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John Scott Kracke Sr., 63, Loved Boating, Fishing, Early Mornings on Long Island Sound

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John Scott Kracke, Sr. of Darien passed away suddenly on Monday, Jan. 22. He was 63 years young.

Born Sept. 1, 1954 in New York City, Scott spent his early years in East Williston and Windham, N.Y. The son of Helmut John and Dorothea (Hayden) Kracke, and brother to Janet Kracke Perkins, Scott attended Wheatley High School in Old Westbury, N.Y.

Scott was well educated, receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southeastern Massachusetts University, a master of science in business administration, industrial relations from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and a juris doctor degree with focus on banking, corporate finance

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and securities Law from Fordham University School of Law.

He worked for the New York state Governor's Office under Hugh Carey, and held various senior sales positions at Merrill Corporation, RR Donnelly, Morrow & Co. and Toppan Vite.

Scott had an encyclopedic memory, literally (he read the entire Encyclopedia Britannica at an early age). He was endlessly curious, and had an amazing memory. So much so that he was almost always right, or at least never in doubt.

He loved his family, friends, debating fine points of law and policy, and fishing. One of the happiest places in the world for Scott was on his boat, early mornings on Long Island Sound, trying to talk bluefish and stripers onto his line. He was often successful, but even on the occasional situations where he was not, his ability to tell a tall (fish) tale kept audiences enthralled. He was a big man, with a big voice and a big heart.

In addition to his parents, his sister and her husband Randy, Scott is survived by two sons, John Scott, Jr. and George Maxwell.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Friday Jan. 26 at the Leo P. Gallagher Funeral Home in Greenwich. A Mass of Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 27 at St. Mary Church in Greenwich. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the John Scott Kracke Memorial Fund c/o People's United Bank, account #6500782064. Mailing address is c/o George Kracke, 45 Church Street, Apt. 1K, Stamford, CT 06906.