



Myron E. "Mike" Stanton

December 19, 1927 - August 1, 2024

Surrounded by his loving family, Myron "Mike" Stanton, 96, of Naples FL passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at the Bentley-Vi Assisted Living Residences. Born December 19, 1927 on a farm in Rockford, IL, Mike was a fraternal twin (6 minutes younger!) with the late Margret (Stanton) Fairhead.

Directly out of high school in 1946, Mike enlisted in the US Marine Corp, expecting to enter WWII. He trained as an airplane mechanic and was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC. The following year, he was honorably discharged but called back up in 1950 for the Korean War. Mike chose the Naval Cadet Program and served 4 years active duty and 8 years in the reserves as a designated Naval Aviator. He flew an AD Skyraider on 48 missions from January to July 1953 as part of Task Force 77 aboard the USS Princeton, serving as the Commanding Officer's wingman.

Mike was discharged as LTJG and entered business school in 1955 at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. While attending a football game, he caught the eye of a pretty girl and bummed a cigarette. That led to a wonderful, 62-year marriage which spanned half the globe, as they raised a family of four in three countries. Mike completed his Master of Business Administration at the University of Chicago, then embarked on a 43-year career beginning as an intern and ending as the Vice President of Planning

and Development for Sperry Rand (later Unisys, then Burroughs.) He subsequently purchased a multi-state, 12-color printing corporation which he led as President before retiring to Bonita Bay and later residing at Bentley-Vi with Ann, until her passing in 2020.

Mike engaged in many community activities representing veterans, thoroughly enjoyed golf, art classes, evenings at Naples Artis and managing the volunteers at the facility's thrift store. He was a long-standing active parishioner at the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, and everyone who knew him will remember how he'd reached into his pocket for butterscotch candies as he greeted you.

Mike is survived by his loving children, John Stanton of Alexandria, VA, Sarah (Scott) Andre of Bonita Springs, FL, David (Mary) Stanton of The Woodlands, TX, and Margaret (Hugh) Reid of Griffin GA, and his cherished granddaughter, Kelly Ann Reid of Columbia, SC.

A memorial service to celebrate Mike's life will be held on Friday, October 25, 2024 at 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mike's name may be made to BCAN.org (Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network.)

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978

Cemetery Details

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs Resurrection Garden

9751 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are celebrating the life and legacy of Mr. Mike Stanton. Although we have never met Mr. Mike Stanton, we feel we have come to know him through his son, John, a dear family friend. Over the years, John has shared the admirable qualities and stories of uncommon valor that particularly define his father. After reading Mr. Mike Stanton’s bio, it is apparent that he passed on a great legacy of uncommon valor...to know the son is to know the father! May perpetual light shine upon him and May he rest in peace! Amen!

Sharon Marie Willoughby - August 10, 2024 at 10:04 AM

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“ I had the honor of meeting with Mike monthly for the past 2 years at a Coffee with Vets program I help facilitate at his building. He shared so many stories with the group, and an hour never seemed to be enough time. He was an incredible storyteller with a fantastic sense of humor, and I am so grateful to have met him. My greatest honor was the yearly Veteran's Day ceremony, where I got to pin Mike and thank him for his service. Godspeed, Mike. May your memory be a blessing.

Heather Golden - August 03, 2024 at 05:38 PM

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We had the privilege of getting to know Mr. Mike Stanton through the eyes of his son, John, who is a dear family friend. John has shared with our family the extraordinary father, husband, aviator and role model that his father has been through his life. Although we never met John's dad, we are very saddened of his passing, as though we have known him well over all these years. This quote speaks well to our understanding of John's relationship with his father; "You don't raise heroes, you raise sons. And if you treat them like sons, they'll turn out to be heroes, even if it's just in your own eyes." — Walter M. Schirra Sr.- American naval aviator, test pilot, and NASA astronaut. We have no doubt that Mr. Mike Stanton's greatest legacy is the extraordinary father who raise four extraordinary children! May perpetual light shine upon him and May he rest in peace. Amen!

Sharon Marie Willoughby - August 07, 2024 at 07:26 PM