



Stanley John Reske

October 9, 1944 - March 20, 2020

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RACINE-The morning of his death, our Dad sat overlooking the Atlantic Ocean watching the sunrise “God’s painting in the sky”. Stanley John Reske, born on October 9, 1944, enjoyed his last sunrise and ocean view with his wife of 49 years and 2 weeks, Joanne (nee: Rauwerda) Reske, on Friday, March 20, 2020 in Satellite Beach, FL. Dad was born in Racine, WI to Henry and Esther (Brenning) Reske. The family moved to Brantford, Ontario and it was there he graduated from Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School and served his apprenticeship with Koehring Waterous; He returned to Racine and enlisted in the Army, where he counted more than 500 days in Vietnam. (1968 to 1970).

Upon returning home, Dad met Mom; we remember him reflecting on those days with a quiet smile on his face, saying “She saved me.” They were married at Holy Communion Lutheran Church on March 6, 1971 where they remained members. Just one year after saying “I do”, Dad and Mom welcomed twin boys to their family and five years later, another baby boy. In those early years, Dad had several jobs, at Case Co., Gales M, various other tool shops, and finally at Dynamatic Corp. in Kenosha working as a mechanical engineer. He retired from there after more than 20 years of service. After retirement, Dad took to woodworking from his shop at home, where he crafted many beautiful pieces for each of us.

We remember the days of family vacations in the brown Oldsmobile; Dad

napping in his chair after work, his interesting sayings (like “that’ll make the cheese more binding”) that we never quite understood, but always knew what he meant; and his hugs and kisses because there was never any question he loved us. Between his wood projects in the shop, fishing at his friends cottage and Dad’s interest in all the newest technologies, he kept busy and enjoyed Mom and his growing family.

In recent years, Dad and Mom trekked south for the month of March to leave behind the Wisconsin winter and get some sunshine and walks on the beach. And that is where Dad’s life story ends...after a walk on the beach, a tumultuous airboat ride, a dip in the pool, some good shrimp, quiet time with Mom, one last daybreak...and eternity begins.

Stan Reske, age 75, is survived by his wife, Joanne, three sons: Michael (Ryan) Reske, Scott (Kara) Reske, Richard Reske; five grandchildren: David, Kallia, Elliott, Emma and Jackson; brother, Jim Reske and dearest friends and in-laws Bernie and Suzie Rauwerda. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Ron Reske and special friend John Wolcott. In view of COVID-19 restrictions, a private family service will be held with Pastors Mark Doidge and Laura Fladten officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Stanley John Reske*



Sturino Funeral Home - March 30, 2020 at 01:01 PM

JR

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Jim Reske - April 04, 2020 at 10:28 AM

RF

“ *Stan and I met in Vietnam and became friends. Just two days ago a lifelong friend Called and said it is time to start making contact with old friends because our time is limited. So today I made my first call. It was to Stan. I had his number because he took the effort to call me about 2 years ago. We had a great talk.. He made contact with me through his optometrist. The number I had was no longer in service so I went to look Stan up on line and his obituary came up. What a shock. God bless to his family. He was truly a wonderful person and thought me a lot when I was a machinist in the service. Like Stan I now have enjoyed woodworking. Dick Foss, La Crosse*

Richard Foss - March 31, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Stanley John Reske.*



March 27, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *Jim and Debbie Andrews purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stanley John Reske.*



Jim and Debbie Andrews - March 27, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ *To Scott and the entire Reske extended family. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant you strength and peace to look on the past with joy and the future with hope.*

Tom Hoffelder

Tom Hoffelder - March 27, 2020 at 09:07 AM

TF

“ Stan & Joanie are our wonderful neighbors and dear friends! They have been our children's in-state grandparents!!! We have so many wonderful memories of Stan! We watched him through our kitchen window as he rode around on his blue lawn mower cutting his grass just about every two days! He loved to be outside gardening, picking weeds and helping Joanie with the flowers. In fact, if you check out Google Maps, you'll find Stan working on his yard. Stan would always have a tool in his hand. It could be a bottle of Windex as he cleaned his front glass door. Other times, he had a broom and swept the front rug and porch. He always had the perfect garden hose with the most perfect nozzle on it. (He even gave me one as a special gift!) We would always stop and chat with Stan on our way to the mail box. He surprised us with his extraordinary wood building skills and created two of the most beautiful new mailboxes!

You could always tell when Stan was outside. He would proudly park his truck in the driveway. He loved to enjoy his summer time beverage...one could hear a pop and the can crusher!

Ever since our children were young, Stan & Joanie were always there for them. As they grew older, they brought their newly engaged future spouses to meet Stan & Joanie! Every time our kids are in town...they can't wait to dash over to Stan & Joanie's to let them know what is happening in their lives.

We will miss seeing Stan through our front window! But, we know that Stan will always be watching us through God's most vast and beautiful window of his world. Love you Stan!

Terry & Will Preischel and family

Terry & Will Preischel & family - March 26, 2020 at 03:28 PM

AJ

“ 60 some years ago Stan was a buddy of mine; we went to Sunday school together, we were confirmed together and we played Little League baseball together. Stan was our pitcher and I was Stan's catcher.

Rest in peace little buddy. Art Justus

Art Justus - March 26, 2020 at 12:15 AM

JK

“ Jarad & Barbara Kauers purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Stanley John Reske.



Jarad & Barbara Kauers - March 25, 2020 at 02:58 PM