

## Half Staff – Ronald Ayers Stanton

November 7, 2015



Ron Stanton died on Saturday, November 7, 2015. He fought a courageous seven year battle with Cortico Basal Syndrome a very painful and unusual form of Parkinson's disease. From Yuma, Arizona, Ron came to MIT at age 17. He was a member of the class of 1962. He met his wife, Gloria, in high school and they married in 1961. They built their new life together in Massachusetts.

An internship his senior year at MIT turned into a career with Hycor in Woburn, MA. The success of the company gave him the opportunity to retire before his fiftieth birthday.

He loved movies and any films that were worth seeing he saw first. His taste in books stopped with fiction. He hiked the Grand Canyon and rafted down the Colorado River. He spent the last quarter century of his life involved in a varied number of activities. With his good friend Paul Sylva, he bought a 40 ft. sailboat and he became an avid and competent sailor. It was a long way from the desert to deep water sailing, but Ron made the most of the opportunity until hurricanes and illness slowed him down.

He was active through his life with church having taught Sunday School as a young man, and supporting programs such as the House of the Carpenter in Boston with time and money during the 1970s. Later he served the Rockport Chamber Music Festival in its early days. And at the same time he volunteered with special needs students in the Gloucester Public Schools.

He could enjoy a black tie affair for Julia Child, but his favorite restaurant served Mexican food and good margaritas. He loved Rockport for all the things it was....and was not.

He was quietly generous to uncounted folk with a variety of needs. His credo was that one should always serve without credit and give without expecting anything in return; he wanted to be anonymous.

His greatest pleasure was his family and the accomplishments of his wife and sons. He cheered the accomplishments of others. His friends are legion.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Gloria.

Sons: Andrew Ayers Stanton (wife, Julie, children, Ben and Audrey)

Mathew Alcock Stanton

Nathan Edward Stanton (wife Esther Pearl, children, Lotus and Lucian)

Brothers: Edward (Blanche)

Dick (Marsha)

A celebration of Ron's life will be held at Johnson's Mortuary in Yuma, Nov. 21, 2015. at 10am with family visitation at 9. A Rockport, Ma. celebration to be held sometime in 2016 at Rockport Baptist Church. Instead of flowers, friends of Ron may send gifts to Hospice of Yuma 1824 S 8th Ave, Yuma, AZ 85364