

The Story of Lou and Betty Reid

It was the summer of 1969 and life was wonderful for Lou, an 18-year-old without a care in the world. He had just graduated from high school, bought a new car, was engaged to be married, had a great job and a promising future ahead of him.

Everything seemed perfect until the day he dove into a swimming pool and broke his neck. In an instant, his life changed forever.

Fortunately, his fiancé was there to save him from drowning. For nine months, he would be hospitalized, amassing a large debt which our family had no way to repay.

Then, out of nowhere, Shriners stepped in and paid for everything. What a GODSEND they were to us!

A short time after Lou came home, our father decided that he wanted a new life, leaving our mother Betty to raise 6 children by herself. Unsurprisingly to us, this 4'10, 90 lb. dynamo was up for the challenge, making sure that our needs were always met even though she was now on a very limited and unreliable income.

Because of Lou's medical conditions, she even trained herself to be his live-in nurse. Lou also stepped up, embracing his new role as the father figure of our family. This allowed him and Betty to form a special bond and live together for 53 more years.

Not only would Lou enjoy a long career as a Software Developer and Stock Market Investor, he was also a Co-Founder of Automation Parts Warehouse and an integral part of Kidz Rock University.

The two of them were inseparable. If you found Lou, you always found Betty as she would either be sitting next to him or pushing him in his wheelchair. Often their neighbors would delight in seeing the two of them circling the block and would always stop them to say hello.

On August 8th, 2022, Betty passed away at the ripe, old age of 93, with Lou following behind her, just 9 months later.

Although we miss them so much, we take comfort in knowing that they are now back together again in heaven with spiritual bodies that will never be compromised in any way.

Rest in Peace Mom & Lou! Can't wait to see you both again!!!

The Reid Family