



## Donald J. Stolte

March 16, 1937 - July 5, 2012

Donald J. Stolte, of St. Louis, Missouri, was born March 16, 1937, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Christian H. and Ruth M. (nee Daugherty) Stolte, and entered into rest, Thursday, July 5, 2012, at St. Anthony's Medical Center, in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 75 years, 3 months and 19 days.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by three (3) siblings, David Stolte, Dennis Stolte, and Mary Ann McGraine, and many other relatives and friends.

He is fondly remembered and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements by Cremation Society of St. Louis, 10305 Big Bend, Kirkwood, MO 63122, (314) 205-0022.

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“ Rest in peace Donald, we love you and miss you.

Dan McGrane

**Dan McGrane** - August 06, 2012 at 06:36 PM

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**Geno Salvati** - July 12, 2012 at 10:36 AM

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“ I have so many great memories of Don - our unforgettable neighbor who got more fun out of everyday life than anybody else I know. The following tribute to him is a good overview of who he was, but the underlying stories are countless.

Don Stolte, long time resident and friend to many in Pasadena Hills passed away on July 5 at St. Anthony's Hospital. He was 75 years old. An avid gardener, cook, bird watcher, and fixit man, Don was a creative and generous soul who found fun and satisfaction in everything he did. He was a gifted home maintenance and repair man and worked for Schulte Hardware on Natural Bridge in the late '80s and early '90s. Owner Jim Schulte, noting Don's early engineering education at Rolla, said he was brilliant at devising ways to build or repair things. "He knew what to do and he did it well."

His lawn was lush, green and beautifully manicured. His home grown tomatoes, protected like Fort Knox by a lift away cage he designed, provided indescribable pleasure for lucky neighbors and friends throughout the summer. His backyard flower garden and feeding station attracted birds of every feather year round, and the Flowers in the Hills island bed that he helped bring into being on Ravinia furthered his reach.

Don never forgot a holiday, sending cards with beautifully penned notes within that arrived in the mail and on time. He loved to bake, barbeque and cook and he loved to share his delicious creations and recipes with his neighbors. With Don nearby, it was moveable feast - an ongoing exchange of food, conversation and visits.

As a young man, he lived on Ravinia with his family and then later, he moved back to Ravinia where helped take care of Doris Mellies just three doors down from his family home. Tending to her lawn, garden, home maintenance, and cooking, he created beautiful meals that met her special dietary requirements and helped her remain in her home until she passed in March 2011.

Beyond his wide family of friends in Pasadena Hills and wider community, Don is survived by a close family, one sister, Mary Ann McGrane, two brothers, Dave and Dennis Stolte, their spouses, and his nieces and nephews.

Known by some as "Froggy" for his raspy voice, his self-deprecating humor, exuberance and optimism moved him through many difficult challenges in his life with big-hearted determination. He never complained. He was kind, bull-headed, and sometimes impossible.

He made a mark in our community and in our hearts. He will be sorely missed.

Marjorie Pingel