



Roy Stanley Merrill

August 19, 1934 - June 9, 2019

Roy Stanley “Stan” Merrill, age 84, went to heaven to be with Jesus on June 9, 2019.

Roy Stanley was born on August 19, 1934, at home in Jefferson Township, Tipton County, Indiana, to C. Ralph and M. Belle (Osborn) Merrill. Known as Roy Stanley for years, in first grade, there were two “Roy’s” so the teacher asked about calling him by his middle name, Stanley. In later years, this was shortened to “Stan.”

After graduating from Sheridan High School in 1952, Stan attended Indiana University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Business in 1956. Upon graduation from I.U., he taught as a Commerce Teacher at his alma mater Sheridan High School for three years. He then taught in the Kokomo School Corporation at Kokomo High School (1959-1968, 1984-1994) and Haworth High School (1968-1984) as a Business Teacher, Coordinator of Cooperative Office Education, and Guidance Counselor. He earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Indiana University in 1961. He retired in 1994 after a 38-year career in Education.

Licensed as a real estate sales agent and broker, Stan was also a Realtor with Pencek Realtors-Developers in mid 1970’s-1980’s.

A mutual friend introduced Stan to Sharon “Sherry” Osborn. They married on June 21, 1964, in a small country church, Blanche Chapel, in Liberty Township, Wells County, Indiana. They made their home in Kokomo, Indiana. Stan and Sherry had two sons, Tony and Eric. They were members of Grace United Methodist Church.

When they retired, Stan and Sherry pursued genealogy, volunteer work, and activities at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church. In 1996, they moved to Minnesota to be close to their sons and their families. They were members of The Well, a United Methodist Church.

A life-long, avid bird lover, Stan always had some combination of feeders, baths, and houses for the birds outside. He enjoyed caring for and watching the birds. He hand-fed

meal worms to chickadees.

Stan was preceded in death by Sherry, his wife of 53 years. He is survived by his son Tony and Tony's wife Paula and his granddaughters Natalie and Linnea as well as his son Eric and Eric's wife Cindy and his grandchildren Oliver, Ava, Lorena, and Dahlia. He is also survived by his sisters Kathleen "Kathy" Baker and Rosemary "Rosie" Griffis.

The family is celebrating his life and his being in heaven with a private memorial service in Minnesota. He will be interred in McFarren Cemetery in Liberty Township, Wells County, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Indiana University School of Medicine to support research that improves care for cancer, dementia, diabetes, and other diseases are much appreciated.

Make memorial gifts payable to "IU Foundation" and mail to IU Foundation, P.O. Box 7072, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7072. Please indicate "In memory of Stan Merrill" on the gift.

Comments



“ I have only known Stan for the last 1 1/2 years, having met he and Sherry working in the Assisted Living building they moved to. I am certainly glad to have spent some wonderful time with Stan while he went through PT.

I absolutely loved the wonderful sense of humor he had, and we joked our way through many sessions! He always made me smile, and I was very glad to have his company and to visit with him whether he was getting PT, or not. He was always a treat to chat and joke with. We sat in his 'garden view' apartment and watched the birds and squirrels often, and he would remind me, "you better get back to work, if they catch you sitting here visiting with me, I'll get fired!"

Tony and Eric, I'm very happy to have known and spent time with your dad. I'm sad for your loss, but I know your mom and dad are happy and peaceful together again.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Rasset, PT Department at New Perspectives

mary jo rasset - June 12 at 04:37 PM



“ Tony Merrill is following this tribute.

Tony Merrill - June 12 at 07:56 AM



“ Growing up on a farm, our Mother helped outdoors in the farm fields; therefore, we kids were responsible for having lunch ready at noon. With Stan being older, he was in charge.

We spent many hours playing "school", using tree stumps for desks and chairs..Maybe that influenced Stan and Kathleen becoming teachers.

We were taught to share responsibilities. Once Stan moved to Minnesota after retirement, we didn't get to see he and his family much. We did get to spend a few days with him last summer. We were grateful for that time together. We tried to stay in touch

thru the telephone but it was difficult trying to get our schedules to match up.

He definitely will be missed.

We hope both Tony, Eric and their families will stay in touch.

May God be with all of you during this difficult time.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the graveside service.

Love,

Aunt Rosie

Rosemary Griffis - June 11 at 11:55 PM



“ He was a wonderful brother; I honestly cannot ever remember having an argument with him. I will certainly miss him.

When we were kids--he was always a watcher and lover of birds; I recall lying on blanket in our front lawn watching birds.

He was also an animal lover--he told me about squirrels that would get into the bird feeders; he would catch them in squirrel cage and then drive to city park to release them.

He introduced me to my husband who was his roommate at IU, and we were married 54 years and 54 days before he lost his battle with cancer.

When he was in excellent health, he would frequently telephone me when Sherry would get her hair done, and we would talk 40 to 50 minutes.

We shared personal information--for ex. we would discuss our teacher pension dollars, our medical costs, whether we had long term care insurance--just all sorts of things.

We were both avid IU basketball fans--all these decades. I recall one time telephoning him and asking if he were safe--IU had beaten Purdue in basketball--with Sherry, both sons Purdue graduates I kidded him--was he safe, did he need to lock himself in the bathroom for his safety. Even as his health failed, I would telephone the prev. day to remind him of a basketball game, its time and on what channel it would be broadcast.

Rosemary and I went to MN to visit him late June 2018; I had an IU tee shirt of my husband's which Don had not worn. I took it and he and I both 'wore' our IU tee shirts and the three of us--Stan, Rosemary and I were pictured with the two of us sporting IU attire. (Rosemary went to DePauw)

I am honored to be his sister. I honestly think his going to IU influenced my decision to attend Indiana University.

Kathleen Merrill Baker, June 10, 2019

Kathleen Merrill Baker - June 10 at 10:57 PM