



## Michael M. Kohn

December 20, 1940 - April 29, 2019

Michael M. Kohn passed away on April 29, 2019, at the age of 78. He was born on December 20, 1940 in Cleveland, OH to the late Stanley and Louella Dortch Kohn.

Mike's high school years were spent at Carson Long Military Academy in New Bloomfield, PA. He attended Kent State University where he served as president of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity and met his future wife, Donna. After starting his career at Polsky's Department Store in Akron, he joined the family business as they opened Concord Manor Furniture in Mentor. He later established the design firm, M. Kohn Interiors, creating many beautiful residential and commercial spaces. He ended his career as a sales representative for the Duralee Fabric Company which enabled him to experience the life of traveling and meeting new friends along the way.

Mike was a member of Gyro of the Western Reserve and Madison Country Club where he enjoyed golfing, dancing, and socializing with friends. An avid sportsman, he spent many winter days with friends and family skiing the slopes of Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, N.Y, where he served as a volunteer in the adapted ski program. In retirement, he loved working in his garden and playing tennis at the World Tennis Club in Naples, FL.

Mike is survived by his wife, Donna (Miller) Kohn; son, Michael (Wendy), daughter, Carey (Andrew) Cusimano; grandchildren, Jake and Mason Kohn, Emma and Charlie Cusimano; sister, Patti Kohn Ferris; sister-in-law, Marilyn Torres; brother-in-law, Naaman Torres; nephews, David, Edward, and William Ferris, and many cherished friends.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to the Signal Hospice team and to the staff of Homestead II in Painesville for providing outstanding care for Mike during his last months.

The family will receive friends from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A memorial service to conclude the gathering will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

A time of food and fellowship for those in attendance at the memorial service will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday in the Reception Center on property at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Salvation Army, 69 Pearl Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077.

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).



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Hilary Tarkington Stowers - May 07, 2019 at 12:50 PM

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“ Michael and Carey, on your father's list of many friends who loved him, Bob and I are probably on the list of more recent ones! Your mom and we worked together at Mentor High long after you graduated. I, Jane, was a career counselor there the last 10 years of my career; Bob ran the 24/7 Mentor TV channel. He and Donna often had lunch together. I had once been an English teacher, and so I found a second home with that Dept. Your mom and I became fast friends and shared much in common. When we retired together in 2008, we knew we'd share even more--and we have. So at one of our first winter trips to FL, when your parents were in Naples and we were in the Clearwater area, we went to visit them for the weekend. It was our first time meeting your dad. After we were barely there and instantly connecting, Mike said to us, "Why haven't I seen you here before??" Your dad was a hoot! He was always full of surprises and, to put it mildly, a real character! I know that he did not always make your mom's life easy, nor yours. But I always had a soft spot in my heart for him. I could feel frustration for your mom, and yet somehow feel compassion for his situation. As his children, I can only imagine your own frustration and even anger with him at times because he sometimes had no boundaries. As you deal with the whole range of your feelings during your time of grief, may you one day know real peace!

Also, I wanted to tell you that it was a real privilege to be there for your dad's service! Carey and Michael, you did an amazing job in bringing everybody together and helping us all to be inspired and touched by sharing your thoughts. We all were very proud of you! So glad I got to meet you finally, Michael, and certainly great to see you again, Carey.

Sending love and peace to you and your family, Since I already shared my thoughts with Donna, I addressed this to the two of you. Mom, of course, is welcome to read!

Jane Richmond  
Bob--too

Jane Richmond - May 07, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ Dear Donna & Family, Our deepest Sympathy to you and your Family.  
Dennis (swede) and Becky Carlson -Bemus Point NY

**Dennis G Carlson** - May 05, 2019 at 05:15 PM

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“ Dear Donna, My deepest sympathy, I will always remember our dinner party at the beach and how charming he was even toward the end. My prayers are with you ,  
love mark

**mark badzik** - May 04, 2019 at 04:15 PM

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“ Dear Donna, I will always fondly remember Mike and the good times skiing together. He will be missed, but I know he is happily entertaining all the souls in heaven. I am glad I got to know him. My condolences to Mike, Carey and the whole family, Rick Silver

