

## **Edward M. Krieger Jr.**

Died: April 19, 2004

Ned died at the age of 64 on Monday, April 19, 2004. Until just before his death he had lived in Wilmington, Delaware.

Ned grew up in Wilmington, and went to the Taft School in Watertown, Connecticut, where he was on the school newspaper, sang in the glee club, was in dramatics, and played basketball and football. According to an obituary by a Taft classmate, Ed Kilborn, Ned also lettered there in tennis.

He left Dartmouth after two years and joined the Air Force, becoming a navigation officer with the Strategic Air Command and leaving five years later as a First Lieutenant, said Kilborn in the Taft obituary.

Kilborn records that Ned thereafter went to the University of Pennsylvania, where he finished with a bachelor's degree in finance. The University identifies Ned as a member of the class of 1968 there in an In Memorial reference to him for the Class of that year. He later earned an MBA at the University of Delaware.

Tragedy struck, however, and Kilgore's obituary for Taft chronicles it. While a student at the University of Pennsylvania, Ned suffered what the obituary refers to as "a nervous breakdown," and was given a diagnosis of "paranoid schizophrenia."

Kilgore interviewed Ned's brother Zack, who said that the years at the University of Pennsylvania were probably the best period of his life. After the diagnosis, Ned struggled with his condition for the rest of his life, Zack said. "He had a long gradual decline with a few ups," Zack told Kilgore, though he finished at Penn and got his masters.

The obituary says that Ned found jobs, but they didn't last, he played tennis, but not often. He never married, it says, and lived in an apartment in Wilmington with help from his parents and family.

Kilgore's obituary concludes: "Late in his life, new drugs came along that might have helped Ned cope with his schizophrenia better than the Prolixin he was using. But he had a heart condition, and his doctors feared that the drugs would produce fatal side effects. In April 2004 following surgery for an abdominal blockage, Ned's kidneys and heart gave out. He was 64."