



Dr. K. Douglas Schmidt

October 24, 1947 - June 24, 2007

Dr. K. Douglas Schmidt, 1947-2007 Doug graduated from Arlington High School in 1965, where he was Vice-President of the National Honor Society, and received his Bachelor degree in Zoology from Indiana University in 1970. He then attended Indiana University School of Dentistry, specializing in pediatric dentistry. Dr. Schmidt began his private practice in 1976 and continued for 31 years. Prior to 1976, he served as a 4th grade teacher at IPS School #76 and was a part-time faculty member for Indiana University and was on the Faculty Council. Dr. Schmidt was a member of many professional organizations including the Indianapolis District Dental Society, Indiana Dental and American Dental Associations, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Association of Dental Anesthesiology, American Academy of Developmental Dentistry and Medicine, Indiana University Pediatric Alumni Association, and American Association of Dentistry for the Disabled. He also was involved in politics, where he served as a delegate to the Republican State Convention in 2000. Known as "The Guru," Doug was a tireless and selfless proponent of the benefits of running as a part of a healthy lifestyle. He lived by the motto and inspired those around him to "be the best they could be" in running and in life. As a result of his inspiring lifestyle, he was a recipient of the WRTV Channel 6 Leadership Award for his involvement in the mentoring of young runners. He was co-founder and President of the Indiana All-Star Running Club and founder of the Indiana Middle School Cross Country Championships. He also conducted an on-going "off season" club

for distance training and conditioning. Doug sponsored numerous USA Track & Field, Junior Olympic, State, Regional and National Individual and Team Champions. He was also a generous benefactor of both Butler and Indiana University's Track and Cross Country programs. Visitation will be held Friday, June 29 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd., with funeral services Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Doug is survived by his mother, Burdeen Southern Schmidt Biggs; sisters, Debbie B. Schmidt Pflederer (Kevin); and nephews, Matthew C. and Benjamin D. Pflederer. His father, Karl H. Schmidt, preceded him in death.