



Reagan Milton Floyd

July 21, 1945 - January 23, 2022

Reagan Milton Floyd, 76, of Richardson, Texas, went home to be with the Lord on January 23, 2022, in Georgetown, Texas.

Reagan was born on July 21, 1945 in Dallas, Texas to the late Frank Milton Floyd, Jr. and Carolyn Floreen Floyd. He is survived by his two beloved sisters, Susan Valliant and Annette Murphy, who gave him a lifetime of joy that was always marked by boisterous laughter, food, and fellowship.

As a young Texan in a Post-war family, Reagan enjoyed a classically American childhood during the 1940s and 50s. He was fond of recounting childhood memories that included hanging around airports with his father who had been an instructor pilot for the Army, camping out and earning merit badges with the Boy Scouts, and working the early-morning hours throwing his paper routes for the Dallas Times Herald. But like many from his baby boom era, he was also a modest boy from a modest background. He likely would have never told you he was the captain of his varsity football team at Carrolton High School as a junior, or that he was picked as the runner-up "Most Handsome" by Elizabeth Taylor--which he always joked must have been the result of some mix-up.

After high school, Reagan took an entry-level job at the Taylor Book company where he learned about the photographic process of publishing. Although he didn't know it at the time, that experience gave him a unique combination of knowledge and skills that he would parlay into a long career with Texas Instruments (TI) during the early years of the semiconductor industry. At TI

(and later with Nippon and Photronics), he led and managed a core group of loyal T.I.'ers who stayed with him for the majority of his career. Reagan and his team worked to produce several cutting-edge photomask designs for their time, the most notable of which were used in the U.S. military's early versions of night-vision goggles and HARM missile guidance systems. In the late 1970s, TI and his team were prominently featured in National Geographic for their early work in the semiconductor industry.

On July 1, 1972, Reagan married Jo Ann Floyd. They had 49 fruitful years of marriage enjoying life together. Theirs was a true partnership. They enjoyed traveling through the mountains of New Mexico and Colorado; camping and fishing the great bass fishing lakes of East Texas; and cooking and preparing large meals for countless family and friends at their home on Dover Drive, where for 49 years they lived together and raised their family.

After retiring from the semiconductor industry, Reagan began driving a school bus, which naturally suited some of his very best talents, interests and loves. He drove a special needs bus for the Richardson Independent School District for several years, and his precious riders learned first-hand of his natural gifts as a teacher and his love of children. It wasn't uncommon for the little hands and feet that boarded his bus each day to come bearing homemade gifts and expecting regular hugs before and after their rides together. He was privileged to serve the same students over several years, and he counted those years with them (and their parents) as some of the most fulfilling years of his working life.

Those who knew Reagan remember him as a wise and dependable father, son, and friend who was known by boisterous laughter about things that mattered little and a trusted dispenser of wisdom and concern about things that did. His distinctive qualities always seemed to manifest themselves best in his willingness to lend a helping hand on a friend's project or be the steady hand of support for a family member. But no description of Reagan could ever leave out that he was an avid bass fisherman and devoted father--two aspects of his life that usually went hand-in-hand. As most knew him, his weekend life

typically started well before dawn with a rod and reel in hand and ended sometime after dark with a plate of barbeque. Like most things in his life, he was persistent, methodical and focused while he was on the water, but he also had a deep-seated need to relax in nature and enjoy the beauty and solace that his Creator had provided. And, it was on the water that his best qualities as a father and friend emerged. He was generous with his time and his listening ear during those long days on the water, but he never missed an opportunity to impart some nugget of wisdom or spiritual knowledge to those he held captive in the back seat of his boat.

Reagan was also a tinkerer. On the rare occasion that he wasn't fishing or attending one of his son's or grandchildren's many games or events, he was tending to a creative project or "tinkering" in his shed. He always had a creative project in the works or was hoping a friend or family member would soon start one. Despite his failing health, he continued his "tinkering" well into his 70s.

Raised in a Christian home, Reagan placed his faith in Jesus Christ as a teenager. He felt fortunate to have been led early on by faithful men like Chuck Swindoll--who was one of his best Sunday School teachers--and deeply gifted intellects like Dr. William J. McRae, Dr. Sam Storms, Dr. S. Lewis Johnson and Dan Duncan. He felt indebted to their ministry of the Word because it fed him spiritually and helped him metabolize some of the weightiest theological truths that he held so dear. It was their example and teaching that always kept his faith informed with the Truth and constantly prompted him to look forward in hope of its certain fulfillment. In the months leading up to his death, he was expectantly looking to the day that he would be with his Lord.

