



Stuart John Fanning

February 22, 1943 - October 3, 2021

Hampton - Stuart John Fanning passed away at his home on October 3, 2021 from pulmonary fibrosis.

Stu was born in Lawrence, MA on February 22, 1943. He grew up in Melrose, MA spending summers at the Greenlands in Hampton, NH. After graduating from Melrose High, Stu went to Monmouth College in Illinois where he met his future wife, who was attracted to him in large measure because of his great sense of humor. After graduation, he attended the University of Illinois for a year.

In 1965, Stu and Priscilla were married in River Forest, Illinois. They moved to Michigan where Stu was in a management training program with Montgomery Ward. However, the military called, and Stu entered the Air Force becoming an Administrative Officer. He was stationed at Wright-Patterson, Nakhon Phanom, Hanscom, and finally Fuchu. After his time in the military and the birth of two daughters, Judith and Debora, the family settled in Rochester, NH. Stu was the business manager at the Strafford Guidance Center and later became a real estate broker. Stu held various offices in the First United Methodist Church in Rochester.

In 1995, after the passing of his mother, Stu and Priscilla moved to the family home at the Greenlands to manage the summer cottage community there.

They became involved in the Hampton United Methodist Church. Stu was a part of the Church Improvement Association (CIA) on Friday mornings -- a group that helped with extra cleaning and fixing at the church. He was a Trustee and also a counter for the Finance Committee.

Stu was a "paper pusher" as an administrative officer in the Air Force and as a real estate broker, but he was equally at home with wrenches and screw drivers -- fixing water pipes and other things -- a talent he received from his grandfather. He enjoyed using this talent to help others and often asked for a list of jobs to do when visiting his daughters in their homes.

Stu enjoyed traveling, especially road trips without planned reservations. He traveled to Hong Kong and Korea while living in Japan, and then later to Scandinavia, Guam, Australia (4 times), Iceland, and eventually had visited all 50 states. Seeing odd or very large things was great fun and became a goal for trips. In Casey, Illinois, the world's largest Rocking Chair can be seen along with a two story mailbox and a people sized bird cage. The world's largest porch swing is in Hebron, Nebraska, and a huge Chest of Drawers...or Bureau of Information...is in High Point, North Carolina.

Stu loved cats. It started when his Aunt Mabel gave him a cat, but since Hazel, Stu's mother, was afraid of cats, his new pet had to live with Aunt Mabel. As an adult, Stu had his own cats...shared with his wife and children. His daughter Debbie will always remember when he surprised his family by approving an expensive surgical procedure on Pooka, an elderly cat, who had wandered into their lives just a few years earlier. The few, but happy, additional years with Pooka were wonderful. It eventually became easier to travel without having to arrange for cat sitters at home, so then Stu simply visited Debbie's cats. More recently, Debbie brought them over to visit Stu.

Stu was predeceased by his parents, Albert Daniel Fanning (1969) and Hazel

Pilkington Fanning (1995), and his older brother, Donald Pilkington Fanning (2016).

Stu leaves his wife of 56 years, Priscilla Bussert Fanning, daughters Judith P. Fanning of Epping, NH and Debora A. Boyle (Gary) of Hampton, NH, and grandsons, Tyler Cline of Gainesville, Florida, and Zachary Cline of Epping, NH.

A gathering will be planned for the summer of 2022 at the Greenlands.

Donations can be made in Stu's memory to MRFRS -
The Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society (<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/MRFRS>)
63 Elm Street, Salisbury, MA 01952

Please put Stu Fanning in the "in memory" box (available only on desktop site). Acknowledgements will be sent to the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Stuart John Fanning*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



