

## Edwin P. Kohler II

Edwin Philip Kohler II died on September 6, 2018 of natural causes.

He was born in Allentown, PA on June 10, 1936 to Edwin P. Kohler and Rosalie Kohler nee Redman. After graduating from Emmaus High School, he enlisted in the Army, serving three years in the Corps of Engineers, including time in Korea.

Following his service in the Army, he enrolled at Penn State University where he became a Brother and eventually President of ACACIA fraternity while working to complete his bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts in 1961. Friendships made there lasted his whole life. After graduating from Penn State, Kohler served for two years as the National Field Secretary for Acacia National Fraternity. During that period, he met Ellen Hagelow, who would become his wife.



Edwin and Ellen settled in Atlanta, GA in 1963 where he was hired as the Fraternity Advisor at Georgia Tech with plans to stay in Atlanta just a few years before testing waters elsewhere. Atlanta would be Edwin and Ellen's home for the next 40 plus years. During that time, he completed his master's degree in Educational Administration at Georgia State University. He advanced at Georgia Tech starting as Fraternity Advisor, then Student Center Manager, eventually becoming part of the Dean of Student's staff and working as the right hand of Dean James Dull until Kohler's retirement in 1991. Throughout his career he worked closely with students and other members of the Georgia Tech community. For example, from 1972-1991 he served as chair and treasurer for both the Board of Student Publications and Radio Communications Board (WREK). His work at Georgia Tech resulted in his achieving the designation of Honorary Alumnus and Associate Dean of Students Emeritus during his career.

He was a member of the JCs in his early Atlanta days and active in Penn State recruiting. He was a member of Ansley Golf Club and a dedicated member of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer serving as head usher for 20 plus years. When he was not working, being a great husband and father or helping others, you could find him under the hood of a vehicle or tinkering with some type of engine.

Edwin is survived by his sister, Helen Kohler (her husband, Ron Stauffer), son Philip Kohler (wife Lois, son Forde and daughter Rachel), and son Eric Kohler (wife Shannon, son Ethan, son Joshua, son Jacob and daughter Ellie). Edwin was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen, and his sister, Marilyn Kohler.

His funeral will take place on October 7, at The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer, 731 Peachtree St. NE., Atlanta, Georgia. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

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