



Mr. Carroll Martin Radebaugh

November 5, 1920 - January 30, 2013

Carroll Martin Radebaugh died in Gilchrist Hospice Center on January 30, 2013 after a long battle with bladder cancer, he was 92. Born on November 5, 1920 to Anna Jeannette Martin Radebaugh and George Walker Radebaugh Sr.; he was the second of five children. He attended the Towson Elementary school, as well as, Towson High School where he also competed in varsity basketball, soccer; and his favorite sport, baseball. During these years, along with his two brothers would work the trap and skeet stations at the Towson Gun Club on Saturdays. He earned a two year academic scholarship to Loyola College which he attended from 1937 to 1939. While studying at Loyola, he also played varsity soccer and basketball. He then attended and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1941 with a degree in Horticulture. He also played soccer and baseball while attending U of M and was being scouted by the NY Yankees as a potential shortstop prior to World War II.

Upon enlisting in the Navy, he attended Midshipman School in Chicago-March 1942 to November 1943. He later served as a lieutenant on the US Navy Sub Chaser 644 patrolling the South Pacific for enemy mines to detonate. While in port during the war, he met his wife of fifty-seven years, Suzanne Baynham in Long Beach, California in December of 1943. The couple married on May 16, 1945 in Long Beach. Soon after, the couple moved to Towson where Mr. Radebaugh joined the family business started by his

parents in 1924.

During WW II and the following years of difficult economic times after the War, Mr. Radebaugh along with his father and brothers started building cement ponds for local homes which lead to building cement pools. This was a new concept and well received. The all many Radebaugh ponds and pools still around.

Mr. Radebaugh spent the next forty-five years pursuing his passion for growing cut flowers and plants at the Towson greenhouses. He loved his work and the satisfaction received from watching so many loyal customers enjoy his plants year after year. In the mid 1970's the business was restructured and Carroll along with his brother Joe assumed ownership. "They were a great team" stated Carroll's son, Steve. "Joe maintained the buildings and greenhouses from top to bottom along with servicing the customers. Dad was behind the scenes, planning and producing the crops, purchasing supplies, planning for growth and educating himself on all the latest trends". During this same time period, the next generation of family began their careers at the florist and greenhouses. "Dad provided great leadership and vision for our business from the mid 70's through the 80's. During that time, we added greenhouses at our Towson location, as well as, on the family farm in Freeland. This allowed the business to expand into the wholesale plant market. Also, a design center was built in 1988 to allow adequate space for the production of fresh flower arrangements, wedding flowers and delivery of all the floral products.

Upon his retirement from full-time employment in 1995, Mr. Radebaugh would make the trip to Freeland three days a week to continue to pursue his lifelong love of growing plants. "He loved those days working with nephew Doug and his son Jesse" stated Steve. "He was so impressed with the job they have done carrying on the tradition of growing quality plants and providing quality service". Doug stated, "Carroll was a great mentor to myself and many young

friends interested in pursuing horticultural careers. His passion for his profession was contagious and he was willing to hand down responsibility to the next generation. Even in his semi-retirement his compassion for family and fellow workers made a positive contribution to our workplace environment."

Mr. Radebaugh enjoyed those days working at the greenhouses in Freeland until suffering a stroke in 2007.

Mr. Radebaugh also enjoyed many days hunting ducks and geese and fishing on the Bay. He also rekindled his love of golf at the age of sixty. He later joined the Country Club of MD where he enjoyed playing golf and having family dinners there. He was a member of the Towson Kiwanis Club during the fifties and early sixties and served as president of the club in 1958.

His wife is the late Suzanne Baynham Radebaugh. He is survived by a sister, Jeannette R. Hollenshade and a brother, John H. Radebaugh. He is also survived by his children: Michael W. Radebaugh, VMD and his wife Therese Waldt Radebaugh, Stephen M. Radebaugh and his wife, Judy Tucker Radebaugh, Page R. Fick and her husband, Jeffrey P. Fick, and Lisa Carroll Radebaugh. His grandchildren include: Sean C. Radebaugh, Daniel M. Radebaugh, Esq., J. Tucker Radebaugh, Kaitlin R. Southard, Matthew C.W. Radebaugh, Megan S. Radebaugh, Kathleen T. Radebaugh, Jason C. Fick, PhD, Jordan E. Fick, and the late Tyler Page Suzanne Fick. Mr. Radebaugh is also survived by 10 great grandchildren.

A professional client relationship starting in the mid 1970's blossomed into a memorable, personable friendship for me, says John Wilson family CPA.

As quoted from his long time friend John I. Wilson:

"Carroll was a hands on multi-generational family business owner for most of

his life. We conversed in person countless times in the greenhouse, on a fishing boat or at his home about numerous subjects..... He was like a second father to me!

Sometimes referred to as "The Great One" by his grandchildren and great grandchildren, he was truly a great friend to have!

His love for flowers and plants was only surpassed by his love for his family and friends."

Interment Private

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 377-8300
general@mwfuneralhome.com

Memorial mass

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception
200 Ware Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Tribute Wall



“ *Sincere condolences for your loss. May your love and many shared memories bring you comfort in the weeks and months ahead.* ”

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