



Alexander Robertson Beard

January 3, 1927 - October 30, 2023

Alexander Robertson Beard was born January 3, 1927 in Staunton, VA at the historic Stuart

House where six generations of his family lived. His family home was built in 1791. He was the son of Mary Stuart (Robertson) and William Kelly Beard. He attended Germantown Academy in Philadelphia as a boy, along with cousins and his brother, John Shepard. The Beard family recently held a large family reunion at the Academy where they proudly toured the new Beard Center for Innovation, which is part of the school's ongoing pursuit of excellence in education. Sandy, as he was known by many friends, was a graduate of Saint Andrew's School in Delaware and The University of Virginia. His father served in the Navy, his brother in the Army and Sandy in the Marines. He and his wife Margaret (Peggy, predeceased) wed in 1956 and raised their three children, Margareta Lee (Svedres), Alexander Robertson Beard, Jr and Mary Stuart (Neill) in Saint David's, PA and had four grandchildren. He and Peggy retired to Cumming, GA to be closer to Mary Stuart and her family. Sandy was regarded as a true southern gentleman. He passed away on October 30 at the age of 96. Many thanks to the staff at the Oaks Assisted Living for their loving care. A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, December 20. For more information, please contact Mary Stuart at MaryStuart_Neill@yahoo.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of Sandy's favorite charities, www.DoctorsWithoutBorders.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Sandy Beard 4 years ago when I moved to Georgia. He came over to my house with his daughter Mary Stuart, we had a meal and walked the dogs. Sandy called me the mountain girl as I live in North Georgia, he kept giving nice compliments about the house and the beautiful golf course behind me. I visited him several times at the Oaks and at Mary Stuart's home when Covid was a problem . His daughter moved him in with her so he wouldn't get Covid, and he never got it. He was always so kind and soft spoken with many stories to tell. The last time I saw him was a week before he died, he was sitting in the cafeteria eating and reminiscing about the past and of course smiling about it. Sandy you are missed, you were a wonderful person and are in my thoughts often. I feel very fortunate to have met you, rest in peace. Terry C

Terry Ciardullo - January 03, 2024 at 09:19 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of knowing Sandy Beard via my close friendship with his daughter, Mary Stuart, named after her grandmother. I joined Mary Stuart several times on her frequent visits to spend time with her dad at The Oaks. Whether sitting outside in the sunshine in the garden area or chatting inside, it was always nice to see them enjoying each other's company, often grinning and reminiscing. I recall that Mary Stuart asked her dad to stay with her and her family during the pandemic. By doing so, enjoyed even more quality time with Mary Stuart and his granddaughter, Aly. I will remember him as a gracious and kind man with a warm spirit and contagious smile. It was apparent how much he appreciated Mary Stuart's care and thoughtful attention. May he rest in peace.

Ann Carney - December 20, 2023 at 01:23 PM

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“ Sandy was such a kind man. I smile every time I think of his appointments & treat afterwards💙 Mary Stuart brought him into our friendship & he was always a good sport & such a lovely gentleman. I learned from Sandy & Mary Stuart to eat your dessert first (or only) if that makes you or your date smile, to connect with others even if it's uncomfortable for you & just always be kind. I'm always happy that I met Mary Stuart & I am honored to have met her father Mr. Sandy Beard. I know he's smiling, eating his sweet treats & happily reunited with his wife & family. I'll be having a chocolate dessert in your honor. Susan D. Kennington

Susan Kennington - December 20, 2023 at 09:24 AM

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“*Mary Stuart, I was so glad to get to know your dad. Sandy always had a funny story to tell and loved you so much. He was so blessed to have such a wonderful, compassionate and caring daughter who was always there for him day and night. Taking care of elderly parents is a full time job and you did it with such grace and selflessness...never missing a special event in his life or at the facility...along with some long nights at the hospital etc. He always looked so happy when you visited him (and your mom too of course). I know his passing has left a hole in your heart, but you were the one keeping him smiling for so long and I know how proud you made him! You're definitely the the best daughter any parents could wish for and just know that they BOTH loved you (and Aly) to the moon and back!*

Deb Puszewski - December 19, 2023 at 11:33 PM