



Byron James Reburn

June 4, 1925 - March 28, 2020

Byron James Reburn, age 94, died peacefully on March 28, 2020 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was born in Dubuque, IA on June 4, 1925 to Norbert and Ebba (Nelson) Reburn. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

He served our country in WWII as a member of the famed 99th Infantry Division. The “battle babies” of WWII were only teenagers at the time of their draft. The 99th played a strategic role in the Battle of the Bulge when its troops held fast on the northern shoulder of the German advance, refusing them access to the vital northern road network that led into Belgium. After the war, he was honorably discharged and returned to Dubuque to further his education at Loras College and the University of Iowa.

Byron worked for almost three decades as a pharmaceutical salesman for Schering Labs and Hoffman La-Roche. He served with a commitment to the patients of his physician customers and earned numerous sales awards throughout his career. It was in this role he met a lovely receptionist at a physician office. She proclaimed, “you’ll have to marry me to get in to see the doctor” and the rest is history. Byron and Irene (Deceptris) Reburn were married in Sioux City, Iowa and Byron passed shortly before their 62nd wedding anniversary. They were members of St. John Before the Latin Gate parish.

Upon retirement, Byron and Irene relocated from Iowa to Bartlesville to be closer to family. They made wonderful friends in Oklahoma. He was active in the Bartlesville Tennis Association and played tennis well into his eighties.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Norbert, Jr.

Byron is survived by wife Irene Reburn, son and daughter in law Dr. Michael Anthony Reburn and wife Elizabeth of Bartlesville, OK and granddaughters Anne Elizabeth Reburn of Los Angeles, CA and Christina Irene Reburn of Nashville, TN.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Brookdale South and Comforting Hands Hospice for their amazing compassion and dedication.

Comments



“ I had the privilege of knowing Byron when he lived in Sioux City, IA. I was a young tennis pro at the club that he would play at with his great friend/tennis nemesis Horst Blume. They would play 2 - 3 times per week and their battles were legendary. To see those to play was a treat and gave me a glimpse of what it means when they say tennis is truly the game of a lifetime. After each match they would get together and visit and discuss the match along with current events of the day. If you were fortunate to be around at that time you would get to hear their bantering, intellect, wit, and charm. Byron was a true gentleman and I particularly loved his wit along with his true love of the game of tennis. I know that he was met at the pearly gates by Horst and the first thing they did was reserve their favorite court, spin to see who serves first, and let the game begin. Rest in Peace my friend and I look forward to hitting with you where all of our first serves go in... Respectfully, Malcolm

malcolm gilreath - April 03, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ I took care of Mr Reburn for a while a d he was the sweetest man I ever met, he would tell me stories of when he was a kid in Iowa. RIP BYRON you deserve the rest

Debbie - March 30, 2020 at 11:52 AM