



Stanley Benke, Jr.

December 28, 1955 - March 25, 2021

Memorials to the family for later designation. Visitation is public but the Funeral is private for family but available via live stream at: <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1129046>

Stanley Ernest Benke, Jr. was born in Omaha on December 28, 1955 to Stan and Laurene Benke. Stan grew up in Waterloo, where he attended Waterloo Public School. He was very active in sports, with baseball and football as his favorites. Stan graduated from Waterloo in May of 1974. In the fall of 1974, he was enrolled at the University of Nebraska at Omaha majoring in Business Management.

Stan started his employment with Union Pacific Railroad between his junior and senior years in high school, working for his Dad on a track maintenance gang. Stan went back to school his senior year in very good physical shape for football. Stan continued his employment with the railroad for 13 years. He was a relief section foremen and a track inspector.

It was during the summer of 1975 that Stan met his future wife, Cheryl. Stan and Cheryl were married on April 23, 1977. Cheryl and Stan made their home in Waterloo. They have three children, Tina, Stanley III, and Amy. Waterloo was a great place to raise their children. Stan was actively involved with coaching his son's little league baseball and daughter's softball teams over a ten year period. Stan and Cheryl enjoyed watching their children continue on with their sports and activities. The Benke family went on many family

vacations and made annual trips to Arkansas for the holidays.

After working for the railroad, Stan began working for Lyman Richey Corporation. Stan eventually became the Safety Director. Stan served on the American Society of Safety Engineers, Board of Directors of the Nebraska Construction Safety Professionals, Mine Safety and Health Administration's Grants Advisory Committee, Health Council of Greater Omaha, and the Western Douglas County Crime Stoppers.

Stan wanted to give back to the Waterloo Community and decided to run for the election to the Waterloo Village Board of Trustees. He was elected at the age of 24 and won by two votes. You can imagine how many recounts were done. Throughout the years he served on the Village Board and became Mayor. He worked endlessly on projects including the levee and won the 2011 Citizen of the Year Award given by the Western Douglas County Chamber of Commerce for over 30 years of public service.

Stan enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, Timmy and Matthew Petersen, Adrianna and Vincent Benke, and Gianna and Kennedy Radicia. They lit up his eyes and Stan had endless laughing moments. He loved the many sleepovers, eating popcorn with them, watching them play sports, and having them help in his garden.

Stan was preceded in death by his mom Laurene Benke (McLeish), dad Stanley Benke Sr., step-mom Marlene Benke (McLeish), brother Scott Benke, father-in-law Kenneth Fix Sr., brother-in-law Brad Lewis, nephew Andrew Lewis. He is survived by his wife Cheryl Benke, daughter Tina Petersen (Mark) of Papillion, Stanley Benke III (Emily) of Bennington, Amy Radicia (Joe) of Gretna, grandchildren Timothy and Matthew Petersen, Adrianna and Vincent Benke, Gianna and Kennedy Radicia, sister Linda Lewis, mother-in-law Marlene Fix, sister-in-law Vicky Baughman (Tom), brother-in-laws, Kenneth Fix Jr (Wendy) and Michael Fix and many nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home-Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Graveside Service

MAR **31**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

Tribute Wall



“*Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Stanley Benke, Jr.*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - March 26, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“*Stanley Benke, Jr.*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“*“Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.”*

john selema - March 31, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“*I am so sorry to hear of Stan's passing. I served on the board of the Nebraska Construction Safety Professionals with Stan and we became good friends. When ever I was in Omaha we would try to get together for lunch and share our experiences. Stan was one of the nicest and most sincere people I've ever met. May God bless and comfort you today and forever. -- Dennis McFadden -- Paulsen, Inc.*

Dennis McFadden - March 31, 2021 at 10:07 AM

TW

“ Stan, on behalf of your brothers and sisters at the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, please know that our collective hearts are with you and your family during this time. May your dad forever rest in peace.

Sheriff Tom Wheeler

Tom Wheeler - March 30, 2021 at 04:18 PM

DC

“ Dear Cheryl - I was saddened to see the picture of Stan in the Omaha World Herald over the weekend. I am sorry for your loss. You are missing a great guy and I am sure the whole family feels the loss.

Know that my wife, Nora, and I will be praying for Stan and for your family to get through these tough times.

Sincerely,

Daniel and Nora Chesire.

Daniel Chesire - March 29, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Stanley Benke, Jr..



March 29, 2021 at 10:27 AM

KF

“ Karen Frost lit a candle in memory of Stanley Benke, Jr.



Karen Frost - March 29, 2021 at 01:26 AM

SR

“ Cheryl I'm so sorry to see Stans passing. I enjoyed working with him at Lyman. He was one of the good guys.

shari seals rogers - March 28, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stanley Benke, Jr..



March 28, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Stanley Benke, Jr..



March 27, 2021 at 11:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stanley Benke, Jr..



March 27, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ Stan you will be missed by everyone who loves you. Rest in peace.

Leslie Stone - March 27, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ I did not have the honor of ever knowing Mr. Benke but was very fortunate to have known and worked with his son Stan who is highly regarded and respected by his friends and coworkers.
We are very sorry for the families loss and we pray that Mr. Benke is at rest knowing he was loved and cherished by those he knew.

Steve & Lesley Boulton - March 27, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stanley Benke, Jr..



March 27, 2021 at 12:22 PM

CS

“ Charles Sake lit a candle in memory of Stanley Benke, Jr.



Charles Sake - March 27, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stanley Benke, Jr..



March 26, 2021 at 06:34 PM

TB

“ The Broussards purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Stanley Benke, Jr..



The Broussards - March 26, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stanley Benke, Jr..



March 26, 2021 at 02:52 PM