Reagan was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Floyd; his son, Randy Milton Floyd and wife, Felicia of Georgetown; his two sisters, Annette Murphy of Wylie and Susan Valliant and husband, John of Wylie; his granddaughter, Emma Rose Floyd; his three grandsons, Calvin

Milton Floyd, Brooks Edwin Floyd, and Henry Hiram Floyd; and numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held Monday, January 31st at 10:00am at Believers Chapel, 6420 Churchill Way, Dallas, TX, 75230 with Dan Duncan officiating. A graveside service will follow at 2:00 pm at Harris Creek Cemetery in Tyler, Texas. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to Believers Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

Believers Chapel
6420 Churchill Way
Dallas, TX 75230

Graveside Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

Harris Creek Cemetery
14037 County Road 336
Tyler, TX 75708

Tribute Wall



“ *Reagan Milton Floyd*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Reagan Milton Floyd*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM

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“ My sister, Susan and myself, referred to our dearest brother, Reagan, as "Bud." He was always Bud. This very fond memory goes back 10 years when my husband passed away and i was living in Arkansas at the time. I needed to make repairs on my house before I sold it and Bud and Sister came to help me. Just the two of them. It was such a blessing the Lord sent them. As we worked on the house and would run into a problem, if one of us couldn't figure out what to do, we would end up saying, we each had 1/3 of a brain, and we needed the 3 parts to make a whole brain to solve the problem! It became a running joke those days and we would frequently call all 3 parts of the brain to consult! Bud was the carpenter, my sister, the decorator, and myself, I had the materials to do the job. I'm not sure how productive we were during that visit, but we worked together and laughed non-stop! We would joke about how we could hire ourselves out as a team, we didn't know how competent we would be, but we would sure have a good time. We have carried that little joke through the years since then, whenever we saw each other, laughing about what a dynamic trio we are when the "whole brain" LOL! is in the same room!

Our dad has been in Heaven since 1986. Bud was a father figure to me in so many ways, he was there for anytime I needed him with godly counsel and support, or help in anyway he could, I knew I could depend on him whatever the situation. So many memories I have Bud, I thank our Lord and Savior for His goodness in giving me the gift of my brother. I love you. Your little sister, "A"

Annette Murphy - January 30, 2022 at 05:45 PM

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“ I will always remember how my " brother Bud" so enjoyed our family gathetings around the living room or kitchen table and the range of subjects discussed ftom serious theological discussions to bouts ot hilarity.

When my brother laughed, he laughed with his whole body , there was such unbridled joy till the tears were flowing and we could hardly breathe!!

His laugh was infectious and we loved being exposed!

Another precious memory is the year at Christmas when his health began to take a turn for the worse. He and our dear JoAnn and their family came to our home for Christmas Eve.

My daughter Christine, for a few days felt God leading her to sing" It's a BEAUTIFUL NAME" along with a CD.

Tears came to his eyes and he just kept saying how much it touched his heart ❤️ and meant to him. It was so sweet a song would minister to his heart in such a comforting way and ad a result ministered to us all.

The bbq's at the Floyd's were to perfection in delight and fellowship, everyone feeling a special glow as we departed for home with a joy in our hearts, full and satisfied Timmy's and better able to face the coming week.

Growing up with a brother so close in age(about 15 months apart) , Saturdays was our special morning to sit together and watch Howdy Doody and the Lone Ranger and Sky King 🤪🤪.

Frequently, we yelled out at Dad to make our little sister, Annette (8 and 9 years younger than ourselves) to move from in front of the TV- she just had such fun interrupting our programs.

We tolerated it because she was so cute 🥰 and mostly we all adored her and didn't want her to get a spanking 😊😊.

I'm so thankful for the brother God gave me to share my life with here and forever in eternity.

Thank , YOU, dear FATHER!

Susan Valliant - January 29, 2022 at 08:44 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reagan Milton Floyd.*



January 28, 2022 at 03:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Reagan Milton Floyd.*



January 28, 2022 at 01:56 PM