



William J. Stanley

May 2, 1942 - November 4, 2025

William J. Stanley,

83, of Fishers, Indiana, passed away November 4, 2025 at IU Hospital in Fishers, Indiana. Born May 2, 1942, in Manchester, Ohio, Bill was the son of the late Robert William Stanley and Otis Frances “Pansy” White. He graduated from Williamsburg High School in 1960 and went on to serve in the United States Navy, where he was stationed aboard the USS Borie DD-704, a destroyer. Bill later attended Miami University of Ohio before earning his degree from Indiana University. On January 6, 1962, Bill married his childhood sweetheart, Lola King, and together they enjoyed a full and happy life until Lola’s passing in December of 2008.

Bill began his career as an Adjuster with American States Insurance, where he met many lifelong friends, including Hugh McGowan, who would later become his business partner. Together, they founded McGowan and Stanley, a successful property and casualty insurance business. Bill would go on to open his own business, Stanley Insurance Company in Carmel, Indiana, where he worked until his retirement in 2013. In retirement, Bill realized his dream of traveling the country, visiting friends and family, and creating new memories.

A passionate tennis player, Bill spent countless hours on the court. He was part of a tight-knit group of friends who gathered every morning to play. Together, they enjoyed the camaraderie of friendly competition, and their love of the game took them to warm destinations for tennis tournaments and travel.

These tennis buddies became lifelong friends, and Bill treasured the time he spent with them both on and off the court.

For the last two years of his life, Bill resided at Meadow Brook Assisted Living in Fishers, where he enjoyed the company of new friends and became a beloved member of the community. His warmth, humor, and kind heart left a lasting impression on those who knew him.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Pansy Stanley; his beloved wife, Lola; and his daughter, Kimberly Huff. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Kellie and Brett Boston; his brothers, Anthony Jay (Janet) Stanley and Jerry (Mary) Stanley; his sister-in-law, Patricia (Richard) Ostella; his grandchildren, Jackie Santana-Pasch (Brad) and Jonathan Huff (Lynn Roach); his son-in-law, Larry Huff; and his great-grandson, Beckett Santana. Bill's great sense of humor and ability to bring joy and laughter to those around him remained with him until the very end.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff at Meadow Brook Assisted Living and to the caring professionals at IU Hospital in Fishers for their kindness and support during Bill's final days.

A Celebration of Bill's life will be held Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 12 noon until the time of the service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road. Burial will immediately follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road. The service will be conducted by Bill's brother, Anthony Jay Stanley.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association, in honor of Bill's life and the legacy of kindness and laughter he leaves behind.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Funeral Service

NOV 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DK

“ Dan and Kris purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William J. Stanley.



Dan and Kris - November 14, 2025 at 11:46 AM

MF

“ Marianne, Hilary and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William J. Stanley.



Marianne, Hilary and family - November 14, 2025 at 08:14 AM

MF

“ Marianne, Hilary and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Stanley.

Marianne, Hilary and family - November 14, 2025 at 08:14 AM

GD

“ Grover & Angie Davis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William J. Stanley.



Grover & Angie Davis - November 13, 2025 at 09:16 AM

GD

“ Grover & Angie Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Stanley.

Grover & Angie Davis - November 13, 2025 at 09:16 AM

MF

“ Michael and Suellen O'Moore family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William J. Stanley.



Michael and Suellen O'Moore family - November 12, 2025 at 08:50 PM

MF

“ Michael and Suellen O'Moore family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Stanley.

Michael and Suellen O'Moore family - November 12, 2025 at 08:50 PM

JF

“ Joe Ramsey, Carol Cope and family purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of William J. Stanley.



Joe Ramsey, Carol Cope and family - November 10, 2025 at 07:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William J. Stanley.*



November 10, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ *The Clubhouse Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Stanley.*

The Clubhouse Family - November 10, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ *I'm writing on behalf of my mom, Joanne, who was so fortunate to have Bill as a dear friend and companion at Meadowbrook. They spent so many wonderful times together—sharing meals, watching movies, and simply enjoying each other's company. Our family is deeply grateful for the kindness, laughter, and friendship Bill brought into her life. He will be greatly missed.*



Jill Sommerfeld - November 10, 2025 at 03:38 PM



My sincere condolences to Kellie and Brent and all of Bill's family. Live on, and honor Bill with the way in which you do so. May you feel Bill and Lola spirit on your shoulder everyday! Love and hugs, Pam Aguirre

Pan Aguirre, REALTOR - November 10, 2025 at 10:40 PM

CW

“ We remember Bill helping us move from Southport to New Richmond in 1975. We loaded a U haul to make that move. He was always ready to help. He will be missed.

Chuck and Trish Waldemayer - November 09, 2025 at 09:03 AM

JM

“ Jan M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Stanley.

Jan M. - November 09, 2025 at 07:57 AM