



## Lawrence Kallus

February 27, 1929 - March 5, 2024

Lawrence Kallus died peacefully on March 5, 2024, at the age of 95 after a short illness. The cause of death was heart failure. A widower, his wife Susan, with whom he married in 1994, died in May 2019. He leaves behind a son, David Lawrence, and two grandsons, James Kallus (a United States Marine) and Justin Kallus in Atlanta. An earlier marriage in 1958 to Mary Sue Canada of Eastaboga, ended with her death in 1992.

Born in 1929, Kallus resided in New York City during the "depression years", attending elementary school in the Bronx, and graduating from Stuyvesant High School, in Manhattan in 1946. He went on to study at a New York City technical college, graduating in 1948 with an Associate Degree in Engineering.

Beginning his career with a large Baltimore, Maryland apparel firm, he was assigned to their factories in Westminster, Maryland, and York, Pennsylvania. Entering the US Army in 1951 during the Korean War, Kallus served in the infantry, then as a member of the Quartermaster Board, involved with the field testing and evaluation of newly developed clothing and equipment. Working out of Fort Lee, Virginia, TDY's took him to the Canadian arctic during winters, and the Arizona Desert during summers. Returning to his firm in Baltimore in 1953, Kallus completed his formal education as an Industrial Engineer under the "GI Bill of Rights" at McCoy College, the evening school of Johns Hopkins

University.

In 1955 Kallus moved to Tacoma, Washington, joining the staff of Days Tailored Clothing, the largest manufacturer of work clothing and uniforms on the West Coast, which eventually led him to their factory in Saskatchewan, Canada, as manufacturing manager. In 1957 he joined the Anniston Sportswear Corporation in Anniston as Plant Superintendent, later as Vice President. In 1960, he moved to Michigan City, Indiana, as overall Director of Manufacturing with the same firm.

In 1963, Kallus was recruited by Kurt Salmon Associates, an international firm on Consulting Engineers, serving clients in the United States and Canada. Later, as the firm's European Director- with offices in Great Britain, Germany, and France- he and his family lived in Paris for four years, where he supervised a large staff carrying out engineering projects in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, as well as behind the "Iron Curtain". Returning from Europe in 1968, Kallus continued with the same firm as a Senior Vice President, living in New York City, consulting with firms in the United States, and supervising all KSA Canadian activities.

Tired of constant travel, and with a young son to help raise, in 1971 Kallus joined the Jaymar division of Harts, Schaffner, and Marx as a Group Vice President, living in Indiana. Two years later he was recruited by the Londontown Corporation, known for "London Fog Raincoats", as its Executive Vice President, and moved to Baltimore.

Semi-retiring after Londontown Corporation went "public" in 1977, but wishing to remain active, Kallus continued to consult independently with clients in the United States as well as in the Far East, where, for several years in the late seventies, he has a second resident in Hong Kong. Traveling extensively from Japan to India, he was one of the first "Westerners" to be allowed into the

People's Republic of China at the conclusion of the "Cultural Revolution". In 1980 he returned to Anniston, Alabama, and settled in, although he continued to serve clients from time to time both in the United States and abroad.

After retiring fully in 1994, Kallus and wife Susan revisited places in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Far East, where he had worked, and for a number of years, divided their time between France, England, and the United States. They were active ballroom dancers and competed both in the United States and in England.

In Anniston, Kallus served for ten years as Secretary of FRIENDS, Inc., a private charitable organization, and having taken up the violin again after having put it aside for well over fifty years, enjoyed playing with the Gadsden Symphony, the Red Mountain Chamber Orchestra in Birmingham, and the JSU/Community Orchestra, as well as participating in Cantatas and other musical event at the First United Methodist Church of Anniston, and the Church of the Brethren.

A memorial service is planned for Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 11:00 am at Miller Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to FRIENDS, Inc c/o Margaret Roberts, Treasurer, 127 Timber Trace, Anniston, Alabama 36207.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home  
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