



William Thomas Stanford Sr.

May 12, 1922 - June 14, 2020

A quiet, gentle man, and member of “The Greatest Generation”, William Thomas Stanford Sr. passed away on June 14, 2020 at the age of 98. Born on May 12, 1922, he was the son of Henry Grier Stanford Sr. and Pinkie Glenn Stanford. He lived his entire life in the Sharon community, and most recently resided at Sharon Towers. Needless to say, William saw many changes within the community over the course of his lifetime.

William graduated from Sharon High School in 1940 and attended NC State. While in college, he was drafted into the military, and was selected to serve in the Navy. He served his country during WWII, aboard the USS Pheasant in the Mediterranean Sea, taking part in two invasions. William was very honored to serve his country and often enjoyed talking with others about his “navy days”.

William was one of seven generations of “Stanfords” to have been a member of Sharon Presbyterian Church. He was a lifelong member of the church and actively served in various capacities throughout his life serving the church as Deacon, Elder, and Trustee. He also served as the church’s treasurer for 40 years.

William was a sports enthusiast his entire life. A natural athlete, he enjoyed playing golf, basketball, and baseball in his younger days and remained competitive even as a senior adult. The Atlanta Braves never had a more loyal fan. William watched every inning of every game, in every season until his vision prohibited him from doing so.

He is survived by his devoted wife, of 72 years, Isabelle McGarity Stanford. Their marriage has been a great example of true love and equal partnership. Their marriage was strengthened by having the right priorities; God first and foremost, then family, then church, and everything else to follow after.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Grier Stanford and Pinkie Glenn Stanford; by his twin sister, Margaret S. Thomas (Dwight); by his brother Joe Stanford (Margaret), by his grandson Adrian Parker; and by his brother-in-law, George Ashley. He also leaves behind his children, Judy Dalcher (Ron), Libby Parker (Norris), Tom Stanford (Tammy). His children always cherished the time they were able to spend with

him. He was a man of few words, but everyone knows he loved his family. He was blessed to have lived long enough to see five generations, including eight grandchildren: Stacey Query (Joey), Ashley Pyle (Mike), Ditto Dalcher, Brian Parker, Chris Parker (Caroline), Taylor Stanford (Ben), Will Stanford (Lindsey), Zach Stanford, nine great-grandchildren: Jordan Medlin (Randal), Hayden Query, Leah Pyle, Luke Pyle, Lainey Pyle, Sydney Dalcher, Jackson Dalcher, Catherine Parker, and J.W Brockschmidt, and one great-great grandchild, Deacon Medlin. He is also survived by his sister Lula Ashley and brother Jack Stanford, along with many nieces and nephews who remember him fondly.

The children would like to express their gratitude to Rosemary, Telus, Mamie, and Homeinstead for taking good care of their dad.

A private service was held on June 18 at Sharon Presbyterian Church and a burial followed with military honors in the church cemetery.

If you would like to send a memorial to commemorate William's life, please send it to Sharon Presbyterian Church, designated for the cemetery fund or music fund.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington Chapel.

Cemetery

Sharon Presbyterian Church Cemetery

5201 Sharon Road
Charlotte, NC, 28270

Events

JUN 18 **Private Service** 11:00AM

Sharon Presbyterian Church
5201 Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC, US,
28210

Comments



“ Sharon and I are so sorry for your loss. We hold your entire family close to heart.
Ken Garfield.

Ken Garfield - June 24 at 12:47 PM



“ Libby, so sorry to hear about your father. You and your mom are in my thoughts.
Love,
Nancy Francis Oliver

Nancy Oliver - June 23 at 11:13 AM



“ Mr. Stanford will always be “Coach” Stanford to me. He was my Little League baseball coach back in the mid '60s. Those were some of the best times of my life and I will always cherish those memories. I can only hope to live the kind of life he did. RIP Coach.

Mike Tiddy - June 18 at 07:39 PM