

Deaths - Roger Belanger put family first

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Family was most important to Roger Franklin Belanger.

"Dad will best be remembered for his strong faith, integrity, generosity and deep love of family," said his son, John Belanger, of Terrace Park. "People loved being around him and he enriched the lives of many as a spiritual mentor."

He died Wednesday at Hospice of Cincinnati after a long battle with brain cancer. He was 62.

The Connecticut native came to Cincinnati in 1968 to work for American Financial Corp. He had a bachelor's degree from Providence College and an MBA from the University of Detroit.

Mr. Belanger eventually opened his own business, Interfin, Inc., an investment and equipment leasing brokerage firm in 1971.

In 1982, he became the founding director of Kids Helping Kids, a drug rehabilitation program for adolescents. He also served as its board president. Mr. Belanger also served as a board member of National Marriage Encounter.

Mr. Belanger enjoyed skiing and tennis, and was a member of St. Gertrude Church in Madeira and St. Anthony Church in Madisonville.

He also leaves his wife of 36 years, Patricia Belanger; sons, David, of Butler, Ky., Michael of Mason, Ohio, and Paul of Missoula, Mont.; a sister, Irene Bilodeau of Bristol, Conn.; and seven grandchildren.

Mass: 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony Church. Visitation: 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Witt, Good & Kelsch Funeral Home, Oakley. Memorials: Hospice of Cincinnati or Kids Helping Kids.

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