

John Stanley Hutchison



John Stanley Hutchison, Stan the Man May 1, 1922 - Feb. 7, 2010

Most of you didn't know John Stanley Hutchison. He survived the great depression on a small farm in Kansas. He served his country in WWII. He received his master's degree in electrical engineering (skipping two grades as a kid). Most don't know that in the '50s he would walk with young black children into convenience stores, places they were not allowed, to try to buy a coke. Stan sat in at the Piccadilly's and other places protesting their discrimination against blacks. He walked the walk for a doctor jailed for 25 years for saving the life of a young mother-to-be. He did this and much more when it took real courage to stand up against a way of life in America that was always in the shadows of the truth. Stan accomplished all this while supporting a family as an electrical engineer and geo physicist for Carter/ Standard Oil (Exxon). Stan was a humanist and philanthropist. He volunteered thousands of hours of service to C.O.R.E and so many other organizations supporting the rights of all people. He served on boards for his neighborhood councils and for his Unitarian Churches. Stan followed most of the rules of society, always with a dry sense of humor. He was an upstanding, unassuming man. He was a genius who loved his country and family and stood by the beliefs of equality and justice for all. He gave his four kids, their spouses and a bustle of grandkids a real mentor and teacher. He was the rudder on the ship, the stoic listener who believed commonality could be found through civility and true discourse. Stan was hit by lightning three times on the farm he grew up on in Kansas, making him a believer in the power of the universe. Every morning for 40 years he and his dear wife, Jeanne skinny-dipped in their hot tub. There they would spend a good hour solving all the problems of the world laughing and enjoying the great sunrises over Austin. As he fought that darn melanoma he kept his hat on but still shared that morning dip as long as his body allowed. Here is a man that with all the fallibility of humanness deserves a seat in the higher power energy fields of the "Lord." So, although many of you didn't know our dad, husband, grandpa and pop-pop we think you might have liked him. Stan was born May 1, 1922 in Wellington, Kansas the son of Bernal Davis Hutchison and Mildred Clarabel Ramsey Hutchison. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Colleen Teeter. He received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering in 1943 and in 1949 he received a M.S. degree in electrical engineering from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He was president of Unitarian Universal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma and on the board of Lost Creek Association in Austin, Texas. He is survived by his loving wife, Jeanne M. Hutchison, of 67 years; and children, Steve and Marieta Hutchison, eldest son and daughter-in-law of Lago Vista, Texas; Bruce and Sandi Hutchison, M.D., son and daughter-in-law of Livingston, Texas; Ann Hutchison McCormick and Chuck McCormick, daughter and son-in-law of Austin, Texas; Mark and Carolyn Hutchison, youngest son and daughter-in-law of Lucas, Texas; Kenton and Becky Hutchison, brother and sister-in-law of Mission Viejo, California; Harry and Cherre House, brother-in-law of Clear Lake, Texas; Russell Teeter, of Caldwell, Kansas; his once and forever son-in-law, Jim Swift, with wife Katy Nail, and grandkids Nathan, Shayla Swift; grandchildren, Brooke and Alexis, Cody and Bonner, Chevin and Jennifer, Trent and Tyson, Jessica and Catherine, Kylie and Brittney, Tyler John; great-grandchildren, Taylor, Payton, and Jordan; Austin and Emma. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Austin, Texas. Please send thoughts and support to JeanneandStan@yahoo.com in lieu of flowers, do something wonderful for someone and think of Stan.