



Karl J. Uebel

September 22, 1940 - August 18, 2024

Karl J. Uebel, 83, passed away peacefully on August 18, 2024. He is survived by his loving wife, Donna Worthington, his two sons, John and Mark, and his sister, Janet. He is predeceased by his brother, Otto.

Karl was born and raised in San Francisco. He attended Balboa High School, where his passions centered around civics, music, and middle-distance running.

Karl obtained a political science degree from UC Berkeley in 1962 and a Juris Doctor degree from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1965. While at Cal, Karl was influenced immeasurably by the kind wisdom of his track coach, Brutus Hamilton.

Karl enjoyed a lifelong career of legal service, beginning with an enlistment in the US Army JAG Corps and finishing in service of the California Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District in San Francisco. Through the years, Karl used his skills to help draft laws, educate judges, support small communities, and represent underserved constituents...all while taking care of his family...and rarely missing a Cal football game or track meet.

Karl's passions continued in retirement. He and Donna traveled the U.S. and abroad, attended SF Giants games, and supported the SF Symphony avidly.

Karl officiated and announced for Cal Track and Field Meets. He served as Grand Jury Foreman for Solano County. He was a member of The Big C Society Board of Directors and served as its President for 2013-2014.

Services for Karl will be private.

Donations in his honor may be made to: Cal Athletics Fund, 195 Haas Pavilion, Berkeley, CA 94720 – Checks payable to UC Berkeley Regents (please note - Track and Field Fund) or San Francisco Symphony, Attn: Mary Finch, 201 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco 94102

Rest in peace, dear Karl...Go Bears!

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“ My wife Cheryl and I were fortunate to meet Donna and Karl in the year 2011 when we moved into their neighborhood. They greeted us with a warm welcome to the neighborhood. We became fast friends. Going out for lunches and dinners. Concerts. Even the Prefontaine Track Meet held at Stanford University (Oregon track was under renovation).

As we all know Karl was a major supporter of Cal Bears sports. Karl and I attended football games and basketball games. Our Cal Bears football games routine included stops for lunch or dinner before games. When we did not eat before reaching the stadium we would order polish sausage sandwiches and soft drinks. And YES. We stayed in the stadium until the final seconds ticked off the stadium clock. Regardless of score.

Spending time in conversation with Karl was the best (many conversations sitting in Donna and Karl's backyard). I ended every conversation a better man for listening to him. He freely shared words of wisdom. He shared stories from his international travel. His thought on politics. Alternate facts versus facts.

I miss seeing and chatting with Karl. Although his passing is sad for us all I believe he is at peace. He lived a full and adventurous life. I imagine he is in heaven talking Cal Bears with other Cal greats.

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