



Stanley C. Staab

January 8, 1947 - March 5, 2024

Stanley C. Staab, 77 of Kearney, Nebraska , formerly Norfolk, Nebraska passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at his home in Kearney. Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 2024 at the First Presbyterian Church in Kearney, Nebraska. Pastor Clint Cozier will officiate and burial will be later. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the family, to be designated later. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Stanley Carl Staab passed away peacefully at home on March 5, 2024. He was born January 8, 1947 to Walter and Alice (Knudson) Staab in Ansley Nebraska. He attended schools in Ansley, San Diego CA and Carmichael CA, graduating from Ansley High School in 1965. He graduated from Kearney State College in 1970 and began teaching and coaching at Anselmo-Merna NE high school. He later taught at Broken Bow NE prior to beginning his career with the Nebraska Natural Resource Districts in 1979. He was the Information and Education Coordinator at the Upper Big Blue NRD in York NE for seven years and was named the General Manager of the Lower Elkhorn NRD in Norfolk NE in 1986, retiring from there in January, 2015. Stan loved his work and felt very strongly about the purpose of the Natural Resource Districts to conserve and protect our natural environment. He enjoyed the comradery of his fellow NRD managers throughout the state and had many

memories of tours, trips and meetings. They have remained close in retirement, gathering together annually to share old stories.

Stan and Victoria Meyer were married August 15, 1971 in Davenport NE. They had many fun travels, but enjoyed being together enjoying simple pleasures, whether it be a bike ride, hike or watching a beautiful sunset. They were blessed with two children, Brandi and Adam. Stan was a kind and nurturing father and set a great example for both of his beloved children. He cherished watching their two grandchildren, Kellen and Taylor grow to young adulthood.

Even though Stan chose not to make a lifelong career in teaching, he never lost his love of coaching. He was a youth coach for many years, primarily as a volunteer at the Norfolk YMCA and coached both Brandi and Adam and their friends in softball, baseball and basketball. He was his children and grandchildren's greatest supporter in whatever sport or activity they were involved in.

Stan was a past member of the Norfolk Kiwanis and Rotary clubs and was an active member of the First Congregational UCC Church in Norfolk and was a recent member of the Kearney First Presbyterian Church. Upon moving to Kearney in 2020, he became actively involved in the Central Nebraska Car Club, serving on the steering committee of the annual Cruise Night and was a volunteer at the Classic Car Collection. He made many friends among the car buffs in the short time he was involved and loved showing his 36 Ford Coupe and sharing car stories with anyone that would listen.

He considered one of his greatest personal accomplishments in retirement the completion of his book, *They All Came Home*, chronicling the military service of his father and uncles in World War II.

Stan was loved by many and will be greatly missed by those he leaves behind: wife, Vicki, daughter Brandi (Dallas) Hoover, son Adam Staab, brother Steve (Marilyn) Staab, grandchildren Kellen and Taylor Rossman and their father Jared Rossman, mother-in-law Carol Meyer, brother-in-law Chris (Teresa) Meyer, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law Victor Meyer and infant twin daughters.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
4511 6th Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Vicki and family -

I was so saddened to hear of Stan's passing.

He volunteered at the Classic Car Collection on days when I was there too.

I so enjoyed visiting with him. He was a patient listener, sympathetic, and understanding.

I kept up with his progress writing his book. It was a major effort he was determined to finish.

It won't be the same to pull into the parking lot at the Car Collection and not see his pickup there. I will miss him.

My sincere sympathy to you and your family -

--Diana Keith

Diana Keith - March 09, 2024 at 01:12 PM

MW

“ Vicki, this is sad news indeed. Stan was one of the best and nicest men we have ever known. We enjoyed being around him at church functions. Loved his ever present smile and adored his sense of humor. He will truly be missed but know that God has a very special place just for him. Our love and prayers are with you and the rest of your family. Norm & Marj. Winder

Marjorie P. Winder - March 08, 2024 at 10:25 AM

RC

“ Vicky and Steve i'm so sad by the loss of Stan. I've known the Stabs all of my life and have fond memories of Walter and Alice. The last year and a 1/2 , I believe i've ran into Stan a couple of times and I greatly enjoyed hearing his passion about the book he was writing. I remember my dad talking about the difficult situation Walter had I believe it was an Angel Beach in World War II. I have very vivid memories of chatting with Stan at the coffee shop in Kearney about a year ago and him giving me the updates on this book. I look forward to the chance to having an opportunity to read his book.

My sympathies go out to the family. Steve, I haven't seen you in quite a few years. I think last time I remember you were umpiring a softball game.

*Peace,
Ron Cox
Mason City*

Ron Cox - March 07, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ Mrs. Staab, I was so sorry to hear about Stan-what a great guy he was! I have so many fond memories of you guys with Mack and Mueller back in the day! He was kind, funny and a good friend to have. I'm sending you good thoughts as you navigate this next chapter but know that I count myself lucky to have known him as a friend. Neil Powell

Neil Powell - March 07, 2024 at 03:37 PM

TM

Stan was an outstanding human being and a great example for all others to follow. He was greatly respected in the natural resources conservation world. I am extremely fortunate to have been acquainted with him and admired his demeanor especially how he dealt with people. I wish the family the very best during this sad time. Tom Mountford

Tom Mountford - March 08, 2024 at 12:31 PM

LK

I'm another one of those guys that got to know Stan through the Natural Resources Districts system. Stan was always involved with all aspects of the NRDS. He was a leader and a great friend. When I was hired as manager of the LLNRD, Stan was the first to call to congratulate me and welcome me to the fraternity of NRD managers. He was a brother and someone I will forever remember. God bless him and his wonderful family! Butch and Linda Koehlmoos.

Leon 'Butch' Koehlmoos - March 08, 2024 at 07:27 PM

TD

“ *Sending my deepest Sympathies to you and your family Vickie, Tina Dowling*

Tina Dowling - March 07, 2024 at 08:35 AM

JP

“ *To Vicki and your family, you have my deepest sympathy. I'm sad to hear this news. What a wonderful person Stan was. I enjoyed listening him talk about his work, it was clear that he was passionate about it. He was a wise leader, Sunday School teacher, and welcoming soul at the church in Norfolk.*

Jackie Perry - March 06, 2024 at 08:03 PM

JW

“ *Our sympathies! We knew Stan through the NRD. Jim and Mary Ann Wortmann!*

James and Mary Ann Wortmann - March 06, 2024 at 05:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Stanley C. Staab.



March 06, 2024 at 12:16 PM