



Elizabeth "Liz" Ford Reid

April 22, 1942 - February 21, 2023

Elizabeth "Liz" (Ford) Reid passed away peacefully at her home in St. George, Utah on February 20, 2023, at the age of 80. Liz was born in Huntsville, Alabama, and was the eldest child of Robert "Bobbie" Jewell Wright Ford and Freeman David Ford. After the births of her siblings Beverly and David (deceased), the family moved to Flint, Michigan, where her father passed when Liz was just 17.

At the age of 18, Liz spotted a newspaper ad recruiting typists for the Navy in Washington, D.C. She promptly hopped on a bus and landed a job in the Navy recruiting office. Liz worked hard, taking night classes to pass the Federal Service Entrance Exam, which allowed her to join the professional ranks of Human Resources for the Navy. After a short first marriage, Liz settled on her own in Virginia where she met and married fellow golfer and widower, Alex Reid. Despite a horrific auto accident on their honeymoon, Liz and Alex remained happily married for 29 years, living and working for the Army in Heidelberg, Germany, then back to the US for the Air Force until finally settling in Maryland. Later they retired and spent winters at the Vines South Wind golf community (Estero) Ft. Myers, Florida.

Liz was a naturally sociable person who loved being around people. Her strong work ethic and independence led her to take jobs as an independent contractor and consultant, despite ongoing rehab from the injuries she

sustained in the car accident. She even sold furniture for a time and really enjoyed it. Liz kept busy with golf and book clubs, as well as taking care of her mother before she passed, and then her husband Alex before he, too, passed in 2008.

After some time as a widow in the Vines at South Wind in Florida, Liz gave online dating a try and met Robert “Bob” Childs. The two embarked on a new set of adventures in Canandaigua, NY, Tooele and St. George, UT, and finally the picturesque town of Buffalo, Wyoming next to their newly acquired ranch in the Bighorn Mountains. Liz helped Bob make their many houses into homes, and her natural kindness, strong faith, and giving heart earned them many friends everywhere they went.

Liz was preceded in death by her parents, brother David, second husband Alex Reid, and stepson Peter Reid. Liz is survived by her husband, Bob, younger sister Beverly Provencher, stepchildren Donna McNeil and Jan Myers, along with many beloved step—grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of Liz's life will be held in Buffalo, Wyoming, at a date in the spring of 2023 to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Dixie Rehab and Hospice, 352 E. Riverside Drive Suite, 3B3, St. George, UT 84790 or The Brixton Museum, 239 Brinton Rd, Big More, WY 82833.

Memories and condolences can be shared through the Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah website at serenitystg.com.

Liz will always be remembered in our hearts for her fierce independence, love of people, and sweet nature. She lived a full and adventurous life and left a positive impact on everyone she met.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ I was so happy to meet Liz in Ft. Meyers, FL back when Bob and Liz spent time in Florida. Liz was such a good friend, she always had such a positive attitude and always made me laugh! I was so happy when Bob and Liz married. I know Liz enjoyed spending time at the ranch in Buffalo, in Canandaigua and in St. George with Bob and Oscar, their dog. I will always remember Liz and think of her often. ❤️🙏😊

Debbie Baldwin - May 09, 2023 at 10:55 AM

LW

“ Enjoyed Liz very much during our time together in Heidelberg, Germany. We could get ourselves “cracking-up” laughing together over some “emergency” issue that ended up not being an “emergency” at all. She was a kind, loving and “mouthy” friend and good personnelist. Know you and family will miss her greatly but also know your memories will be delightful! Blessings, Lottie Walker

Lottie Walker - March 28, 2023 at 05:35 PM

EP

“ Liz was someone I liked right away. She had a great love of life.

I liked to golf with Liz. She had a very proficient golf game. I always golfed better when we played.

Liz was always up for an adventure. Her love of traveling made for many interesting stories and insight.

She had many friends, one reason was she invited and cooked wonderful dinners for neighbors and friends.

Liz will be missed by us all.

Ellen Pedersen

Ellen Pedersen - March 14, 2023 at 08:37 PM

FF

“ Knowing Liz for the last 25 years has been a wonderful gift from above. I was proud to have been her sister in law. She had an expressive personality and a joy to be around. I won't cry because she's gone, but celebrate all memories she left behind. Fly and be Free

Flora Ford - March 12, 2023 at 12:58 AM

JM

“ I remember the day that Dad brought Liz to the house so we could meet her. Since that day, Liz was a Reid. Dad was so happy and very much in love. Liz was very special to us. She loved dad and they had wonderful adventures together. She was amazing, I think she could read dad's mind as to what he wanted! They had a loving relationship for 29 years. Liz was such a wonderful grandmother to our children. She always had their back. She attended many a sporting event, graduation and made family celebrations very special. None of that should be surprising because that's what grandparents do...and she was one of the best💙. I am forever grateful for her loving us all so much.

