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# Herb Krumsick

May 30, 1943 — November 5, 2025

Herbert L. Krumsick, age 82, passed away on November 5th, 2025, after a significant decline in his health in recent months. Herb was born on May 30, 1943, in Pittsburg, Kansas, to George and Margaret Krumsick. He was the youngest of five children and grew up working on the family dairy farm just outside Pittsburg. He attended St. Mary's Catholic Schools, where he excelled in both football and basketball, establishing the competitive spirit, tenacity, and his devout faith in God that would define his life.

Herb spent his initial college years playing football at St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kansas. During the second semester of his sophomore year, St. Benedict's discontinued their football program, at which time he transferred to Wichita State University and became a proud Shocker. In 1964, he was named Co-Captain of the football team and was given the "Savage Award" for being the university's top defensive player. He was voted All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-American and was an engaged member of Phi Delta Theta.

Herb was a gifted pool player, claiming never to have lost a tournament during his tenure at WSU and even advanced to the NCAA national quarterfinals in pocket billiards during his senior year. In classic Herb fashion, he loved to tell anyone that would listen that he was a "three-time All-American in football, pocket billiards, and bullshit. Heavy on the bullshit."

After graduating from WSU in 1965, Herb served in the Kansas Air National Guard and was stationed in Korea for a year with his lifelong friend, Steve Clark. While in Korea, he spent the bulk of his free time doing two of his favorite things, hunting and volunteering for a Catholic orphanage.

After college, Herb set a goal of making \$1,000,000. He had read a book that said that the fastest way to accumulate wealth was through real estate investment, so he set his mind to doing just that. From 1970 to 1973, Herb worked for Builder's Inc., owned by the Garvey family. Herb was forever grateful for the Garveys giving him his roots in real estate.

In 1973, Herb joined J.P. Weigand & Sons and spent the remainder of his life working with them. He was beyond honored to work amongst Nestor, Sr., Nestor Jr., and Mike Weigand, as he firmly believed that they were the highest quality people that he could possibly know. With the Weigands, Herb built a 50-year career and brokered over \$1 billion in commercial and industrial real estate transactions.

Herb held the most esteemed professional designations in commercial and industrial real estate, including CRE, SIOR, CCIM, and FRICS. Herb was recognized with multiple state and national awards, including the Kansas CCIM Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011 and the Howell Watson Award for Distinguished Service in 2007 from SIOR. He taught SIOR courses for more than 25 years, delivered over 300 speeches nationwide, and spoke twice a year at the SIOR National Conventions for the last 32 years. Mentorship was his true passion, and he took immense pride in helping young professionals learn the business and build meaningful careers.

Herb had a rare gift for blending business, friendship, and family into one rich, joyful life, where every connection mattered. Anyone who crossed his path walked away with a smile, touched by his humor, charisma, generosity, and genuine warmth.

In 1984, Herb held his inaugural annual hunt, at Flint Oak, for real estate professionals from around the country to gather for a long weekend of bird hunting, wine, cigars, and real estate education, forecasting and networking. Last March, the self-proclaimed “Bwana”, hosted his 39th and final hunt, having only missed two years since its inception.

In 1997, Herb founded a group of elite local real estate principals, called “Wichita’s Dirty Dozen”, which met every month to share information about the market. Herb deeply cherished his friendship and camaraderie with the members of the Dirty Dozen over the years, including but not limited to George Ablah, Mike and Tom Boyd, Sam Catanese, Steve Clark, Jack DeBoer, Billy Farha, George Laham, Colby Sandlian, Johnny Stevens, Nestor Weigand, Jr., Ron and Marty Cornejo, Mike Daood, Stan Longhofer, and Dave Murfin.

While Herb valued his many successful business partnerships and incredible friendships, the most impactful and greatest partnership of his life was that with his beloved wife, Kathleen “Kathy” (Barta) Krumsick. Kathy was undoubtedly the love of his life and the bedrock of his world. Married for 53 years, they raised six children and

were blessed with eleven grandchildren, who were the joy of his later years. Herb loved nothing more than spending time with his family, whether it be at a sporting event, fishing or hunting trip, boating at Table Rock Lake, or simply over a glass of Napa's finest cabernet at home. Among some of Herb's favorite stories were those about their numerous family adventures in their motorhome in the 1980's, with them successfully traveling to over 38 states with six kids in tow.

Herb is preceded in death by and is now having "a party in Heaven" with his parents, Margaret and George Krumsick, and his four siblings, Robert Krumsick, Joanne Puckett, Jeanne Miller, and Karl Krumsick. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, their six children: Jennifer Skliris, Jamie Krumsick, Jocelyn Krumsick, Jill Howard (Jeffrey Howard), Jeffrey Krumsick, and Jeremy Krumsick (Cristina Krumsick), as well as eleven grandchildren, Blaise and Fitzjames Skliris; Kirby, Lucy, Wylie, and Margot Krumsick; Buzz, Rockwell and Iker Howard; and Delilah and Matias Krumsick, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sharol and Robert Rasberry, and thirteen nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that donations be considered in name of Herbert Krumsick to the following organizations:

The Priests' Retirement & Education Fund, c/o The Catholic Diocese of Wichita, 424 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas 67202 or via

<https://give.catholicdioceseofwichita.org/pages/pref/make-a-donation>

The Wichita Children's Home for Hope and Healing, 7271 E. 37th St. N., Wichita, Kansas 67226 or via <https://wch.org/>

World Impact, Inc., 3701 E 13th St N, Wichita, KS 67208 or via

<https://www.worldimpact.org/donate/>

