



Walter A. Krucoff

June 9, 1939 - December 3, 2015

Walter Krucoff, a project engineer for the Department of Veterans Affairs for 40 years, died Dec. 3 of Lewy body dementia at the Hospice of the Chesapeake. He was 76. Walter was born June 9, 1939 at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore and grew up on Belle Avenue next to Forest Park High School with his parents, Maxwell and Gladys, and brother Karl. His father owned Maxwell's Prescription Pharmacy on the corner of Fremont Avenue and Laurens Street where Walter worked during high school. He graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in 1957 where he was a member of Theta Phi and the Poly junior varsity championship ice hockey team in 1955. It was the last year of high school ice hockey in Baltimore; games were played at the Sports Centre on North Avenue and Charles Street. When that property was sold to a bank, league games were to be relocated to Carlin's Park but the ice rink burned down in January 1956. After graduating from the University of Maryland in College Park with a mechanical engineering degree in 1963, his first job was with the Army Corp of Engineers where he rehabilitated Ocean City, MD's South Jetty. Walter, a resident of Crofton, MD since 1969, was instrumental in building veteran hospitals and cemeteries in his time at the Department of Veteran Affairs in Washington, DC. He was an avid athlete, competing in triathlons and other races throughout Maryland in the 1980s through 2000s. He served as president of the Crofton Swim and Tennis Club swim team from 1978 to 1990, a golden era of swimming in Crofton that included three Central Maryland Swim League championships. He was known

by many in Crofton as the man who was always running, biking, or walking around Crofton Parkway. Walter is survived by his wife, Harriett (née Ottenstein) Krucoff ; son, Peter Krucoff; son, Jason Krucoff and his wife, Julie; son, Andrew Krucoff; daughter Sarah Borell and her husband, Frank; and seven grandchildren.