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## Leonard Fromm, '70

Aug. 16, 1942 - Feb. 2, 2013

**BLOOMINGTON, IN** — Leonard Dennis Fromm, 70, of Bloomington, IN passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family at the Indiana University Health Bone Marrow Transplant Unit in Indianapolis, IN on February 2, 2013. He was born on August 16, 1942 in Harlan to his late beloved mother, Delphine (Loehr) Fromm and the late Leonard William Fromm of Defiance. Len was a Scholar-Athlete at Harlan High School, graduating in 1960. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Conception College in 1965, having originally pursued his studies as an engineering student at Creighton University. Additionally, he received his M.A. in Counseling Psychology from Marquette University in 1967, and J.D.



from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1977. He was also A.B.D in the field of Higher Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Len spent the last 33 years as the Associate Dean for Students and Alumni Affairs at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington, IN. It was a position he described as his "dream job" in that it enabled him to use all aspects of his diverse academic background in his service to students, the law school, and university community at large.

Len loved spending time with his children, actively nurturing their interests and gifts while serving as a gentle guide and mentor as they pursued their own unique and personal journey into adulthood. He was a loving son, brother, husband, father, and friend; his ability to impart wisdom, combined with his gentle and caring nature, was inspirational to his family, as well as countless law school students and staff. Len's good nature combined with his humility and ability to listen without judgment made him a truly beloved and valued member of the university community. Len played the accordion from the time he was a child; for years, back in the 1970s, he was a member of the "Roy B and the Collegians Band", playing after the home football games at Union South in Madison, WI. He formed his own band in Bloomington and enjoyed playing for friends and family around southern Indiana, including local bar gigs, weddings, and Oktoberfests. Len was an avid golfer, when time allowed, and especially enjoyed his excursions with friend and colleague, Daniel Conkle. He was fortunate to direct and teach in Bangkok, Thailand and in the University of San Diego Summer Law Program in Ireland, California, and Italy which led to the eventual discovery of his favorite course—The European Club, Brittas Bay, County Wicklow, Ireland. But Len took the greatest joy in attending his children's band performances and basketball games at both the high school and college level. He was a proud supporter of Bloomington High South Basketball and Music programs, Indiana University, and the Butler University Basketball Program.

In addition to his parents, Len was preceded in death by a sister, Anne Kirby, and close friend and cousin, George Rewerts. He is survived by his wife, Donna Wilber-Fromm, whom he married in Wayne, PA on June 4, 1983; daughter, Callan Katerina Fromm of Bloomington, IN; son, Erik Donovan Fromm of Indianapolis, IN; brother, Robert Leo Fromm and sister-in-law, Bobbie Fromm, of Hobe Sound, FL; sister, Peg Fromm (Steve Sarkis) of Bloomington, MN; his godson, John Fromm (Paula) of Defiance; mother-in-law, Patricia Boyle Wilber of Bluffton, SC; sisters-in-law Karen Wessel (Lewis) of Hilton Head, SC; Michele Garkusha (George) of Thomasville, NC; brother-in-law, Donn Wilber of Lexington, NC; nieces Allison Fromm of Tampa, FL; Emily Wes-

sel Farr (Dave) of Charlotte, NC; Jennifer Wessel Grand (James) of Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Allison Wessel of Chicago, IL; Larisa Garkusha of Thomasville, NC; Valentina Wilber of Potomac, MD, and nephews, Joe Kirby of Lincoln, NE; Mark Garkusha of New York City, NY; Timothy Garkusha of New York, NY, Sean Wilber of Boone, NC; Luca Wilber of Boone, NC, and several Fromm and Loehr cousins, whom he loved dearly.

The regular Thursday Mass will be said in his memory at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Father Chris Fontanini officiating. In addition to members of St. Peter's congregation, friends and family are welcome to attend. The Leonard D. Fromm Memorial Fund has been established in his honor through the Indiana University Foundation, Bloomington, IN.