



## Stuart Todd Kagel Sr.

February 7, 1944 - August 18, 2015

Stuart Todd Kagel, Sr., 71, of Brooklyn Heights, NY died unexpectedly Tuesday at his summer home on Skaneateles Lake. Born in Sebring, FL to Lewis and Elizabeth Kagel, Stuart graduated from Choate Rosemary Hall where he was a three-sport athlete. Following that, he attended UNC Chapel Hill, graduating in 1966. Stuart played UNC football and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. After college, he joined the JC Penney Co in their executive training program, and subsequently became a co-owner of Kelly Slax, an apparel company. Stuart continued his entrepreneurial vision, starting several companies in the 1990's. In 2000 he co-founded 24 Seven Inc., a global strategic staffing and recruiting company, headquartered in New York City. Stuart was an avid outdoorsman as well as a sporting art and antiques collector. In 2014 he completed his unique collection of original art by every Federal Duck Stamp artist since its inception in 1934.

He is survived by his partner of 27 years, Celeste Gudas; two sons, Stuart Todd (Alejandra) Kagel, Jr. of Fairfield, CT and James Albert Kagel of Brooklyn Heights; two daughters, Eleanor Elizabeth Kagel and Katherine Gudas Kagel, both of Brooklyn Heights; one brother, Colin Todd (Jane) Kagel of East Haddam, CT; one sister, Kathleen Hutchins of Princeton, NJ; three grandchildren, Emma Chamberlain Kagel, Gabriela Burnham Kagel, and Stuart Todd Kagel, III; and six nieces and nephews, Colin, Jr., and Joshua Kagel, and Bevin, Lewis (dec), Elizabeth, and Colin Cherot.

Graveside services were held on August 22nd in the Burrows Chapel at Lakeview Cemetery, Skaneateles.

A memorial service will be held in early September 9th at 11 am in Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn Heights. Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home.

Please sign the guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Plymouth Church

75 Hicks St.

Brooklyn, NY 11201

(718) 624-4743

<http://www.plymouthchurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *John and Gini Wilkes express their grief at losing a good friend.*

Franklin Wilkes Jr. - September 11, 2015 at 06:36 AM



“ *Celeste, it was a beautiful Memorial. Stuart was very blessed to have you, his children and his many friends who loved him so dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Lizette Bianchi*



Lizette Bianchi - September 09, 2015 at 03:51 PM



“ *To the Celeste Gudas Kagel Family, Our deepest sympathy for the recent passing of your partner and father of your beautiful children. May you find some comfort in the many life memories you shared. Thinking of you all,  
Carol and Stephen St.Onge*

Carol and Stephen St.Onge - August 27, 2015 at 02:49 PM



“ *Dearest Celeste, I am so sorry. You and Stuart were one of the first families we met at Stephen Gaynor. You were both so fun and kind and great together. I have no words to make this better, but I will pray for you and your beautiful family. xoxoox Kim Becker*

Kim Becker - August 26, 2015 at 10:01 PM



“ *Celeste, So sorry to hear about the death of your husband and my friend. He was a big help to me in my career and a great mentor*

*Howard Rosenblum  
Fashion Service Network*

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**Howard Rosenblum** - August 26, 2015 at 02:45 PM



“ *Celeste, I am so sad to learn of Stuart's passing. Although we didn't part on the best of terms. I admired him very much. He was very witty, brilliant and extremely talented. I was happy to have known him, I like to remember the good times we shared. I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts, prayers and tears are with you.*

*-Christian James Fiorello*

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**Christian James** - August 26, 2015 at 12:30 PM



Lizette  
Bianchi

“ *Celeste and family: My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Stu had the kindest heart. He spoke of his children, all the time, with such pride, love and laughter. His face would actually light up talking about them. I've never seen anything quite like it. He was a true friend. I will forever miss him.*

*Lizette Bianchi*

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**Lizette Bianchi** - August 25, 2015 at 02:05 PM



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“ *Celeste and family: My thoughts and prayers are with you. Stuart was a family man, businessman, athlete, raconteur and one who cared about our environment and will be missed by many.*

*Bob Nahas*

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**Bob Nahas** - August 23, 2015 at 03:45 PM

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“ *The brothers of the Alpha Delta Chapter, Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, send our condolences. Brother Stu is remembered with great fondness. His ATO classmates from the 1960's at UNC-CH have been notified of Stu's passing. We will miss him on October 16-17 at our annual reunion, where his ATO legacy will be celebrated.*

*Ed Burke, Board of Trustees, ATO, UNC-CH*

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**Ed Burke** - August 22, 2015 at 05:05 PM

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“ *Celeste and family: please know that we are thinking of you at this very sad time.  
Our prayers are coming your way.*

*Fondly,  
Jim and Marsha Wooster*

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**James Wooster** - August 22, 2015 at 02:23 PM