



## Mr. Stuart Wayne Umbarger

March 12, 1939 - March 10, 2023

Stuart Wayne Umbarger, Lithia, Florida, passed away on March 10, 2023, two days before his

84th birthday. He was born to Raymond and Vivian (Carter) Umbarger in Wichita, Kansas, on

March 12, 1939. His parents preceded him in death.

After graduating from Topeka High School in 1957, he graduated from Washburn University and

then pursued a law degree at Florida State University College of Law, graduating in 1971. Stuart

opened his own private law practice in Brandon, Florida, and bought ranch land in Lithia, where

he lived for the rest of his life.

Stuart's lifelong love of horses manifested into playing polo, which he hosted on his own

property for many years. He often hunted with his uncles and cousins in Kansas, and rarely

missed the yearly Umbarger family reunion in Chanute. He enjoyed bow hunting and was

particularly proud of his success there. Stuart was an avid golfer, and once partnered with Gary

Player at the Jose Cuervo Challenge in 2007. Stuart was generous, sociable, fun, loyal, and lived

life to the fullest. He recently sat up in bed and suddenly declared, "I did it my way!"

Stuart is survived by his devoted partner, Mimi Chakmanoff, of Lithia, FL; older brother, Carter

Umbarger, and wife, Susan Conant, of Newton, Massachusetts; and younger brother, Gaylon

Umbarger, and wife, Elaine McMilian, of Kansas City, Missouri.

After burial at the cemetery near his home in Lithia, celebrations of his life will be held in

Florida and Kansas this spring. If you'd like to donate in Stuart's honor, please consider giving to

one of these Tampa organizations: The Shriner's Hospital, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, or

Metropolitan Ministries. Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Alderman-Pelote Cemetery**

Pelote Cemetery Road  
Lithia, FL 33547

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

TA

“ Just now learning of Stuart’s passing. My first job was working for him part-time through a program at Brandon High School. I learned a lot from him and made a career as a legal secretary and paralegal. We kept in touch off and on for the next couple of decades until I moved out of Florida. May he rest in peace.

Tara - September 05, 2023 at 08:31 PM

VY

“ Stuart was a sweet love and friend in the 70's and we continued our friendship. He was like a father to my then young son, Creighton. Because of Stuart Creighton learned to play polo and was an incredible player for the 8 years he played. I just heard about this today and so sad I couldn't be there to say "Goodbye".

Vee Yerrid - May 22, 2023 at 02:18 PM

CR

“ Stuart was as close to a father as i have ever had. Wish I had known of his passing! RIP!!

Creighton - May 22, 2023 at 01:14 PM

CB

“ Deepest condolences to Mimi and the Umbarger family. RIP Stuart, blessed to have known you.

Cathy Burney - March 29, 2023 at 11:45 AM

CB

“ *Christine Binda lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stuart Wayne Umbarger*



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**Christine Binda** - March 16, 2023 at 07:15 PM

JH

“ *Stuart was a friend of the family for many years. I remember going to his house to take care of his horses when I was young. Fond memories.*

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**jamie hoople** - March 15, 2023 at 10:24 PM

RS

“ *Stuart was a great partner and mentor. In my forty seven years of practice I never met a more professional or honest lawyer.*

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**Ralph Stoddard** - March 15, 2023 at 07:34 PM

JF

“ *Peace, a good ride and an enjoyable round of golf are yours my friend. Thanks for years of friendships J Pat Figley*

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**J. Patrick Figley** - March 14, 2023 at 12:16 PM