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Dear Men and Women of '57,

Our condolences to the family and friends of GILBERT M. SHOAF. Gil died July 4, 2018 and will be missed.

Following is his obituary:

Gilbert M. "Gil" Shoaf, 82, devoted husband of late Patricia for 50 years, passed away on July 4, 2018. Late of Schererville, formerly of Crown Point. Loving father of Dawn (Bruce) Ekblaw and Candy (Grant) Shoaf-Butler. Cherished grandfather of Evan, Emma, Erika, Bonnie, and Carlie. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was known to many as a "gentle giant". He was born in Grindstone, Pennsylvania, and son of the late Joseph and Julia (Pollak) Shoaf. Gil is survived by his brother Joseph Jr., predeceased by three brothers: Jake, James, and Bernard, and sister Genevieve. Gil was an exceptional athlete. He was a 1957 graduate of Wabash College where he played football, wrestled, and member of Phi Delta Theta. During his senior season, he was named All American and was listed as one of the great "Big Men" in Wabash football history. After graduating from Wabash, Gil was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles and then went on to play in the Canadian Football League for the Toronto Argonauts. He was the proud owner of Gil Shoaf Enterprises. He was an inductee of the: National Sporting Goods Association Hall of Fame, SGAA Agents Hall of Fame, Nokona Hall of Fame, and Wabash College Athletic Hall of Fame. Gil volunteered numerous hours with the St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary and St. Michaels Church. He also was a founding member of the Knights of Columbus St. Michael the Archangel Council #12177.

This note from the Shoaf family tells a nice story: His love for Wabash College and how it changed his life forever will never be forgotten, especially since he will be wearing a Wabash sweatshirt to his final resting place.



Picture of the Graduating Class of 2018 on the steps of the Allen Athletics Center

Wabash College had a good 2017-2018 year with 5184 alumni donors, (44.2% alumni participation rate), and met the \$3.3 million Annual Fund goal. The 2018-19 school year started August 23rd with 30% of incoming students being alumni referred and a \$3.4 million Annual Alumni goal.

Jeananne and I attended a wedding July 7th in Memphis, TN, then returned to Dallas, packed and left for a three-week tour of the National Parks and Monuments in 8 western states. We started in Rapid City, S.D. (Crazy Horse and Mount Rushmore) and ended in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos. We covered 1800 miles and had a beautiful, educational and adventurous trip. Jeananne had a sciatic nerve problem which required a trip to urgent care in Jackson Hole, WY. She had significant pain and missed a few activities. (That is what happens when you sit on a bus for three weeks at our age!). Since returning to Dallas she is recovering.

Here is a photo from our national park adventure:



Stay healthy and enjoy,

John B. Yanko