

Ralph William Stewart

December 26, 2021

A Celebration of Life for Ralph W. Stewart is scheduled for Saturday, January 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas. Ralph passed from his earthly life into the loving arms of Jesus on December 26, 2021. There will also be a webcast starting 5 minutes before the service which will be officiated by the FCA Area Director and Pastor Robert Bardin.

Ralph grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and graduated with a business degree from Fairmont State University in West Virginia, where he met his loving wife, Judy. Ralph and Judy were married for 57 years and have 2 children, Debbie and baby, Christy, who is deceased. Debbie is married to Bobby Tyner and live close by. There are also 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Ralph worked for Marriott Corporation for 3 years in restaurant management before beginning a successful 24-year career at Hallmark Cards. Ralph was the youngest sales manager in the company's history, winning numerous awards. He led the sales, product marketing, and retail division and retired in 1991 as the Director of Sales.

After retirement, he started a consulting practice specializing in training. Mr. Stewart felt a higher calling to use his corporate skills to impact ministry. For more than 55 years, he served on The Fellowship of Christian Athletes boards around the country, and he said his passion to reach young athletes and coaches with the word of God took him to the ministry field.

He served 2 years as the Executive Vice President with the International Institute of Christian Studies. In that role, he traveled much of the world negotiating contracts for university professors to teach. In 1996, Ralph joined FCA as Senior Vice President of Stewardship headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri.

He was one of the organizational founders of WAGS (the largest girls soccer organization in the country in D.C) and formed and coached a girls traveling select soccer team for 8 years, a girls traveling softball team for 9 years and a girls high school tennis team for 2 years.

Ralph loved his family deeply. He and Judy continued to pour into the lives of the coaches and athletes lives at UT Tyler. One of Ralph's gifts was encouragement... countless texts, emails and spoken words of encouragement to the coaches and athletes at UTT.

Ralph knew Jesus Christ personally. He is now completely healed with no more pain. He stands new in power and life of Jesus whom he faithfully served. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial gifts with checks made out to NETX FCA, P.O. Box 8777, Tyler, Texas 75711. (<https://my.fca.org/robertbardin>)

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Reception following service

JAN 8 (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home Hospitality Room
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler
Tyler, TX 75703
admin@stewartfamilyfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ralph William Stewart*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 08, 2022 at 09:12 AM

JB

Dennis and Judy Baumann watching from Kansas City! Remembering our good friend! ❤️ to Judy and Debbie and family! ❤️

Judy and Dennis Baumann - January 08, 2022 at 10:58 AM

RC

Jane & Rod Carson watching from Overland Park, KS. Ralph was my tall tree in my life. Praying for you Judy and Debbie!

Rod Carson - January 08, 2022 at 11:36 AM

JJ

Jimma and Cherokee Johnson watching from Lee's Summit, MO. Such a beautiful service for a great man. We love and miss you all very much. Sending prayers to Judy, Debbie, Bobby, and family ❤️🙏

Jimma Johnson - January 08, 2022 at 12:12 PM

CF

Cherry Ford and daughter Shannon Blackwell watching from Austin, Texas. We feel truly blessed to have had Stu and Judy in our lives-two such wonderful friends that we got to share some truly great times together. We will miss Stu. Love you, Judy

Cherry Ford - January 08, 2022 at 12:21 PM

BK

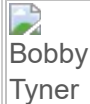
Barb Krumpe watching from North Carolina. As children, my cousin Stu and I spent a great deal of time together. As we grew into adulthood many miles would separate us for the rest of our lives. Today I am filled with admiration for the man Stu would become, for his life of love, service and encouragement to all whose lives he touched. ❤️ and 🙏

Barbara Krumpe - January 08, 2022 at 12:30 PM

NH

Nancy Hedrick watched from Olathe, KS. Grateful for the beautiful service. "Well done!" SWP for Judy, Debbie, Bobby, and family. God bless, A tall tree, indeed.

nancy Hedrick - January 08, 2022 at 12:33 PM

 Bobby Tyner

Thanks everyone!

Bobby Tyner - January 08, 2022 at 02:22 PM

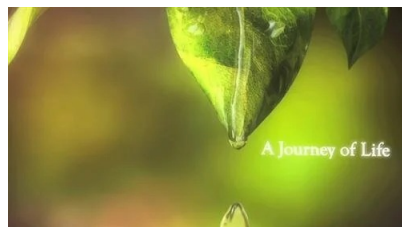
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Thank u everyone!!!

Debbie - January 08, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph William Stewart*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 04, 2022 at 10:53 AM

JD

Beautiful memories of a special Christian friend whom I love and miss till we meet again.

jacquie Davis - April 08 at 07:59 PM

MT

“ 3 hours ago

Mike Reed and the UT Tyler Softball Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ralph William Stewart

Mike UT Tyler Softball Team - January 07, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph William Stewart.*



January 07, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph William Stewart.*



January 06, 2022 at 08:50 AM

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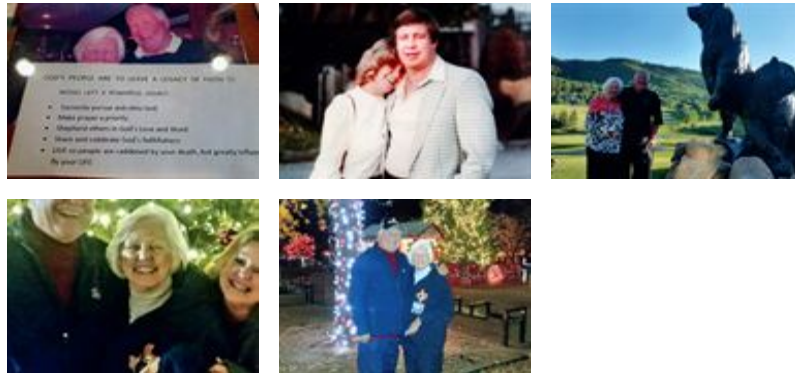
“ *UTT Women's Soccer Team. Class of 2015 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph William Stewart.*



UTT Women's Soccer Team. Class of 2015 - January 04, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 04, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph William Stewart.



January 03, 2022 at 09:58 AM