

William D. Guth – in requiem



Dear colleagues,

As many of you know, the Academy of Management and the world lost [Bill Guth](#) on February 21, 2018.

Bill was not one to speak about his many accomplishments, including those leading to the foundation and development of strategic management. Yet, Ming-Jer Chen eloquently captured some of this wider and personal impact when introducing Bill for receipt of the [Chris Argyris Lifetime Achievement Award](#) last year.

Bill was known for his intellect, his support of impactful scholarship, his many achievements in a very full life – and to anyone who interacted with him, his overwhelming “decency”, to use the term in an old-fashioned way. He took pride in building up people, careers, divisions, institutions, and ideas, and build up he did, again and again. I knew Bill since my days as a first-year doctoral student at NYU, and had the pleasure to work closely with him in the many years that followed. Bill was a class act. Rest in Peace, Bill. Your passing has left a void in the lives of your colleagues, students, friends, and family that cannot be filled.

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