**Richard Silver** - May 04, 2019 at 01:48 PM

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“ Donna, so sorry to hear of Mikes passing.  
Words cannot describe how truly blessed I was to have Mike enter my life. Taking me under his wing he taught me the ins and outs of being a rep and became a dear friend. When I first started working as a sales rep the commissions were barely enough to get by. Mike was in town and took my wife and I to dinner, it was the first time he had met Deb. I'll never forget Mike reassuring Deb that we made the right decision and looked over at me and said Buddy Boy if you need money, let me know. 30 years later I'm still a rep.  
My kids absolutely loved him. When they were growing up and Mike was around, it was like the Cat in the Hat came for a visit.  
There was never a dull moment with Mike, he lived life to the fullest.  
Although we shed tears at Mikes passing, they are wiped away by the memories of our times with Mike  
Thanks for being our friend.  
Walt and Deb Kozachenko

**Walter kozachenko** - May 03, 2019 at 08:18 PM

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“ Dear Donna...Mike was such a special person. Always energetic, fun loving and positive. We enjoyed the time spent with both of you at WTC. Our prayers are with you and your family.  
Al and Shirley Kountze

Al and Shirley Kountze - May 03, 2019 at 09:26 AM

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“ Oh dear Donna, I guess we knew this was going to happen. He clearly lived a good life to the ripe age of 79 with you at his side. We remember him as serious, mischievous, fun loving, a good tennis player who never wanted to quit, a proud husband and Father. He left this world having achieved so much, professionally and personally. And, more important, he left this world as a happy man who enjoyed the love of a beautiful family who will carry on the Kohn dynasty. We were honoured to know him and look forward to reuniting with you at WTC.  
Take care,  
Love,  
Wendy and Ron Cohen

Wendy and Ron Cohen - May 02, 2019 at 07:44 PM

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“ I first met Mike showing a fabric line for F. Schumacher at a Cleveland hotel in the early 70' s. He was just beginning his career as an interior designer looking to add fabrics and wallpaper to his library. We hit it off immediately as we had a lot in common. Sports and our mutual love for our careers kept us close for years. One day showing the line he asked how I got into doing what I did. I explained that I really liked traveling and meeting new people and it could be very lucrative. Shortly after our discussion he aligned himself wit Duralee fabrics. I shared my customer list with him for several states which got him up and running. He was very appreciative and a close friendship was formed that lasted til the time of his death. We traveled together in the territory for many years and enjoyed playing golf together. He and his wife Donna were very special and he will be sorely missed.  
May God hold you and your family in his hands and comfort you. Love, Franz Deker

Franz Deker - May 02, 2019 at 12:36 PM

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“ My memories of Mike are from long ago and far away. I didn't know him well, but well enough to know that he was a good guy and that I liked him. Donna, you and your family have my deepest sympathy.

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**Trygve Anderson** - May 02, 2019 at 12:07 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss Donna!!! My condolences to you and your family. He was such a joy to be around and he will be missed greatly.

**Maja Kucinic** - May 01, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ Maja, Thank you for being a loving presence in Mike's life during the last months of his life. Best wishes as you start a new adventure in life. Love, Donna

**donna kohn** - May 01, 2019 at 10:50 PM



“ Thank you so much Donna. He was such a joy and always brought a smile on our faces!!! We will miss him deeply. Thank you for everything.

**Maja** - May 02, 2019 at 12:04 AM

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“ My dearest Donna, I'm so sorry to hear about Mike. I always enjoyed our times together at Madison CC. He was so much fun. Just remember that death leaves a heartache that will never heal but Love leaves memories that no one can steal. Sending love and prayers to you and yours,  
Diana Zarlenga

**Diana Zarlenga** - May 01, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ Thank you, Diana

**donna kohn** - May 01, 2019 at 10:51 PM

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“ Donna , So sorry to hear about Mikes passing! We all sure had so many good times at MCC,especially the dances!! Mike sure loved to dance and was so good!! He will be missed. Love Sally

**Sally Gerboth** - May 01, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ Thank you, Sally.

**donna kohn** - May 01, 2019 at 10:51 PM



“ Mike was the best, dear friend in the interior design business, and fortunately he introduced us to Donna. We had the best of times, on the lake waters of Ontario, ski slopes of NY, and golf courses of Michigan & NY. Celebrating 2000 at Madison CC. was a memorable, fun experience. We will miss his wit and wise cracks. All our love to our very dear friend, Donna, and her family. Marelle & Jon Groteluschen

**Marelle Groteluschen** - May 02, 2019 at 07:27 PM