

Edwin Ignatius Porter-Stewart

Edwin Stewart was born February 19, 1943, to Edwin and Ruth (Burns) Stewart in Pittsburgh, PA. He married Edith "Rene" Porter on April 29, 1989, in Dayton, OH.

Ed's one love in the Black Hills was Devils Tower and be sure to look out to feel his spirit, mingling with yours, when you are there.

Ed will be loving golf and the Cleveland Indians from heaven, as well as good classical, inspirational, or rock and roll music, (participating in Petra, DeGarmo and Key, Amy Grant, and Michael W. Smith concerts).

Rene's ministries would not have been possible, except for Ed's behind the scenes help and support. Ed was one of the first Key husbands of the United States Marine Corps in Second Marine Air Wing in Cherry Point, NC.

Ed served his country for 4 years in the United States Air Force, stationed in Texas and Arizona. He was a supply guy, working with assimilators, and will be forever honored as a Vietnam Era Veteran.

Ed loved working with the transitional school in Spearfish and appreciated helping out with the Sturgis Public Library and Chamber of Commerce organizations and computer needs. He will always be remembered for his gentle spirit and his wonderful sense of humor.

Edwin Ignatius Porter-Stewart, 76, of Spearfish, died Sunday, May 12, 2019, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Fort Meade.

Ed will continue to be loved by Rene' over the moon and back again, and cherished by his sisters, Pat, Jane, and Jean, as well as numerous friends, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, and golf partners.

A memorial has been established to Black Hills Human Trafficking. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

Thank you to Affordable Flowers for everything you have done for us.

A Wife holds her husband's hands for a while. . . .

His heart forever.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Vet's Club in Sturgis following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Edwin Ignatius Porter-Stewart

February 19, 1943 ~ May 12, 2019

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you
see.

I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's
touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.



To All

"I'll lend you for a while
A child of mine," He said.
For you to love the while he lives
And mourn when he is dead
It may be six or seven years,
Or twenty-two or three,
But will you, until I call him back,
Take care of him for me?
And shall his stay be brief,
You'll have his lovely memories
As solace for your grief.
I cannot promise he will stay
Since all from earth return,
But there are lessons taught down
there
I want this child to learn.
I've looked the wide world over
In my search for teachers true,
And from the throngs that crowd
life's lanes,
I have selected you.
Now will you give him all your love?
Not think the labor vain.
Nor hate me when I come to call
To take him home again.
I fancy that I heard them say,
"Dear Lord, thy will be done."
He'll bring his charm to gladden you
The risk of grief we'll run.
We will shelter him with tenderness
Will love him while we may.
And for the happiness we've known
Forever grateful stay.
But shall the angels call for him
Much sooner than we planned
We will brave the bitter grief that
comes
And try to understand

In Memory Of
Edwin Ignatius Porter-Stewart

Date of Birth

February 19, 1943
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Date of Death

May 12, 2019
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, May 18, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.
First Christian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiants

Pastor John Tesnow Pastor Eugene Jipson

Musicians

Betty Nettleton Randy Bender John Tesnow

Musical Selections

"Never Walk Alone" "In The Garden"
"Swing Low Sweet Chariot" "Hallelujah Chorus"

Honorary Urnbearers

Jane Palmer ~ Jean Brabanec ~ Pat Underwood
Dave Underwood ~ Paul Brabanec

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard
Sturgis, South Dakota

Final Resting Place

Friday, May 24, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota