



## David Bridges

November 13, 1941 - January 24, 2024

David Bridges, 82, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, after a long illness. David was a true polymath with Doctorates in Psychology and History along with degrees in engineering, accounting, and economics. His entrepreneurial spirit spanned from a NASA contractor with the Apollo mission, mergers and acquisitions with Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, ERA Realty franchising, Mid-America & Western Yarns, & countless others. He was also a gifted gemologist and Master Sommelier.

David was a member of numerous professional organizations: The Royal Historical Society, American Association of Individual Investors, Organization of American Historians, SCORE: Counselors to America's Small Business, The Royal British Legion, Economic History Society, Philosophical Society, Guild of Sommeliers, The Royal Society of St. George and The Cedars Club of Memphis.

David embraced a lifelong of learning, was a stoic at heart, proud family man, and a gentleman anyone would be proud to call a friend.

David was born in Ashland, KY. He is survived by his wife of forty-two years, Wydia Janous Bridges; his Son of which he was most proud, Michael (Mike) Bridges and his wife Jodi of Columbus, OH; his grandchildren, Marideth Bridges and Margaret Bridges; a brother-in law, John Janous of Duncan, MS;

a sister-in-law, Velma Bridges of Canton, OH; a niece, Krista Kurcsak of Akron, OH; a nephew Joel Bridges of Canton, OH and many cousins who fondly call him "Uncle David". He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Virginia Bridges of Galion, OH and his brother, J.T. Bridges of Canton, OH.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A Joyful Celebration of the Life of David Bridges will be held on Saturday, March 23 at Overton Chapel, 2323 Monroe. Please park at Lindenwood Christian Church in their parking lot adjacent to East Parkway. Shuttle service will be provided to take you to and from the chapel. A luncheon will be served at 11:00. All are welcome to share a memory of David. If you plan to attend, please respond to [widiabridges@gmail.com](mailto:widiabridges@gmail.com) by Friday, March 15, 2024.