



Richard E. Stewart O.D.

August 21, 1949 - October 17, 2024

Richard E. Stewart, O.D. age 75, of New Martinsville, WV, formerly of Elm Grove, WV, passed away Thursday, October 17, 2024, at his home. He was a 3 1/2 year survivor of pancreatic cancer.

Richard was born August 21, 1949, in Chicago, IL, the son of Russell M. Stewart, Jr and Willie Therrell Stewart. He was a graduate of Triadelphia High School, Class of 1967 and obtained a B.A. in Radio and Television Broadcasting and an M.A. in Speech Communication from West Virginia University. He received his Doctorate of Optometry from The Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University and was a licensed optometrist in West Virginia and Nevada. Richard was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Wheeling.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant brother, Randall Clark Stewart.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Pamela Oliver Stewart; a brother, Russell M. Stewart (Carlene) of Plant City, FL; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Donna and Dillon Smittle of New Martinsville, WV; nieces and nephews, Rene' (Kevin) Haught of Hedgesville, WV, Brenna (Sean) Diver of Franklin, TN, Kailan Haught of Morgantown, WV, Ashley (Michael) Fox of Franklin, TN, Addisyn, Caleb and Jonas Fox of Franklin, TN, Patricia, Nate, Gabe, Sadie, Mason, Grace and Rayne Oglesby of Oklahoma City, OK, Gretta and Elena DeSantis of Frankfort, KY, Garrett Jonte of Louisville, KY, and Ann Stewart of Lakeland, FL.

No viewing or funeral service.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory New
Martinsville, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made to: WVU Foundation, One Waterfront
Place – 7th Floor, P.O. Box 1650 Morgantown, WV 26507 Memo: Pan Cancer
Fund 2R423/Stewart

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Wheeling, WV 26003

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Today we buried this gentle giant. He was the best brother-in-law, uncle to my girls and grandchildren, and the video king at Christmas. Always the man behind the camera but we have enjoyed so many laughs over the years watching the kids grow. He will be missed but in our hearts forever. Thank you for all the memories, Richard ❤️

Donna Smittle - October 22, 2024 at 06:48 PM

KM

My deepest sympathy

Kay Morris - May 05, 2025 at 11:53 AM

TW

“ Yes, we called him Gator because one summer after visiting his maternal grandparents in Mississippi he brought home a baby alligator that soon grew and went to live with Oglebay Parks collection. Gator and I were BFFs for a big part of the growing up phase of life. We lived in Marwin on Big Wheeling Creek, just across the border into Marshall County. We played 6 years of baseball in the Wheeling Recreation League as Elm Grove Giants and stayed close even though we attended different high schools (him to Triadelphia and me to Wheeling Central). We camped in the woods, fished every bend of Big Wheeling Creek and we rode bikes on incredibly long-distance trips. We always found time to have a great laugh together. He was absolutely the most honest, loyal and hilarious friend anyone could ever hope to have. I am torn by the news of his passing, sad that has gone but glad to know that he is at peace. We are all a bit less now that he has gone. Save me a seat on the bench Gator, I will be along sometime.

Thomas Westfall - October 21, 2024 at 10:11 PM

PS

Thank you Tom. I've read so many stories about your youthful adventures. Pam

Pamela Stewart - October 22, 2024 at 06:05 PM

PS

Tom, should be heard and not read but knowing Gator he probably wrote a song or one of his movie scripts about all your fun times. Pam

Pamela Stewart - October 22, 2024 at 06:10 PM

LS

“ *Our sympathies sent from the Normans, we lived across the street from the Stewart's for decades. He and they were always a part of our lives. Always So kind to me personally, being the “little kid” in the neighborhood. When we gather as a family or as I share with my kids, speaking of our neighborhood and neighbors from our childhood is special. The Stewart's, the Bevingtons, the Caldwell's, the Bells, wonderful people. God bless.*

Lisa (Norman) Simon - October 19, 2024 at 09:35 AM

PS

Thank you Lisa. Ainswood was a wonderful neighborhood. Pam

Pamela Stewart - October 22, 2024 at 06:06 PM

JF

“ *Pam, I'm so very sorry to read of Dick's passing. Wishing you love and strength as you go through this difficult time.*

Joanne Klabano Fawcett - October 19, 2024 at 08:45 AM

PS

Thank you Joanne. Pam

Pamela Stewart - October 22, 2024 at 06:07 PM

SS

“ Pam, I'm so sorry to hear about Gator. He was a special guy. Sending prayers your way.

Sandy Schafer

sandy schafer - October 19, 2024 at 07:59 AM

PS

Thank you so much Sandy. Pam

Pamela Stewart - October 22, 2024 at 06:08 PM

BD

“ We had great times together in our youth. Played a lot of basketball and baseball together. A great guy. B.D.

Bruce Denniston - October 19, 2024 at 12:44 AM

PS

Thank you BD. Pam

Pamela Stewart - October 22, 2024 at 06:08 PM