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Stanley Kirkwood, passed away at his home on January 19th, 2021 after a long battle with cancer. He was grateful to be surrounded by his family. Stan was born on September 5th, 1948 in Ellwood City, PA. He attended California University of Pennsylvania where he met the love of his life, Thea. They traveled across the country, living in Pennsylvania, Maryland, California, Illinois and finally Michigan. Later, he received his MBA from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Stan lived an extraordinarily full life. He held occupations ranging from social worker to kindergarten teacher to CIO of La-Z-Boy. He loved coaching his son's soccer team, attended countless swim meets, volleyball tournaments, dance recitals, and was the creator of fantastical bedtime stories. He loved to dance, read, play cards, tend to his expansive lily garden, and create beautiful stained-glass lamps. Stan's legacy is devotion to his wife and family, enduring friendships, spiritual uplifting and personal humility.

Stan is survived by his wife, Thea Kirkwood; son, Justin (Sarah) Kirkwood; daughters, Julia (Brad) Kimball and Emily (Joel) Walker; grandchildren, Lukas Kimball, Tyler Kimball, Emily Kimball, Gregory Kirkwood, Leto Walker, and Everett Kirkwood; sisters, Debbie (John) Wallace, Vicki (Andy) Homner; In-laws, Theodore and Dorothy Cheselske; brother-in-law Dennis (Debbie) Cheselske; sisters-in-law, Joyce Whitford, Dianne (Bert) Primo, Paula Pushic and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Wayne and Ida Mae Kirkwood.

Stan took great pleasure in his participation on the board of his beloved Crystal Lake. Memorial donations can be made to the preservation of Crystal Lake via the non-profit foundation. The address is Crystal Lake Perch Foundation, PO Box 193, Somerset Center, MI 49282. There will be no public service at this time.



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LY

Lydia posted:

Thea the Rillton people loved you!

November 21 at 4:46 AM

RM

Richard Micka posted:

To the Family of Stan Kirkwood. I had the great opportunity to work with Stan at LA-Z-BOY Incorporated for many years. He was a wonderful friend and fellow employee. He will most certainly be missed. Please accept my most sincere condolences. Richard Micka
rgm47@comcast.net Richard Micka February 26, 2021 5:00PM

February 26 at 9:48 PM

DP

David Pixley posted:

My condolences to Thea and the family. I worked with Stan at La-Z-Boy. I was touched deeply by Stan when in 1998 I had a serious surgery and Stan called and sent a wonderful get well gift and card. He is fondly remembered as a friend and co-worker. Dave Pixley

January 30 at 4:52 PM

JO

John posted:

What started as a professional relationship with Stan 25 years ago grew into the most beautiful of friendships. Our breakfasts at Bob Evans always went longer than planned as we would get lost in solving world problems, sharing philosophies, and praising our wives, kids, and later, grandkids. Stan, of course, would finish each with a recommendation, or three, of books which he felt I would enjoy. When health became an important part of the conversation our friendship bonded yet tighter. We were open and honest to each other and did our best to provide support. The 23rd Psalm became our connecting rod. So, as we temporarily separate, it is good to know Stan that you ARE dwelling in the Lord's own house for length of days unending". With love, admiration, and appreciation, John.

January 28 at 10:40 AM



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DG

Don Gautz posted:

You have my deepest sympathy! Stan and I first met many years ago when he started working at La-Z-Boy. We both worked in the I.T. Department. He was a great friend as well as a great co-worker. We have kept in touch over the years and I will miss him! Today when I pass along political jokes and cartoons (we were both staunch Republicans) it just doesn't seem right not adding his name to the list anymore. With sympathy, Don Gautz

January 27 at 8:23 AM

GB

Gene Bialy posted:

Thea and family I am so sorry for your loss. Stan was a fine man and a great co-worker and friend. Reading of his passing was such a shock. Please accept my sympathy

January 26 at 3:40 PM

JM

Judy Murray posted:

Thea and family, We are so sorry about the loss of your husband and father Stan. We hope your memories will bring you comfort at this time. Judy and Dave Murray

January 26 at 7:26 AM

KA

Kathleen A Ahonen posted:

No matter how long we are lucky enough to have a loved one with us, it is never long enough. Stan's absence will be keenly felt. Our thoughts are with all of you, The Ahonen family

January 26 at 5:08 AM

RG

Randy Goins posted:

Thea and family, I was greatly saddened to hear the news of my dear friend Stan today. I always loved working with him and for him. I will never forget his smile, sense of humor and his work ethic. You and your family have my deepest sympathies. He was a great man.

January 25 at 11:53 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stanley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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