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SLATERVILLE SPRINGS - Ken DeGraff (Foxhole), born on June 22, 1942 in Buffalo, NY, son of Homer and Helen Trautlein DeGraff passed away June 10, 2006 at his home in Slaterville Springs.

Ken was a 1961 graduate of Ithaca High School and served in the US Army in Washington, DC and Okinawa during the Vietnam era.

An avid racing enthusiast since the early sixties, Ken spent many of his years filming and shooting photos at sporting events, both national and international, including some races at Lake Placid and at European Olympics. Some of his early works appeared on ESPN and in the movie comedy "Dorf Goes Racing", shot at Sebring.

Ken worked at Ithaca College for over three decades, in the Roy H. Park School of Communications. Ken filmed sporting events both at Ithaca College and Cornell. His credits also include the documentary "Dream Street", depicting life in the hills of Slaterville.

Ken believed his most important life accomplishment was his effect on the lives and careers of the hundreds of students he worked with over the years.

Ken is survived by his mother, Helen DeGraff; sister, Margaret (Maggie) DeGraff; brothers, Tim (Patricia) and Brian DeGraff; nephews, Steve and Chris Gormley, Dave, Jim and Jesse DeGraff; nieces, Jennifer Schrantz and Michelle Tamborino; and five great-nephews and nieces. Ken is also survived by a large extended family and many friends, former students and associates.

In lieu of flowers, Ken's family requests that contributions be made to the Kenneth (Foxhole) DeGraff Memorial Fund c/o Cornell Finger Lakes Credit Union.

A celebration of Ken's life will be held at a later time (yet to be determined) and will be announced by the E.C. Wagner Funeral Home of Ithaca.

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