



ROBERT WALTER URBAIN

July 14, 1945 - March 11, 2020

Robert Walter Urbain was born in the Chicago suburb of Berwyn, Illinois on July 14, 1945 to Ruth Lindahl and pioneering food scientist Walter Urbain. He grew up in Western Springs, Illinois and excelled in both his studies and football, playing center position at De Pauw University where he received a BA in Political Science. He then completed an MBA degree at USC in Los Angeles where he met his bride to be, Bernadette (Babette) Lamoglia. The two married in Bernadette's home city of Paris, France in 1969.

Robert (Bob) started his international Consumer Goods career with General Foods (now Kraft Heinz and Mondelez) in White Plains, NY shortly after his marriage. During his time at General Foods he successfully launched numerous household products such as Crystal Light and Kool-Aid, which are still popular today. He helped to grow the business internationally, relocating for a time to Europe with his family. After his success at General Foods, he took on numerous leadership roles at various companies such as VP of Marketing for Dole, SVP of Marketing for Tropicana, and CEO of Boots Healthcare International.

Robert was famous for his great sense of humor, integrity and kindness. He had an infectious smile and loved helping others. One of the highlights of his life entailed collaborating with his father on setting food standards and policy for the World Health Organization and International Atomic Agency. In his free time, he enjoyed playing tennis, fishing, table tennis, coaching children's sport teams, playing guitar, and spending time with his family at their homes in Wilton, CT and Paris, France.

Robert succumbed to complications from Alzheimer's disease on March 11th in Miami, Florida after spending several years in retirement in France. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Babette, along with their three children (Christa, Andrew, and Eric) and three grandchildren.

Cemetery

Van Orsdel Crematory

3333 NE 2nd Avenue

Miami, FL, 33137

Events

MAR **Funeral Mass** 03:30PM

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St. Raymond Catholic Church

3475 S.W. 17 St., Miami, FI, US

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Eric - March 19, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies. I have many fond memories of growing up with my big brother Bob, especially backyard ice skating in the ice rink our dad built and bi-annual family trips to Florida. Jim fondly remembers weekends with Bob in England years ago. Bob will be truly missed by all.
In sympathy,
Betsy and Jim Balaze

Betsy Balaze - March 19, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ Betsy.....the little sister,

Virtually every memory you shared I remember as well. Bob and I were so lucky to have been raised in Western Springs by loving and watchful parents. I still can't believe some of the stunts we pulled under the watchful eye of your dad. I think our camping trip to Canada between our junior and senior high school years stands out as the best gift a parent could give two teenage boys. Driving your dad's 1955 DeSoto into Canada we felt like we were the king of the world.....Over the past many years as we have moved on with our own families Bob and I could spend just a few initial minutes and suddenly we were back in Western Springs. I had actually forgotten about flooding your back yard to ice skate. I hope you are well and hopefully Kathi and I will be able to meet up with Andrew and Babette in Chicago soon.

Stay well

Doug

Douglas Johnson - March 19, 2020 at 06:57 PM



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