

Dave through the years...



In Loving Memory
DAVIDSON REAM

May 2, 1937 - August 21, 2017



Elliot Chapel at Westminster Place

Evanston, Illinois

September 23, 2017



Order of Service

Piano Prelude Hyejin Joo
Greeting.....Chaplain Priscilla Wilkins Stevens
Opening Prayer
Hymn #469.....Morning Has Broken
RemembranceMark Koslen
Musical interlude
Remembrance Donald Borah
Reading Dave’s grandchildren
Remembrance Willard Fry
Hymn #267..... All Things Bright and Beautiful
Remembrance Michael Ream
Musical interlude
Meditation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Hymn #464.....Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee
Blessing
Piano Postlude

All hymns can be found in the blue hymnal.

Please join us after the service for
refreshments in Elliot Hall.

Davidson “Dave” Ream, 80, a longtime resident of Evanston, Illinois, died August 21, 2017 at Westminster Place in Evanston, where he had been in hospice care. He will be remembered as someone who loved his family, his work and his community, and who lived his life with enthusiasm and joy.

Dave was a loving father, husband, partner, son, and sibling who gave generously to people and organizations dear to him. Everyone who met Dave found a friend who was always there to lend a sympathetic ear, helpful advice or encouraging words.

A legal writer and editor at firms in San Francisco and Chicago, Dave authored numerous books and articles with fine-tuned logic and a love of the law. Throughout his life, Dave maintained a great zest for living that manifested itself in deep discussion of everything from the finer points of the U.S. Constitution to finding the best Indian food in Chicago to the Cubs’ chances in the upcoming season.

Dave was born May 2, 1937 to Joseph Ream and Anita Ream (Biggs) in Ossining, New York, and raised in Millstone, New Jersey, Princeton, New Jersey, and Tallahassee, Florida. From an early age, Dave had a fascination with the far corners of the globe, leading to a lifelong love of travel that included multiple journeys to Latin America, Europe and Asia, as well as all over the United States to indulge his passion for genealogy or “digging up bones” as he called it; he was never happier than when he discovered a new branch in his family tree.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Dave was a graduate of Phillips Academy, Yale University, University of Virginia School of Law and Boalt Hall School of Law at University of California, Berkeley. He maintained strong ties to Yale throughout his life, including interviewing prospective students, volunteering at Yale Elementary School in Chicago, and attending regular luncheons of the “O.F.C.” of fellow Yale alumni. He served one term on the Evanston City Council; spent many years volunteering with the Mental Health Association of Evanston, the Democratic Party of Evanston, and Keep Evanston Beautiful; served as the president of the Ridgville Neighborhood Association; was a marshal in the Evanston 4th of July parade; and played a key role in establishing First Night Evanston, at one point driving the truck that led celebrants to the fireworks display.

Dave is survived by his children, Michael Ream (Judy Walden) of Des Moines, Iowa and Caitlin Cowan (Michael) of Minneapolis, Minnesota; his partner, Jane Baker, and her children John Negronida and Beth Negronida (Charles Saxe); grandchildren Sofia Ream, Tabitha Cowan, Susanna Cowan, Lindsey Saxe and Eric Saxe; his former wife and the mother of his children, Judith Ream (Krampitz); siblings Jackson Ream, Nancy Rose and Christopher Ream; and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends all over the world. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Stephen Ream.