We were all so happy when Liz found love again! Bob and Liz were also meant for each other. Again, a partnership to be admired. Bob showed Liz how to live without a golf course...lol. He introduced her to the wide open range. They had many good times together! We were all so pleased for them.

Bob, we are so grateful for you loving Liz like you did. You made such a difference this past year. Grieving is such a personal thing. We all miss her so much. It is hard to believe that she is gone, but I know I will see her again! I pray that all the good memories you have will give you some comfort. Love, Jan

PS...Bob, last month you told me that we had a beautiful family. I'm so glad you think that because you are part of it. Much love sent💙

jan myers - March 09, 2023 at 06:04 PM

SM

“ I am going to miss Liz; she has been such a pillar in my life it's hard to believe she's not out there in the world camping, golfing, shopping, decorating, cooking, chatting, and just generally living large. She was such an involved grandmother figure to me. I was so lucky to live close to her and Pup-Pup when I was growing up (well, when they weren't snowbirding to Florida!); she and Pup-Pup were always there-- driving me to and from my sports activities and piano lessons, having me over for sleepovers, and just being so involved. Liz took me shopping and baked Christmas cookies with me. I have so many memories of her just being part of the fabric of my life-- birthdays, graduations, weddings. I will miss her, but I am also so grateful to have had so much time with her. She modeled how a family can be made and not born, and that's something I will carry with me forever.

Bob-- I'm sorry we missed our visiting time together with Liz, but I look forward to our paths crossing out West sometime. To paraphrase something my mom tells me-- I love who Liz loved, and she clearly loved you! Thank you for taking such good care of her and making the last 10 years a fitting final chapter for her.

Sarah McNeil - March 09, 2023 at 04:43 PM

MC

“ Lis was a truly genuine person who treated me like a friend from the moment we met. We only knew each other in a professional setting, but Liz was immensely personable and radiated a positive energy. I count myself lucky for having met her. I am sorry for your loss, Bob.

-Michael Cowgill

Michael Cowgill - March 07, 2023 at 01:26 PM

MS

“ I have only known Liz for a short time but she has left a lasting impression. In the time I spent with her, I was so impressed with her courage, grace and poise. I am so sorry for your loss, Bob.

Michele Stephan

Michele Stephan - March 07, 2023 at 01:06 PM

MS

“ I first met Liz soon after she had married my father-in-law. They met at the Pentagon where they worked.

Liz had a passion for playing golf. She also loved home decorating and much admired not only by friends and family. She was known for her kind and compassionate spirit to help in anyway. Also, full of new idea's'.

She is survived by her husband Bob Childs, whom she had an interesting and wonderful life together. Also, she is survived by her acquired grandchildren, Grant and Gavin Reid and they will miss her greatly.

Liz will always have a special place in my heart and will be missed deeply, also by many others and my family.

My love to Liz and more.

Mary S. Reid.

Mary Stewart Stewart - March 04, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ Liz was special indeed! Her kindness and love for everyone she met was extraordinary. We were so thrilled when Bob, our neighbor in Stansbury, met her! She was perfect for him - willing to travel and go on adventures. I don't I've ever met such a thoughtful person - always putting others before herself. She added a lot to the tapestry of our lives and will be missed terribly.

Deb Webb - March 04, 2023 at 05:15 AM

KP

Liz made me feel like I was her best friend from day. She lived a full life, but was taken too soon. I will always treasure the time spent with her and Bob. RIP liz

Karee Powell - March 06, 2023 at 09:28 PM

KH

“ Hello Bob,
It was so nice getting to know Liz. Liz was so welcoming and easy to talk with. She was always ready to go and try new adventures; from touring wineries in New York to going ATVing out on the ranch in WY, to road tripping to California. Liz was a special friend that always tried to make everyone around her happy. We will miss her a lot.

Ken Haupt



Ken Haupt - March 03, 2023 at 09:18 PM

SH

“ We are so glad Liz and Bob were able to go along with us to California in December. We had so much fun on our trip. We loved visiting with Liz and Bob in New York, also in Utah and Wyoming. Many fun trips together. We loved her zest and knowledge. Never a dull moment with all her stories. And what a great cook she was also.

I love you, Liz and miss talking with you and sharing good books. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Sandy Haupt



Sandy Haupt - March 03, 2023 at 08:42 PM

CC

I've known Liz since the late 60's. We were both working for the Department of Navy. We kept in touch over the years. My husband and I lived in CA for many years, but when we moved East it was great to see Liz/Bob. We had fun times. Luckily Liz came to Williamsburg, VA where we now live now last fall. We had a wonderful time and I feel so fortunate to have had that time with Liz. We, of course, relived some old memories, which was wonderful. I feel so grateful to have had that time with Liz. I think of Liz often and how much she meant to me.

