



Stuart Rolland Reid

June 17, 1921 - April 20, 2020

Stuart Rolland Reid, age 98, of Bristol, Tennessee passed away on April 20, 2020. He was born on June 17, 1921, in Tarlton, Ohio to parents Fred Nolan Reid and Tirzah Leota Spangler Reid. Stuart graduated from North High School (Columbus) in 1938. He ran varsity track while attending The Ohio State University, winning the 440-yard dash in 1946 and earning his Business Administration degree the same year. Stuart married Alva Spicer Reid, the love of his life, at Virginia Avenue Methodist Church on June 29, 1949. He worked for Southern Maid, then Bristol Floral Company before beginning a lengthy career as the Credit Manager for Mitchell-Powers Hardware Company. He never missed a day of work.

An exemplary member of the greatest generation, Stuart served his country on active duty during World War II for two years as a Second Lieutenant for the 437th Troop Carrier Command in the Army Air Force. He was awarded an Air Medal for airlifting supplies to the Allied troops during the Battle of the Bulge. Stuart graduated at Randolph Field in Texas as a twin-engine flying instructor and was honorably discharged from the Air Force Reserves in 1959. His subsequent job with Mitchell-Powers allowed Stuart and Alva to travel the world, a pursuit they adored. He strongly encouraged his family to travel as well, which they did with his support and blessing. His love of learning manifested in Sunday school lessons with his peers; and in retirement, led him and Alva to universities across the United States through the elder hostel program. This inseparable couple enjoyed daily walks, playing bridge, and bicycling. They were active members of the Methodist Church. Stuart was a true Christian; he lived the lessons taught in the Bible by displaying empathy and genuine compassion toward every human being he encountered. Additionally, he humbly revealed his altruistic nature by caring for his children, family, neighbors, and community, by never knowing a stranger, by helping those in need through charity, and by choosing gentleness always. Experiencing life's most difficult heartbreaks, he showed all who knew him the power of resiliency. Stuart was kind and sweet. He never touted his own accomplishments, placing importance instead on caring for, loving, honoring, and protecting his family. His love of tennis, his legendary sweet tooth, and his choice of favorite room in the house (the back porch) have been passed on to his family who will forever miss his sense of humor, quick wit, and constancy. Stuart's sincerest wish for us –

all of us – is for hope, health, and happiness.

Stuart is survived by daughter Amy Reid of Bristol; brother Ned Reid (Arlene) of Florida; granddaughters, Jennifer Rasnick (Ben) of Knoxville, Elizabeth Mueller (John Kyle) of Warsaw, Ind., and Susan Reid of Knoxville. He is also survived by five great grandchildren: Charlotte, Robert Reid, and Katherine Mueller, and Allison and Bennett Rasnick as well as many well-loved nieces and nephews. Stuart is preceded in death by his mother and father; wife Alva Reid; children Susan Denise and Stuart Spicer Reid; and brother Jack Reid.

A bold and glorious celebration of Stuart's life with friends and family will be held sometime in the future. Comments are welcome on the guestbook at www.akardfuneralhome.com. Instead of flowers, his family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Holston United Methodist Home for Children, the Salvation Army, or local charity or church of your choice."

Comments



“ My grandfather
To put it simply, there was no one better.
I will miss him forever.

Jennifer Reid - May 18 at 12:49 PM



“ I first met Stuart and Alva at church when I was in high school. For me they were the church. Stuart was always there. A constant. I always looked up to him. A beautiful example of kindness he left here.

Terry Moretz - May 01 at 06:28 PM



“ Amy,

I am so very sorry to learn of your dad's passing. You, Chip, and your mom and dad were a wonderful part of my early childhood.

Mark Walling - April 30 at 03:25 PM



“ Amy,

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am blessed to have met you and your Dad. He was a sweet man and be greatly missed. May God comfort you at this time of loss. Brenda Crockett and JoAnn Crockett

Brenda Crockett - April 30 at 12:03 PM



“ As one of the neighborhood kids, I remember how you and Alva always welcomed us into your home and made sure we got special attention. From the awesome Halloween party where I first learned to bob for apples, the cool tire swing you made and put in the backyard, sitting at the table for the family dinners, and more. Wonderful memories! I have many from later years but it was those early ones that I will always remember.

Janet Rice - April 29 at 10:46 AM



“ Your niece, Carol Ragon of Irmo, SC, has many memories of staying at your house and playing with Susan, Chip and Amy. You were funny, kind and gentle, especially when it came to calming us down with our loud activities! Your unsinkable faith, watched by a nine year old, me, when Susan passed, made a lifelong impression on me. Watching you love and take care of your beautiful wife, told me to hold that close to heart and model the same behavior in marriage. I know Heaven is glad you are helping them rejoice, I will miss you but feel comfort and peace that you are with your family and your GOD.

Carol Ragon - April 28 at 09:35 PM