



Carl Thomas Kiplinger

Carl Thomas Kiplinger died on June 8, 2015. He was born on June 8, 1948, and grew up in Columbus, Ohio, the son of D.C. “Kip” Kiplinger (a well-known professor of floriculture at The Ohio State University) and Thelma Davis Kiplinger. The couple gave him his dad’s middle name, Carl.

Carl graduated from Upper Arlington High School in 1966, where he was active in the music program. He enjoyed performing in the choir and appearing in the chorus of school musicals such as “My Fair Lady.” He also attended the famous Fred Waring Choral

Workshop for several summers in Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania.

Carl earned a Bachelor of Science in business from Franklin University in Columbus. During his career, he worked for The Dispatch Printing Company and Lazarus of Columbus, then several companies in Michigan. He joined Kroger Company in Decatur, Georgia, where he spent many years.

In retirement, he divided his time between travel and caring for his cats. He adopted many cats over the years, some from his favorite no-kill shelter, FurKids, others from the street, although he never had more than four at a time. He nursed one with diabetes and another with cancer.

In his travels, he visited Berlin, Vienna and Hawaii multiple times, as well as Columbus to visit his mother until her death in 2006. After that, he came to Columbus often to see his only sibling, Janet Kiplinger Ciccone, her spouse Dana and their son David.

In addition to his sister, Carl is survived by cousins on his mother’s side, Robert Dawson and his wife Pam of Defiance, Ohio, and John Dawson and his wife Shirley of Walla Walla, Washington, as well as by their many children.

In lieu of flowers, Carl would appreciate donations to the cat shelter FurKids (furkids.org) of Atlanta, from which he adopted some of his cats. He often adopted strays, including Smokey, a part Seal Point Siamese from the Kroger dumpster, and Holly, a black cat found on the street in front of his gym on Halloween. He is survived by those two cats, as well as Harry, an older cat with a limp whom he adopted from FurKids. The three have gone to FurKids, then will be at a foster home.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Carl’s favorite charity--furkids.org of Atlanta.