



Frederick Thomas Boyd

November 3, 1947 - May 8, 2022

Frederick Thomas Boyd was born November 3, 1947, in Iowa City to Dr. Eugene

and Louise Pullman Boyd. He died peacefully on May 8, 2022, at his home with

his family in The Villages FL. He loved his life, his family and his career, and fought a patient and valiant battle with cancer.

He spent most of his youth in Sarasota, Florida, and attended the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. There he distinguished himself as an outstanding musician and scholar. He received Bachelor and Master Degrees as

well as the Performers Certificate in Bass Trombone. At Eastman he met Mary Shannon, his wife of 52 years.

Fred began his career while still a student, in the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra,

where he played for over 30 years. A versatile low brass player, Fred performed

on euphonium, tenor and bass trombone and tuba. At the time of his death he was still a performing member of the South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra, The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Chautauqua NY Symphony Orchestra where he played 37 summer seasons. His career also included travel,

playing with many US orchestras from Phoenix to Charlotte to New York, and

internationally from Osaka, Japan, to Helsingborg, Sweden.

Besides his love of music, Fred was an avid hobbyist, sometimes turning an interest into a passion or part time career. He raced bikes in motocross and enduro motorcycle events. He built a harpsichord. He was an excellent photographer, pretty decent athlete and a fearless pilot of anything that with wings. He learned to fly everything from gliders to small jets, flew commercially

for UPS and other private airlines in Syracuse. He built his own plane which he

flew everywhere for over 25 years and “almost crashed only once”. In retirement

he was an active member of E-flyers, a remote control plane club in The Villages.

Besides his wife, Mary Shannon Boyd, Fred is survived by his three sons: F. Remington Boyd of Baum Holder, Germany, Jonathan R. Boyd of Asheville, NC,

Michael J. Boyd of Austin, TX, and two beloved grandsons, Miles Frederick and Keller Michael Boyd also of Austin. He is also survived by his siblings Helen Boyd Healy of Sarasota, FL, John Boyd of Manitov Springs, CO, Jim and his wife, Jill Boyd of Greeley, CO. In South Carolina, extended family ties include Shannon, Hunsucker, Moore, Manning, Cooke and Pressley in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, Fred’s family would like memorials sent to one of the following:

The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra <https://www.thevillagesphilharmonic.org/support> , The South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra, <https://www.scphilharmonic.com/your-support/donate/> The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, <https://www.charlottesymphony.org/support/annual-giving/> or The Syracuse Symphoria Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, Cornerstone Hospice or the North Lake Presbyterian Church Music Fund.

A celebration of Fred's life will be held at North Lake Presbyterian Church at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 14th. At this service, his memory will be celebrated with performances by friends from the Villages Philharmonic, The Celebration Brass Band and other groups with whom Fred participated. A graveside service and burial will be at Hopewell A R P Church in Blackstock, SC on June 12, 2022, at 3:00 PM.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake, FL.

Tribute Wall

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“ Fred sure did understate hi fight with cancer. In fact, he understated hi mastery of multiple skills, interests and accomplishments. Fred was a fantastic musician in our SCPO brass section, and I have certainly missed his musical contribution and friendship during COVID. The gigs were few, as we had reduced orchetsra sizes during the past two seasons. Fred and I would converse about our experiences at Chautauqua, Eastman and Buffalo. While our paths didn't cross much up north, we had several friends and acquaintances in common to chat about. Whe we performed in SCPO together, I would look forward to his solid pitch, steady tempos, and awesome phrasing.

Mary, I know that this will sting for quite a while, as loosing a loved one always does, but Fred has left us all with a lifetime of smiles, great musical experiences, and a great example of a "life Well Lived"

Cheers to Fred, Love and Prayers to the Boyd Family!
Dave Allison

David Allison - May 19, 2022 at 12:56 PM

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“ Hi. We are long time Chautuaquans and have specia affection for the CHQ symphany. So sorry to hear of this sad news.

Rodney and Larry Greenberg

Larry Greenberg - May 16, 2022 at 04:50 PM

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“ *Larry Greenberg lit a candle in memory of
Frederick Thomas Boyd*



Larry Greenberg - May 16, 2022 at 04:46 PM