Cynthia Cashore

Cynthia Cashore - June 23, 2023 at 10:17 PM

CK

“ Bob, What a beautiful tribute to Liz. Meeting Liz was like a ray of sunshine. She always made me feel special and cared about. She had such a wonderful sense of humor and loved sharing stories and memories of all her joyful adventures. She loved life and everyone that she met and let you feel that from her. Mom just loved Liz and was always so happy when you and Liz stopped to visit her. She will be greatly missed. I know she has a special place in Heaven. Sending my love and prayers to you and all her family and friends for comfort and peace.

Carol-Aynn Knott - March 01, 2023 at 07:50 PM

DL

“ Casinos, golf and playing around with our assets is what Bob and I did for years. Then out of the blue, he meets Liz in Florida! I was introduced to her and was soon golfing in Florida, Utah and any other place Bob wanted to go. I was blessed to have her spirit touch mine. We will meet again my friend.

David Lawrence - March 01, 2023 at 02:25 PM

GR

“ Liz is a legend in the family and will always be remembered. She had a huge impact on all of us. There are so many things that she did for us they cannot possibly all be remembered and listed here. We know she loved and cared for us as we did her. She always wanted the best for us and advised us appropriately. It's hard and sad to believe she is not on this Earth any longer and I will miss her dearly. I was always amazed by her energy and mental agility. In her dying days, she amazed me with her acceptance of death while at the same time still deeply thinking and caring for her family and wanting the best for us. We love you Liz and you are already missed.

GAVIN REID - March 01, 2023 at 12:56 PM

JD

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John M Dunham - March 01, 2023 at 12:11 PM

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John M Dunham - March 01, 2023 at 11:57 AM

JD

“ *Liz was a delight to share and spend time with, everyone always enjoyed talking with her about everything. Please know you both have been and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.*

John M Dunham - March 01, 2023 at 11:53 AM

GR

“ Liz joined our family when I was about 8-9 years old; I had known her for over 40 years. While we never lived close together, the visits were abundant and very memorable in such places as Florida, Maryland, Illinois, Missouri, North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, the Azores (Portugal), Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria, and finally in Utah just a few days before she left us. She traveled to attend my high school and college graduation ceremonies, and also my military retirement ceremony. She traveled to meet my young daughters not long after they were born, and would send them a card and money on their birthdays. She always cared deeply for me and the rest of my fellow grandchildren. She wanted us all to be successful and happy in life, and there was no shortage of advice sent our way to help make that happen, still even coming in her final days. Liz was one of a kind, and will be deeply missed.

Grant Reid - March 01, 2023 at 11:49 AM

KP

“ I will miss her for the rest of my life, We came to be very close friends, shared secrets and laughs. I told Bob when they met that she was perfect for him and she was. I'm so glad to have been close to Utah this winter so we could spend her last days together. I loved her, she was my friend and finally my sister in law. Karen

Karen Potter - February 28, 2023 at 10:19 PM

CP

Liz was a great addition to our family. She gave advise with a smile and always had something very nice to say about the people she encountered. You will be missed greatly. It won't be the same without you in our lives.

Cathy (Potter) Pestle - March 01, 2023 at 11:22 AM

MM

Bob and my husband Bruce were best friends from childhood on. When Bruce and I were married, they included me in the friendship. When Liz became part of Bob's life, she also became part of ours. She was the most delightful addition we could have wished for. Not only was she a perfect match for Bob, but also, she was a wonderful friend in her own right. Liz was creative, caring, inventive and positive. Life was never dull when Liz was around! Liz was my texting buddy. I am still starting texts that I don't send. We shall both miss her, but we are thankful for the great memories she left us.

MYRNA E. MORRISON - March 05, 2023 at 03:11 PM

BH

“*Bob, Liz's obituary is beautifully written. For only knowing someone a short amount of time, I fell in love with her. I loved her like a mom, a sister, and a best friend. There isn't very many people in the world that can fit all of those shoes and not be a blood relative. She was one of a kind. You said it best when you said, "She was one classy lady." Indeed she was and one of a kind. She taught me to live life to the fullest, to be a realist, to work hard, to plan, to organize, to be an avid reader, make friends, try a new recipe, and most of all dive into what the future holds with two feet. She had a resilient, never give up attitude! She has left a giant hole in my heart. She will be missed more than she could ever imagine. I love you both. May God comfort you and may you feel His and Her loving presence everyday in your life. With Sincere Love, Becky Hitt and Family*

Becky Hitt - February 28, 2023 at 04:51 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - February 28, 2023 at 11:52 AM