



Burton Willard Grimes

August 19, 1927 - February 1, 2021

Grimes, Burton Willard Burt Grimes died 2/1/21 from complications from a broken ankle caused by a fall on 12/26/20. He will be dearly missed by his beloved wife and best friend Doris, his children Stacey, Dr. Eric, Dr. Jonathan, and Dr. Craig Grimes, eight grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Blanche and Calvin Grimes and six siblings. Burt was born on 8/19/27 in Northfield, MN. He joined the Marines at age 18 and served during WWII. He graduated from St. Olaf College (BA) and the University of MN (MA) with majors in fine arts. His master's thesis was on Mexican murals. He also attended college in Oslo and Mexico City. He taught art and photography at Minnetonka High School for 35 years and substituted into his eighties. He loved to teach and was loved by his students. He was a great photographer, excelling in circus pictures of the Ringling Brothers Circus in Minneapolis, and an excellent calligrapher. In his early years, Burt designed, cut the logs for, and built a log cabin on East Bearskin Lake on the Gunflint Trail. There, the family created memories they cherish today, and their father taught them to enjoy and love nature. He also designed his family home in Orono. Burt had many talents and interests. He held national awards as a dance figure skater, was an excellent swimmer and diver, and enjoyed scuba diving and tennis. He loved geology and weather and belonged to the Geological Society, attending lectures until recently. He downhill skied well into his seventies, piloted a single engine plane into his eighties, and golfed until he was ninety. He loved the theater, classical music

and dancing. But most of all, he loved people and adventure and was always up for trying new things. Although he knew he didn't excel at everything, he was willing to try almost anything. Burt loved to travel. As a young man, he visited Libya during the civil war and also coordinated tours to Mexico for students. He traveled to Mexico his entire life and loved to practice his self-taught Spanish. Other travel included camping trips with the children and much international travel with Doris. Most importantly, he will be remembered for his winning smile, optimism, curiosity and his passion for life. He had brilliant blue eyes that sparkled, and those same eyes saw the beauty in the arts, nature, people and animals. He loved all animals. All of the neighborhood dogs knew he was good for a treat and some loving and would go straight to him. His love for animals was surpassed only by his love for family. He and Doris shared a great love story for 36 years, and his children are so grateful to have had him as their father and role model. A memorial will be held at 3PM on February 13 at Washburn McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th Street, Edina. Live stream of the service will be at: Washburn-McReavy.com, search for his obituary & click on photo/video or media tab to view. Memorials preferred to the Animal Humane Society, 845 Meadow Lane North, Golden Valley 55422. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Memorial

FEB 13. 3:00 PM.

Washburn McReavy Edina Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service of Burton W. Grimes in memory of Burton Willard Grimes



Washburn-McReavy - February 10, 2021 at 02:26 PM

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“ Today is the one-month anniversary of Burt's passing. While we are sad to no longer have him and his radiant smile in our lives, he lives on in all of the wonderful memories he left with us.

Stacey J Grimes - March 01, 2021 at 11:31 AM

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“ My heart goes out to you, Auntie Doris and to Burt's family. Sharing in your sadness as you remember him today, with a lovely service, and special tribute to his remarkable life and memories. With sympathy, Mark.

Mark Theis - February 13, 2021 at 04:05 PM

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“ David, Jody, Sandra, Ken, Fern and Dorothy Vesledahl purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Burton Willard Grimes.



David, Jody, Sandra, Ken, Fern and Dorothy Vesledahl - February 10, 2021 at 03:24 PM