

Russell P. Holmes

June 12, 1939 – July 25, 2020



Russell Holmes was born June 12, 1939 in Bronxville, NY and died in Wellesley, MA on July 25, 2020 at the age of 81.



Russell was a graduate of Kent School, Dartmouth College (1961) and Tuck School of Business (1962). He believed in the power and importance of education and he passed that value on to his children.

Upon graduation from Tuck, Russell was stationed at Fort Monmouth, Monmouth, New Jersey. He later moved to Indiana as an Adjutant in the General's Corp. Russell's business career began at Arthur Anderson and continued with Squib Corporation, Tetley Tea and Cooper Labs. Russell was an entrepreneur and a risk taker. He purchased Holmed Corporation, a manufacturer of surgical instruments, from Cooper Labs. He also became a director of Riley Medical Corp., a leading manufacturer of cases and trays to the medical device industry.

Russell was husband to Rose Reagan Holmes (1992) and Susan Bowles Easlick (1961), father of Susan A. Holmes, Elisabeth H. McKean, Reagan O. R. Holmes and Katherine P. F. Holmes and grandfather of four.

While he enjoyed music and history and was a voracious reader, as a child Russell fell in love with sailing at Shelter Island, NY. His love lasted a lifetime. He was an active member of the Shelter Island Yacht Club for many years and served on the governing board for 6 years including as Commodore (1980-1981). Russell passed his passion of sailing on to his daughters, two of whom were/are sailing instructors.

Russell is survived by his four daughters, spouses, four grandchildren, his brother John P. Holmes and sister Pattie P. Petrou.

Russell was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease six years before his passing. He met the challenges of this disease and showed his family how to live with courage and determination. Russell was known for his quick wit, good sense of humor, commitment to family, church and community. He was well loved and we cherish his memory. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Parkinson's Foundation. Thank you.