



John (Jack) Kramer

April 19, 2013

L. (Jack) Kramer, 66, University of Florida Accounting professor, died Wednesday April 17, 2013 at E.T. York Care Center after a lengthy battle with early-onset Alzheimer's Disease.

Jack, the only child of John and Florence Kramer, was born in Detroit and grew up in Dearborn, Michigan. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus in 1968. During his undergraduate education, Jack was in the Co-op program working at General Motors in the accounting area of the Cadillac plant in Detroit. Upon receiving his undergraduate degree, he joined the Navy. After Officers Candidate School, he attended the Supply Corp School in Athens, Ga. where he met Sandy, his wife of 43 years. He was stationed in Mayport, Florida and served as supply officer on the U.S. Allen M. Sumner, DD692. During his time on board, the ship did two Mediterranean Sea deployments (including steaming off the coast of Israel during the 7 Days War) and steaming off the coast of Haiti during a period of revolution. The ship also visited Guantanamo Bay in Cuba where Jack played golf on a golf course with a minefield for out-of-bounds.

Upon completing his Navy commitments, he returned to Michigan and earned his MBA and Ph.D. in Accounting at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. His first job after completing his Ph.D. was at University of Texas at Austin. In

the fall of 1979, Jack joined the accounting faculty at UF where he worked until 2004. Jack held the Arthur Andersen chair in Accounting and served as Director of the Fisher School of Accounting and Associate Dean of the College of Business Administration from August 1987 to August 1989 and again from May 1998 to January 2004. For the 1989-1990 academic year, he was the interim Dean of the College of Business. He authored several textbooks and numerous research articles.

Jack was very active in the national organization for accounting faculty, the American Accounting Association. As a founding member of the American Taxation Association, Jack served as president of the organization and as editor of its research journal. In 2001, Jack was honored by this national organization of tax accounting faculty when they awarded him the Ray M. Sommerfeld Outstanding Tax Educator Award.

Jack was supportive of the schools his sons attended and the activities that his sons loved. He coached Youth Soccer when his sons were playing. He was a cub scout leader, and served as Chair of the Parent's committee for Trinity's Boy Scout Troop. He chaired the football parking committee at J.J. Finley Elementary School for many years and was Treasurer of that school's PTA. He also served as President of the PTA at Gainesville High School.

Jack was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He loved watching all kinds of auto races but drag racing was his favorite. He was treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of Gatornational Boosters. He also loved bowling and bowled in several different Gainesville leagues.

Jack is survived by his wife, Sandy and their four sons - John (Galadriel Billington), Andrew, Steve (Erin) and Mike and one grandson, Evan. In addition, Kelly Karson was like a daughter to Jack and her daughter, Joslyn was the granddaughter of his heart. Jack was preceded in death by his

parents and by his first grandson, Connor.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church on Friday, April 26 at 2 p.m. followed by a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Haven Hospice

Tribute Wall

LA

“ So sad to hear of Jack's passing. James and John and I remember him fondly. Best wishes to Sandy and the boys.

Lisa Austen - September 27, 2013 at 04:27 PM

AS

“ Sandy and family:
Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Allen & Donna Smith - April 25, 2013 at 12:24 PM

KE

“ Sandy and family,
I would like to express my sincere condolences on Jack's passing. I hope you will find comfort in Jesus' words: "The hour is coming when all those who are in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out".-John 5:28,29. Many scriptures talk about the dead "waking up" to life in the future. Just imagine the joy of being reunited with your love one, as Jesus' promised.-John 11:38-44. It will come true. I hope you find this encouraging. Your family is in our thoughts.

Kelly - April 24, 2013 at 06:16 PM

BJ

“ Dear Sandy and sons,
You have our deepest sympathy. I hope you are able to restore your spirits after this lengthy tragic episode in your lives. Please know that I believe that the world is better off because Jack was here, and I am sure each of you will carry out his legacy of kindness, competence and integrity.

Bob & Sharon Jamison - April 22, 2013 at 02:59 PM

MN

“ Our deepest condolences, Sandy. What an outstanding partner you have been to your husband. You have cared for your husband with delicate kindness and supported his medical needs with strength unknown to most of us. You are an exemplary example of marriage vows, and those of us who have watched your dedication are absolutely awed.

Melvina & Jack Cutright (your neighbors) - April 21, 2013 at 08:13 PM

SC

“ It was a privilege to know Jack Kramer. He was the first to welcome me to UF and gave me the opportunity to improve my writing with supplement work on various textbooks he authored. Always generous with his time, a wonderful mentor, and my role model for what being a member of the accounting academy is all about. Thank you for your legacy!

Susan and Bruce Crosson - April 21, 2013 at 01:20 PM