

Max Moser

Max L. Moser, 72, Indianapolis, passed away March 21, 2016. He was born in Decatur July 5, 1943 to the late 2nd Lieutenant Robert M. Moser and Delores Worden Moser. His father perished during a military training exercise in 1944. In 1947, his mother married the late Richard C. Gerber Sr., who raised Max as one of his own.

A 1961 graduate of Adams Central High School, Max earned his bachelors and masters degrees at Ball State University. While at Ball State, he was a member of the Phi Sigma Epsilon, served as president of the Young Republicans and was treasurer of the Midwest Federation of College Republicans.

Max's post-college life began as a teacher at Eaton High school, then he moved to Muncie Central. In 1969, Max became the Assistant Director, Research and International Trade Divisions, Indiana Department of Commerce. Other positions included administrative assistant to the executive vice-president of Dolly Madison Industries, director of research and special projects, Indiana State Chamber of Commerce; executive director of Indiana and Indianapolis Bowling Proprietors' Associations and from 1988-2004 he served the Indianapolis City-County Council as research director.

From 2004 until his retirement in 2008, Max was a counselor for Marion County Community Corrections - ending his career as it began - working with young people. Community involvement was important to Max and through the years he was active in the Indianapolis Jaycees, the Indiana and Indianapolis Economic Forums, the Indiana Advisory Council of the U. S. Small Business Administration, Far Eastside Neighborhood Association and the Warren Township Development Association. For several years he also served as corporal in the Indiana Guard Reserve.

Republican to his core, Max served as precinct committeeman, ward chairman, president of the Warren Township Republican Club and assisted on many campaigns. From 1970-2000 he was elected to the Warren Township Advisory Board.

Max was an active member of St. John United Church of Christ and the Columbia Club. He was a Sagamore of the Wabash, a Kentucky Colonel and an Honorary Citizen of New Orleans. He was currently serving as secretary of the Indianapolis East Rotary Club and as treasurer of the Indianapolis Postcard Club.

Among survivors are his wife of more than 47 years, Barbara J. Baldwin Moser; two sons, Max L. "Fritz" (Melissa Moser II and Robert P. Moser; a grandson, Max L. Moser III; a brother, Richard C. Gerber Jr. of Decatur; sisters, Linda (Dick) Harman of Decatur and Gloria (Bill) Miller of Bluffton; several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Joshua A. Moser.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St., Indianapolis.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday and from 12-1 p.m. Saturday at the chapel.

Preferred memorials are to St. John United Church of Christ, 11910 E. Prospect, Indianapolis, IN 46239.

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[buried St. John United Church of Christ Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN]