



Russell Howard Ferris

June 20, 1925 - August 4, 2020

RICHMOND, Ind. – Russell Howard Ferris, age 95, of Richmond, Indiana, died Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at Friends Fellowship Community.

Born June 20, 1925, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Ross and Ethel Ferris, Russell lived in Richmond for 21 years. Prior to moving to Richmond, he lived in Amelia Island, Florida, where he was a member of the Turtle Patrol. Russell walked the beaches daily, on the lookout for endangered sea turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs. He enjoyed deep sea fishing, reading, and spending time with his wife, Marian. Upon moving to Richmond, Russell joined First English Lutheran Church, singing in the choir and taking part in numerous Bible studies.

Earlier in his life, Russell embellished his age in order to join the military. He was a First Lieutenant in the Army Air Corp at Bergstrom Field in Austin, Texas, where he flew enormous C-46 transport planes to ferry wounded troops from coast to coast, taking the patients to hospitals closer to their homes. After the war, Russell and Marian married in August of 1946 and moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where he enrolled in Creighton University and earned his business degree. Russell worked for Allstate Insurance for 35 years.

Russell's date of death was his 74th wedding anniversary. He and Marian enjoyed a loving, happy marriage; Marian took excellent care of Russell as his Alzheimer's progressed, enabling him to stay at home much longer than anyone anticipated.

Survivors include his sons, Scott Ferris of Sanford, Florida, and Lee (LuLayne) Ferris of Lubbock, Texas; daughters, Leslie (Mark) Lecklider of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Linda Miller of Indian Land, South Carolina; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; cousins; and many friends.

Russell was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marian; parents; and brother, Stan.

The family would like to thank the staff of Friends Fellowship Community for the loving care they provided Russell as his illness progressed.

A private entombment for Russell will be held in the First English Lutheran Church Columbarium at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to: First English Lutheran Church, 2727 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374 or Friends Fellowship Community for the Endowment Fund, 2030 Chester Boulevard, Richmond, IN 47374.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

First English Lutheran Church Columbarium

2727 National Road East

Richmond, IN, 47374-

Comments



“ I am sorry for your loss. I enjoyed my visits with Russel while in the dental office. I got to know him and Marian a little better when I helped Marian run errands. They were very proud of all of there children and grandchildren. I enjoyed the stories that I heard. May you find comfort at this difficult time. When I drive past Friends I will will always think of them

Joyce Mopps - August 21 at 10:06 PM



“ Russell loved singing in our choir...such a gentle soul! Pray peace to his family...especially Linda who encouraged Russell and marian to Move to Richmond and join First English Lutheran Church.

Marc D Duning - August 14 at 02:56 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Ward Colson and the Staff of Doan & Mills - August 13 at 02:37 PM