



Richard Donald Stuart

April 17, 1925 - December 4, 2020

Richard Donald Stuart, 95, of Bloomington passed away on Thursday, December 4, 2020 at Stonecroft Health Campus. He was born on April 17, 1925 in Monroe County, the son of Ollie and Bertha (Johnson) Stuart. He graduated from Bloomington High School. He was a World War II veteran and was discharged from the 506th Military Police Battalion in 1946. Upon returning from Europe, he enrolled at Purdue University graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and a Master of Science degree in 1952. He and Rebecca (Winslow) were married February 4, 1950.

Richard began his teaching career in Merrillville, IN moving on to Boonville, IN then to Elnora, IN. They then moved back to Bloomington where he taught at Bloomington High School, then Binford Junior High School, retiring from Batchelor Middle School. Richard was secretary for the Monroe County Fair board for 50 years. Every summer he could be found at the county fair. He was a 4-H leader for the Thrifty Toilers 4-H Club. He was a volunteer for the Monroe County Historical Society for several years. Among other things, he enjoyed reading, the outdoors, going to auctions and for drives. Traveling in the US and overseas with the Fields Afar Purdue Agriculture Alumni Club were very special times for he and Rebecca.

Richard is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Sarah L. and Mike Nelson; his son, Roger A Stuart, all of Bloomington; one granddaughter, Kristin L. Nelson of Indianapolis, IN. He is also survived by sister, Nancy Wood of

Shawnee, KS; brother and sister-in-law Tom and Chris Stuart, Toledo Ohio, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years Rebecca (Winslow) Stuart, and his parents, Ollie and Bertha (Johnson) Stuart, and brother-in-law Robert Wood of Shawnee, KS.

Visitation will be held from 11:30am until 1:30pm Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at the Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old St. Rd. 37, Bloomington, with Reverend Ray New officiating. A private service will follow with burial at Clear Creek Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Richard's memory to the Monroe County Historical Society. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service for Richard Stuart*



Allen Funeral Home and Crematory - December 10, 2020 at 09:22 AM

JH

Mr. Stuart was my absolute favorite teacher. I had him at Binford Middle School back in the seventies. He was so good to explain what he was teaching. Such a good man.

Jeanne Skirvin Harris - December 12, 2020 at 02:04 PM

EC

“ *I had the absolute pleasure of caring for Richard at Stonecroft Health Campus. Richard was the sweetest, most caring man I have ever known. I will miss him dearly, and I know everyone at Stonecroft Health Campus will too. Richard was such a kind soul, and I am honored to say I knew him. Rest in peace my dear friend. I hope to see you again one day.*

Emily Creech - December 09, 2020 at 07:04 PM

TS

“ *Thomas S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Richard Donald Stuart.*



Thomas S. - December 08, 2020 at 03:48 PM



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December 08, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Any man who would let us ride bareback after dark had a big heart and a spark of mischief. I hope memories of good times will bring comfort and a smile to you.
Love, Pat Howey

Pat Howey - December 08, 2020 at 12:50 PM



Sarah, Roger and family members, I remember coming over and sharing a meal? With you in my highschool days. And the practice we had for a 4H skit?? Your dad was very special. As was your mom too! I did not know he was so involved with those activities for his life. I knew he had something to do with them but had forgotten to what extent. May God comfort you and your loved ones there. And he has lived a long life of service to the community of Bloomington. I had forgotten when your mom had passed on as well. I know that my dad passed before my mom and sister. So double the comfort for you Sarah and family. Miss you too. Prayers for all with God's loving presence for you.
Love in Christ, Tina Clemons 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🙏🙏🙏🙏

Mrs.Tina Clemons - December 09, 2020 at 09:08 PM

TS

“ In 1943 Richard left home for World War II when I was two years old, so I didn't get to know him until he came back in 1946. I still remember the first day he came home; it is one of my fondest memories. He took a strong interest in me right away, and I thought it was the coolest thing in the world to have such a great big brother.

Richard had a strong interest in nature, so that first day he took me on a field trip to the woods and Jackson Creek that were some distance behind our folks property. I had never been there before, and in addition to the hike, he explained the various trees, plants and small fossils we found in the creek gravel. He explained that the fossils came from the ancient age when southern Indiana was covered by the Gulf of Mexico.

He left again a few months later to attend Purdue for several years so I only saw him during vacations and occasional visits, but we still did things together when he was home. In particular I remember some movies, a hockey game in Indianapolis, and him teaching me how to pass and kick a football.

As I grow older, I think more and more about how lucky I was to have known him and have all those experiences while growing up.

So long Richard, I couldn't ask for a better brother.

Tom

Tom Stuart - December 08, 2020 at 11:48 AM

TS

“ Tom & Chris Stuart purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Richard Donald Stuart.



Tom & Chris Stuart - December 07, 2020 at 12:48 PM

BS

“ Sarah, Mike, Kristen and Roger we are so sorry for your loss. Richard was my science teacher at Binford. I worked at the school during the summer, so I got to know some of the teachers and he was one of my favorites. It was such pleasure to get to visit with he and Rebecca when they came in for their dental visits. He was a treasure. I'm sorry I didn't realize his wife had predeceased him. I know you have many memories to hold tight, and he lived a long life. But, it still isn't easy to let them go. Your family is in our prayers.
Marc and Beth Smith

Beth Smith - December 07, 2020 at 07:43 AM

DB

“ Denise Buckingham purchased the *Florist Choice Bouquet* for the family of Richard Donald Stuart.



Denise Buckingham - December 06, 2020 at 06:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Donald Stuart.*



December 06, 2020 at 04:03 PM