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11/05/2012 - Ken R. Chicoine

Kenneth Roy Chicoine was born on January 31, 1947 in Omaha, Nebraska. At just 5 pounds, 3 ounces, he was adopted by Roy and Lillian Chicoine, whose love for Ken was unconditional. He grew up in Chadron, NE with his only sibling, Pam Littrel.

Ken graduated from Chadron High School in 1965 and went on to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he received his bachelor's degree in business. His first career while still attending school was as a drapery salesman for Brandeis Department store. It didn't take Ken long to figure out that selling drapes was not his calling and quickly took on selling mutual funds for his father. It didn't take Ken long to figure out that selling mutual funds for his father wasn't his calling and hit the road to California. He eventually became a successful stock broker and developed a liking for fine art.

Being an avid Nebraska football fan, he somehow found a way to incorporate the Huskers into his love for art. He contacted famous painter, LeRoy Neiman's publicist and the Athletic Director for the Nebraska Huskers to discuss the birth of what is now the famous series of serigraphs called "The Nebraska Suite." Ken had cleverly established himself as an art publisher.

Always on the look-out for his next big thrill ride, Ken decided stocks and art wasn't going to be the end of his journey and jumped into the world of real estate. He moved to Omaha, Ne and bought his first apartment complex in the late 80's under the name "Medici Properties," which catapulted into a 733 unit property management company established in 4 different states.

In 1988, Ken and his wife, Burt, purchased the company's first golf course in Canyon, Texas. After doing business with a venture capitalist company, Ken was persuaded to look into a unique 9-hole course on the border of Mexico. He fell in love with the area and the family relocated to Nogales, AZ where they would spend the next 16 years transforming the run-down property into an 18-hole hacienda golf course equipped with a restaurant, bar and pool.

Ken had many interests in his life such as cribbage, art, sports, golf, bridge and music. He had a special interest in animals, particularly his white poodle Holly, who he carried around with him everywhere. Ken was also great with children and jumped at the opportunity to tell a story, teach a lesson or play a game. Many know Ken for his long talks, quick wit, charming personality, compassion and extraordinary curiosity. He has forever changed the lives of those who were close to him and will undoubtedly be missed.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving daughters, Abby and Airica both of Scottsdale, AZ, son Brian Chicoine of Omaha, NE, his sister Pam (Charlie) Littrel of Chadron, NE, and his two nephews Bret and Scott Daniels. Not only was he a great father, brother and uncle, but he was also an excellent friend to many.