



Charles Edwin Stewart, Jr.

January 27, 1944 - May 28, 2024

Charles Stewart Jr., beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at Elizabeth House in Hendersonville, NC, at the age of 80. Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1944, Charles lived a full and adventurous life, residing in New York for 32 years and in Tucson, AZ for 18 years.

Charles is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Patsy Stewart, and his three loving daughters: Amy Wood, Katey Vickers, and Liz Harder. He also leaves behind seven cherished grandchildren and his loyal Portuguese Water Dog, Brigán. He was preceded in death by his mother, Velma Lee Stewart, and his grandmother, Lola B. Hudson.

As a child, Charles spent weeks in an iron lung battling polio reading books and National Geographic magazine, and dreaming of traveling the world one day. After completing military school, Charles earned a bachelor's degree and embarked on a successful career in publishing. In New York, he raised his family and spent many weekends driving his red Corvette convertible with the top down. Upon retirement, Charles and Patsy moved to Tucson, AZ, where he discovered a passion for gardening and pursued his love of traveling. The couple embarked on three around-the-world cruises, visiting 109 countries. One of their memorable adventures included encountering a rogue 60-foot wave while passing through the Drake Passage to Antarctica aboard the

Prinsendam ship.

Charles found joy in creating an outdoor paradise in sunny Tucson, where he was often seen shirtless and well-bronzed, watering his countless colorful plants in Mexican pottery pots.

Charles' ashes will be interred at Saint Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church in Tucson, AZ.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, Charles' favorite charity. [Donate here.](#)

Cemetery Details

Saint Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church

Tucson, AZ

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have thought of Charles often over the years and tried to locate him after his retirement without success. I am saddened to learn of his passing and will always remember him. Charles was an amazing mentor and I learned so much from him in my time at Macmillan. I remember his love of conversation, his range of knowledge and just the wonderful person he was. Charles always talked about his family and was so proud of his daughters. I am so glad to learn he had such a wonderful life and family. My warmest thoughts to Mrs. Stewart and family.

~Deneez

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