



Donald Byron Renberg

January 12, 1944 - July 9, 2019

Donald Byron Renberg of Tulsa, Oklahoma passed away on July 9th 2019. He was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on January 12th 1947 to George Joseph Renberg and Dorothy Zarrow. From a young age Don excelled at many sports and academic endeavors. He had an eclectic sense of style complemented with a witty sense of humor. Don began his Jewish education at Temple Israel where he had his Bar Mitzvah and was confirmed. Don attended Edison High School and received his Bachelor's degree in Economics from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Following his college graduation, Don embarked on many adventures traveling the world and working at the family business, Renberg's department store. Don met his wife Emily over a mutual love of horses. They had a daughter Heather in 1972 and welcomed their grandson Hudson in 2010. Don was an involved parent and grandparent and extremely supportive of his family. In his later years, he had a consistent presence at Hudson's basketball games, violin lessons, and other activities. Don and Emily spent many years dedicating time and outreach in establishing a volunteer program as a member of First United Methodist Church at Eugene Fields Elementary. Don was willing to advocate for those who were marginalized and underserved.

Don had many varied interests including yoga, sports cars, tennis, golf, painting, and cycling. His passion and focus were unmatched allowing him to become an "expert" at all activities. He was able to live life to its fullest while inspiring countless people along the way. He will always be remembered for his long hair blowing in the wind at Tulsa River Parks while riding his bike.

Don is survived by his daughter, Heather Hale, grandson Hudson Hale, son-in-law Davis Hale, sister Sherrie Kaplan, and brother-in law Jerry Kaplan. Don was preceded in death by his wife Emily, and his brother Bob Renberg. Additionally he is survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. A graveside funeral service is scheduled for 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 11 at Rose Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or charity of choice.

Fitzgerald Ivy Chapel, 918-585-1151

Comments



“ The abiding characteristic of a spiritual man is the interpretation of the Lord Jesus Christ to himself, and the interpretation to others of the purposes of God. The one concentrated passion of the life is Jesus Christ. Whenever you meet this note in a man, you feel he is a man after God’s own heart. ~~~Oswald Chambers

Rebecca - July 27, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ ar Heather ~ how I loved your parents. They were the ones who introduced me to Eugene Field and encouraged me to help them with summer school so many years ago. I am about to start my 24th year teaching at EF and I miss both your parents. I remember hearing all about Hudson. Your mama and I would compare grandson stories about both of our Hudson’s. I’ve wondered how your dad has been and didn’t realize he was struggling with Alzheimer’s. I loved them both so much and am so appreciative for how they changed the culture of Eugene Field. I loved their hearts for people and for the Lord. Please know I’m praying for you and your family. I’m also thankful we have the hope of seeing them again in heaven. Love, Gloria Newman

Gloria Newman - July 11, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ I will miss riding with Don. Good athlete and a good man.

Steve Jennings - July 11, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ GLAD I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH DON AND EMILY

SUE AND RICK ARLAN - July 10, 2019 at 03:18 PM