



Charles Gaylord Reeder

July 3, 1939 - October 15, 2021

Charles Gaylord Reeder,

Charlie Reeder passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 15, 2021. He was born in Dayton, Ohio on July 3, 1939 to Charles and Betty (Hash) Reeder. He attended Fairview High School in Dayton, was an avid baseball player, and graduated in 1957. He then matriculated to Miami of Ohio where he met his true love, Judy, and married her in classic Miami Merger style after graduation in 1961. They settled in Indianapolis. He completed his formal education with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the Indiana University School of Law in 1965, graduating with honors near the top of his class and was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Charlie enjoyed a distinguished legal career in business and civil law that spanned more than 50 years. He practiced in Indianapolis, first with Johnson and Weaver, then with Stewart and Reeder, and lastly with Holland and Holland. He was a natural educator and taught Business Law at Butler University and Torts at the Indianapolis campus of the IU Law School. Professionally, Charlie was fair-minded, impartial, and judicious. He worked hard on behalf of his clients. For those of limited means, he often performed his services pro bono. He was always available, always generous, always patient. Most of all, he was genuinely empathetic to the needs and disappointments of others and everyone could see it. When he spoke with you, you were the only person in the room. And after talking to him, you walked away with a lighter burden and an easier smile.

Charlie's personal gifts were inspiring in the quietest of ways. He had an abundant sense of humor, gentle, self-effacing, comforting. He had a wonderful knack of defusing a tense situation with just the right wit at just the right time. He was kind beyond measure and there was no one he did not welcome as his friend. But perhaps his most endearing quality was that he loved to be around people. It was an amazing, authentic, real love, he loved to talk to us, to joke with us, to ask about us, and most importantly, to listen to us. Everyone felt at home with him. You could be his son. You could be meeting him for the first time. But regardless of the circumstances, you always felt at home.

Charlie was a committed, active member of Second Presbyterian Church. He took his religion seriously, gave unstintingly of his time, talent, and treasure, and in his unselfish and humble manner he was a living example of his faith. Finally, no remembrance could be complete without remarking on Charlie's love for his family which was complete and total. His heart was never fully satisfied unless his family was present, all of us, in the same place and at the same time. He was the life of our gatherings without needing to be the center of attention. We will remember him as a loyal and faithful husband, the greatest dad in the world, the best "Pa-Pa" on the planet, a grateful son, a loving brother, a consummate professional, a dear friend. And we will all miss this tender and gracious man.

The Reeder family would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to dad's caretakers at American Village, IU Hospice and their wonderful staff, and the dedicated providers at Methodist and IU North Hospital who provided much of his hospital care over the past several years, especially Areeba Kara, Ali Hamza and Pat McQuillan.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260.

Charlie is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Judy; his sons, Mike, John (Norma), Kent (Carol), and David (Lindsay); and grandchildren, Tony, Austin,

Brooke, Taylor, Avery, Johnny, Lila, Riley, Darby, and Max (Hayley).

Memorial contributions may be made to Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46260 or online at www.secondchurch.org/give.

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Second Presbyterian Church
7700 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Tribute Wall

ST

“ To the Reeder Family:

I was deeply saddened to hear of Charlie's passing, I was informed today via text about his departure, please know I am there in spirit.

It wasn't too long ago (this past summer actually) playing golf with Michael Marsella here in Kentucky that Mike and I brought Charlie up in conversation. We had so many fond memories growing up with David where Charlie would pop in to say hello or encourage us to play basketball and join in the fun. He was always making us laugh growing up, the father every kid wanted their father to be. Mike and I had a good laugh talking about Charlie that day, a testament to the man we knew and loved as 'Mr Reeder'. He truly was a second father to all of us and was deeply admired by all of us because, well, he was just such a likable guy to be around. I cannot say enough about Charlie, he was always such a warm, pleasurable, comical, good hearted person and I thank him for that. In reading his obituary and the kind words from friends and family, I know I was truly blessed to have him in my life.

Please know how deeply sorry I am for not being with you all today, but please know I think of you all often and will say a prayer for Charlie and all of you.

*Please take care,
Stephen Tucker*

Stephen Tucker - November 05, 2021 at 07:03 PM

FK

“ From Charlie and Becky Kendall purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Gaylord Reeder.



From Charlie and Becky Kendall - November 04, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Charles Gaylord Reeder.



November 03, 2021 at 08:09 PM

AM

“ *Judy:*
Jane and I have many good memories of you and Charlie and those get togethers at Kent and Marilee Frandsen's hear in Lebanon. Charlie was always upbeat with a great sense of humor. I always got a kick out of his cheerful play with Birdie, the Frandsen's Irish sitter. We also enjoyed talking about Miami of Ohio and your days there and our daughter Kris and her days there. We are sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in our prayers.
Allen and Jane Milburn

Allen and Jane Milburn - November 02, 2021 at 08:19 PM

DF

“ *I'll miss seeing Charley @ Crystal Lake in the summer and talking IU and UK basketball.*

Denis Frankenberger - November 02, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Charles Gaylord Reeder.*



November 01, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ *Our warmest thoughts and prayers are with you. Wishing you comfort and peace. With heartfelt condolences, the Macke Family*

Chris Macke - November 01, 2021 at 12:39 AM



“ *Best tort law professor ever. Bless his soul.*

jeff frandsen - October 31, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles Gaylord Reeder.*



October 31, 2021 at 12:12 PM

JN

“ Charlie was like a second father to the Null boys growing up in the same neighborhood. He was such a nice, caring man with so many wonderful qualities that we couldn't even hold it against him when he would root for Ohio State. This one is for you, Charlie...Go Bucks!

Jim Null

James Null - October 31, 2021 at 08:47 AM

DJ

We first met Charlie when Judy brought him to the Mercer house so we could meet and approve of him. We now laugh because he called John Mister as they shook hands, Charlie and Judy have been wonderful friends for many years Charlie will be missed.
John & Dawn

Dawn & Jphn - October 31, 2021 at 04:59 PM

MP

My deepest sympathies to all of the Reeders...Judy, John, Mike, Kent, and David. Charlie was like another father to my Brian always thoughtful and helpful. May he rest in peace. *Mary Ann Pahud.*

Mary Ann Pahud - October 31, 2021 at 08:07 PM



I am sorry for your loss. Scott Ruby

Scott Ruby - November 01, 2021 at 08:10 AM