



Stanford 'Stan' Smith

September 4, 1930 - December 5, 2014

STANFORD 'STAN' ELLIS SMITH

ADRIAN – Stan Smith, 84, went to be with the God he knew and loved on December 5, 2014.

He was born September 4, 1930, in Adrian to Stanley and Gladys (Betz) Smith. His beautiful wife, Chloan, preceded him in death in 2012 after 58 years of marriage.

In 1948, he graduated from Britton High School and then graduated from Albion College in 1952. From 1952 to 1954, he was in the U.S. Army, spending most of his time in Germany. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a MA Degree in 1960, and from Michigan State University in 1977 with an Educational Specialist Degree. He taught at Richmond High School, Richmond, MI, from 1954 to 1955. He was then a teacher and administrator at Roseville High School, Roseville, MI, until his retirement in 1986.

In his later years, he loved to garden and listen to 40's and 50's music. He was a gifted woodcarver, creating mostly ducks and birds that he sold at shows in Michigan and Ohio. He and his wife both had an intense interest in the Lenawee County Historical Museum in Adrian and enjoyed donating their

time to this very worthy organization.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Adrian. He was also a member of many organizations including: Jaycee's (Utica, MI); Rotary, serving as president (Roseville, MI); Lions Club (Lake Orion, MI); and Kiwanis Club (Adrian).

Stan and Chloan's biggest enjoyment was their friends with whom they spent much time. These are the people who helped them through many "hard times" and "happy times." As a result, they led very rich lives.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Nancy (William Dusa) Schang of Morenci; sister-in-law, Jeanne Laser of Waldron; brother-in-law, Howard (Colleen) Laser of Adrian; cousins, Jack (Nancy) Baughey and Gladys Sue (Thomas) Prange, both of Adrian. Surviving nieces and nephews are Lisa Mynhier of Fayette, OH; Lenny Seeley of Surprise, AZ; Amy Molloy of Newport Beach, CA; Patty McQueary of Hopewell, NJ; Mark Laser of Toledo, OH; Bart Laser of Hillsdale, MI; Brad Laser of Montpelier, OH; Ben Laser of Alanson, MI; Barry Laser of Palm Springs, CA; and Julie Laughlin of Hudson, MI.

The memorial Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 11, 2014 at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Drew Hart and Rev. Greg Burdine officiating and military honors conducted by VFW Annis Fint Post #1584.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the First United Methodist Church of Adrian, Hospice of Lenawee, The Salvation Army or Lenawee Historical Museum. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stanford 'Stan' Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Stan's passing. Please give our words of condolence to the family. Stan always was friendly and cheerful every time we had the chance to meet around Adrian and at family events. Always a smile on his face, he will be missed.*

Jack and Margaret Beach and family

Jack and Margaret Beach - December 10, 2014 at 08:21 PM



“ *Condolences to the Smith family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says Jehovah God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and Peace.*

Williams Family - December 09, 2014 at 08:53 PM

KO

“ We were so very sorry to hear of Stan's passing. Though we worked with Chloan on many, many projects, Stan was always a wonderful source of advice on so many things and was equally generous with his time and talent, especially when it came to landscaping. We always enjoyed our time and conversations with him as he was so interesting and well informed and we loved his great sense of humor. Stan was also the creator of much beauty with his gardens and wonderful carved birds. We are the proud owner of several of those birds and we always think of Stan when they catch our eye as we walk by them. Now they will be doubly precious as a reminder of a wonderful gentleman.

We are sorry we cannot be at the service for Stan. Kathy is in Chicago helping our daughter with a major move and the little ones and Mike has a long-awaited doctor appointment Thursday morning. Our sincere condolences to Stan's family. We will be with you spirit.

Kathy and Mike O'Brien - December 09, 2014 at 12:08 PM

KV

“ Stan was a great neighbor. He was always working hard, but took time out to say hello. We shared a love of education and history and Richlyn Manor. He will be missed.

Ken VanOostendorp - December 08, 2014 at 01:14 PM

MD

“ Stan and I met a few years ago because of our mutual love for birds. From that first meeting our relationship grew into something very special to me and I hope to him as well. Besides our weekly dinners or lunches my most cherished memory with Stan was our trip to Magee Marsh in Ohio this last spring. Stan and I traveled there to see the beautiful Warblers as they journey on their migration each year. We shared a wonderful day looking at and admiring God's beautiful birds.

Stan always kept an eye on the paper to see how many of my photos were in it each day. When we spoke he would either say "I see you have been busy lately" or "I haven't seen your pictures lately". Stan was an amazing man who would do whatever to help anyone he came in contact with. In the time I got to spend with Stan I never saw him angry or upset about anything. He was always so happy and positive and being around him I could not help but feel the same way.

I miss you my friend and I take comfort in knowing that you are in heaven reunited with your beautiful wife Chloan. When we meet again I will look forward to you showing me the beautiful birds God has for us in heaven.

Mike Dickie



Mike Dickie - December 07, 2014 at 07:57 AM

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On behalf of Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of Stan. He was a regular exhibitor at our Woodcarver's Show for many years. The quality of his work and his wonderful personality were appreciated by all of us and our guests. At our 2014 show, Stan received the People's Choice Award for his carvings. We will miss him.

Sue Link, Special Events Coordinator - December 11, 2014 at 07:32 AM