DEAN CARSON: 1929-2018…

…Has left us as of July 1, 2018 and his many CATS friends are totally grief stricken.

Dean was a beloved, long -standing member of CATS and he served us well. Actually, he served two stints as our President at a time when we needed his leadership. This would be a very long note if we were to list all of his many accomplishments, but I’ll try anyway. Our board members will remember him well as he navigated our little group through some very troubled waters during our efforts to find a comfortable home for CATS, namely the Mid-Town Tennis club. Dean was extremely active as a board member, as a player, team captain, and Social Committee member. He seldom missed a social event. He and his wonderful wife, Lynn, often opened their lovely Evanston home, hosting many committee meetings inside or in his beautiful backyard, a perfect setting where we actually got some work done, well, actually interspersed with an exceptionally good time. Dean was the perfect host, always accommodating, always right by your side when you needed him, always ?ready to lend a helping hand no matter what the task. A perfect example was how he rallied so many us for his annual, thoroughly enjoyable Village Follies held in Winnetka. So much fun!

Dean Carson will be sorely missed by us all. And those are not just empty words. Many of us will have many regrets for not doing a better job of staying in touch, for not sending that Christmas or birthday card, for not just picking up the phone to say “Hey, how are you doing?”

There’s no doubt Dean’s golden years became a little tarnished as he became bitten by that ubiquitous “forgetfulness” bug. There seems to be a lot of that going around. But Dean never forgot you as a member, as a friend, as a CATS. So, rest assured, Dear Friend, we shall never forget you, or your wife, or your dog, or your backyard, or your always warm heartfelt greeting. For all of us, Dean Carson was truly a Dean among men.

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