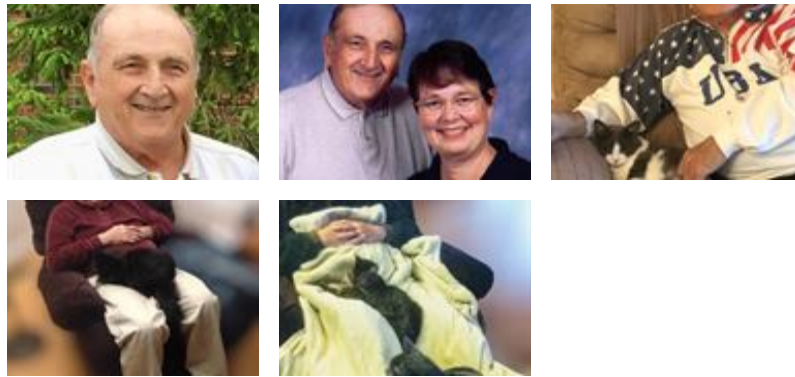
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Remick & Gendron - October 28, 2021 at 08:27 AM



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - October 25, 2021 at 10:02 AM

KL

“ Dear Priscilla, I am so sorry to hear of Stu's passing. I am thinking of you and praying for all of you as you navigate these sad days.

Much love,
Kara Landry

Kara Landry - October 18, 2021 at 07:45 PM

IH

Priscilla and family, I just saw Stu's obituary in the paper. I am so very sorry for this tragic loss. I volunteer with Priscilla through Seacoast Family Promise, but may not have ever met Stu. (Other than my panicked calls when I couldn't locate the church SFP was at!) After reading the obituary, I know he is a person I would really have enjoyed knowing.

All my love and prayers for your comfort. I place you in His hands,

Inge Houck

Inge Houck - October 20, 2021 at 05:02 PM

BC

“ Dear Priscilla. I just learned of Stu's passing. Such a sad event when all of us lose such a wonderful person! It was always such a pleasure sharing time with him when he was part of our real estate family. Cally and I share your and the girls' loss of such a fine and funny man. In reading the obituary I wondered if Pooka might have been our wayward black cat who used to wander over to your home across the street from ours on Vinewood Lane in Rochester? Take care of yourselves and know that our prayers and best wishes are with you.

Cally and Bill Cormier

BILL CORMIER - October 13, 2021 at 06:31 AM

HG

“ Dear Priscilla,
I was so saddened to hear of Stu's death. I have fond memories of the pinochle games you taught us to play. I pray you "grieve with hope" (1 Thess 4:13-14) as we know Stu is with Jesus and we will see him again. May God hold you close! Heidi & Dan Gile

Heidi Gile - October 13, 2021 at 01:29 AM

BG

“ Dear Priscilla,
I'm so sorry to learn of Stu's passing and I have lots of funny and fond memories of our years working together and Kendall Real Estate. Always the man prepared for any emergency with a stash of supplies in his desk drawer (even for the ladies in need)! I also remember he was the one who calmly captured a bat on the door molding with a glass jar when nobody else could figure out what to do with it. We shared many laughs and he was a bright spark in our office.
Fondly,
Bobbie Goodrich

Bobbie Goodrich - October 12, 2021 at 07:06 PM

BE

“ I remember Stuart from when he was a member at synergy! I worked at the front desk and he always had a wonderful smile! My condolences to his family. May your memories bring you comfort~

Bea

Bea - October 12, 2021 at 04:18 PM

DK

“ We remember Stu's dry humor and laughter. Many a 12th Night Party was made more fun by his commentary as the gifts were opened and swapped.
As a Church trustee he was always there to lend a hand, never wanting the spotlight. He will be greatly missed as a friend and, much loved member of our Hampton United Methodist Church community . Thanks Stu for all those bottles and cans to redeem for Talent \$. Will not be able to look at an empty can/plastic bottle without thinking of you.
Our love and prayers to Priscilla and the family.
Dennis & Susan Kepner

Dennis & Susan Kepner - October 10, 2021 at 04:18 PM

PK

“ I know where Stu's seat was in the church sanctuary. I will miss seeing him there. He also stood on the steps when we passed things down from the attic. "Thanks for the memories."

Patricia Klotz

Patricia Klotz - October 10, 2021 at 03:42 PM

KS

“ Fanning family so sorry for your loss , I summered in the Greenlands as a child, I drive through occasionally it bring back wonderful memories thanks to the Fanning family. God bless and take care Kevin Sheehan

kKevin Sheehan - October 08, 2021 at 08:01 PM