all things sports, especially related to Stillwater High School, the Big 12, and OKC Thunder; his work with the Stillwater Community Foundation and First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater; a rousing game of Liar's Poker; a cup of coffee (for which he had probably roasted the coffee beans) with friends; travel, especially in France and Italy; a stroll with his best canine buddy, Hummus, to visit neighbors; a hike in the Colorado Rockies; a walk on the Oregon coast with Kyle and Sandy; and, indeed, a fine meal and glass of wine with family and friends all added up to K.'s full, happy days. Knowing that he was a man who was content with his life comforts us. His kind, gentle spirit graced this world.

K. was preceded in death by his parents, Mae and Mitch Cohlmia. His survivors include his wife Sandy; his daughter Kyle; his first cousins Lynn (Ruffin) and husband Mike Evans, Sam Ruffin, Denise (Cohlmia) Slaton, Barbara (Cohlmia) Roberts, Vickie (Cohlmia) Jones, and Rose Cohlmia; so many cherished extended family members; and so many beloved friends.

K. was a member of Hanner-Sharp American Legion Post 129 in Stillwater.