

Randolph Johnson Stewart
July 27, 1935 - March 5, 2022



Randolph Johnson Stewart, 86, of Beaumont, died of complications due to cancer on March 5, 2022 surrounded by his family. He was born July 27, 1935, in Waverly, Tennessee, to Nellie Fields Stewart and Richard Gould Stewart as the oldest of 2 children. Randy will always be remembered for his gentle nature, work ethic and his dedication to being the best husband and father he could be.

Randy was mostly raised in the area around Three-Way, Tennessee. In 1953 he graduated from high school in North, South Carolina. He earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Clemson University in 1957, and a Master's degree from Clemson in the same field in 1960. He was a member of both Tau Beta Pi (engineering) and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies.

He served in the ROTC during college and did a six-month tour at the Nike Ajax air-missile defense project at Fort Bliss in 1958. He continued to serve in the Army Reserves until his final retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1995.

In 1960, Randy accepted a position with Texaco, Inc. as an assistant mechanical engineer at the Port Arthur Refinery. His career with Texaco spanned 35 years. In May 1989, he was promoted to Manager of Maintenance and Engineering of the Port Arthur Plant, a role he held until his retirement in 1995.

Randy met Susan Ann Kole at Texaco in 1963. They married in 1965 and had 2 children together. John was born in Groves, TX in 1966 and Stephanie was born in Joliet, IL in 1973. Randy and Ann eventually divorced in 1977.

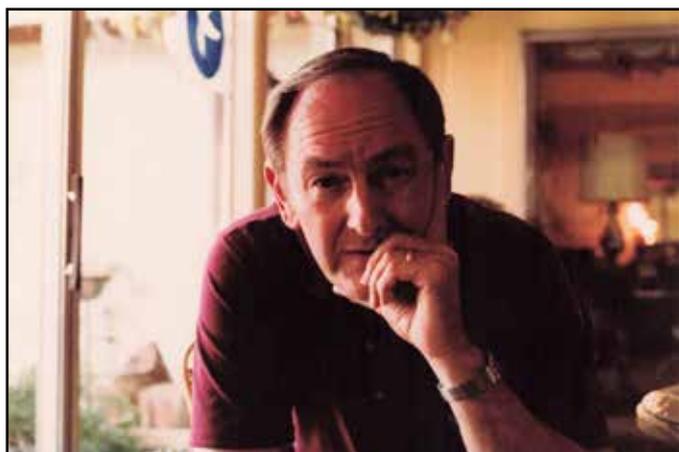
Randy married Anna Lou Burroughs at Trinity United Methodist Church in 1979, and Beaumont was their primary home. Anna Lou was a widow with three young children of her own: Julie, Steve and Amy. Randy raised these three children as his own. Randy and Anna Lou also built a lake house on Toledo Bend and spent as much time there as possible. The lake house was his favorite project, and one of his favorite places to be.

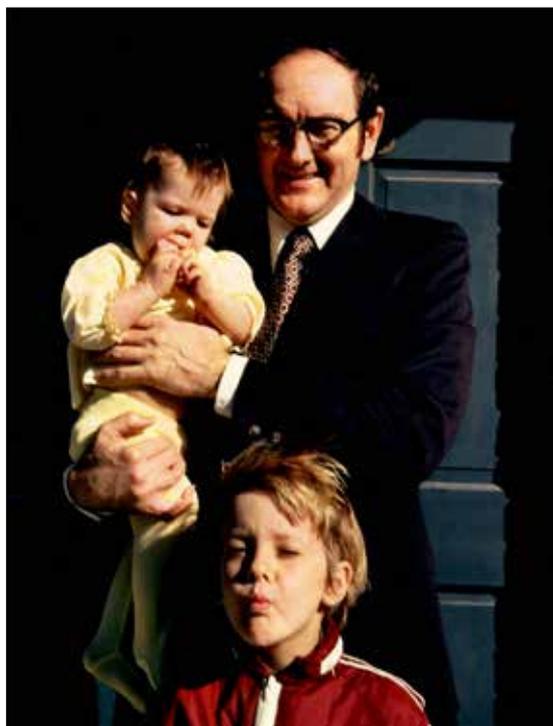
Randy was an active member of Trinity for more than 40 years and was invested in numerous volunteer roles and leadership positions. His most significant project was the planning and overseeing of construction of the new childcare wing and playground. He was especially fond of his work with the Trinity Army, a group of volunteers who did light construction work and built wheelchair ramps for those in need.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Anna Lou Stewart (nee Yost); son John Stewart and his wife Kristanne Clubb in Denver, CO; daughter Stephanie Stewart and her husband Mike St. Clair in Portland, OR; step-daughter Julie Overton and her husband Rob Overton in Waco, TX; step-son Steve Burroughs and his wife Rachael Burroughs in Southlake, TX; step-daughter Amy Burroughs in Houston, TX; sister Marie Slagle and her husband Bruce Slagle in Dickson, TN; grandchildren Eleanor St. Clair, Joshua Overton, Daniel Overton, and Olivia Burroughs; and nephew Richard Totty. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Susan Ann Kole.









TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,

Be thankful for our beautiful years.

I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love each of you have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only a while that we must part;
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and say, "Welcome Home."

Author: Unknown







Memorial Service

Saturday, March 26, 2022 2:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
Beaumont, Texas

Committal

Broussard's Crematorium
Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

Some Other Place Mission of Beaumont
P.O. Box 0843
Beaumont, Texas 77704

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Southeast Texas Food Bank
3845 South M.L. King, Jr. Parkway
Beaumont, Texas 77705

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