



Edwin Stanton Hughes

May 15, 1935 - December 18, 2023

Edwin Stanton Hughes peacefully departed for his heavenly home on the evening of Monday, December 18, 2023, preceded in death a mere 7 weeks prior by the love of his life, his wife, Jolinda.

The older of three children, Stan was born in Los Angeles, CA on May 15, 1935. He would fondly recall stories of his youth and family summers spent with his younger brother Lee at their maternal grandparents' cabin on Wolf Lake in Ottawa, Canada. Stan's mind was so sharp and clear, that even after 88 years, when asked where the cabin was by a family member traveling to the area, he could correctly recite turn-by-turn directions.

Stan attended California Military Academy where he was voted Best Soldier in 1950. In 1953 he graduated from Monrovia High School, where he excelled in his studies, ran track and held leadership roles on the student council. While attending the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), he pledged Delta Sigma Phi and trained as a Midshipman in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC). During the summer of 1954 as a college freshman, he met his future wife, Jolinda, and their 69-year love story began.

Upon graduating UCLA in 1958, Stan entered the Navy as a Lieutenant JG and served aboard the USS Lexington CV-16 aircraft carrier for several tours of the South Pacific. In 2006, he revisited the Blue Ghost, currently docked as

a museum in Corpus Christi, TX. As a former crew member, he was granted special access to areas of the ship that were off limits to other museum visitors. Spending time with the ship's historian, he shared details of the ship and his years aboard for a continued historical record of his beloved ship.

After completing his service with the Navy, Stan began a long career with the Honeywell Corporation in commercial real estate, holding various executive positions, including Executive Vice President, Coeur d'Alene division. His career resulted in several relocations across the country, eventually settling the family in Edina, MN where he and Jolinda raised their five children, Lori (Stan) Volkman, Jana (John) Stermer, Scott (Debbie Daggett), Kevin (Scott Dieterle), and Kristi (Scott) Weinzetl.

Stan served in many volunteer roles at St Patrick's Church in Edina, and was a board member of his neighborhood HOA. He looked forward to his yearly role as the neighborhood Santa Claus, conspiring with parents to surprise their children with gifts; a tradition he continued with his own 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, only finally retiring his handmade Santa suit 4 years ago.

Upon retirement, Stan enjoyed time gardening and traveling with Jolinda on multiple trips to Europe or visiting family and friends from coast to coast. He relived his love of train travel on a trip with his daughter on the Canadian Rocky Mountaineer, and he took to the seas again, on a cruise with his wife, to explore the beauty of Alaska.

Stan was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Jolinda Hertrich Hughes, parents, Mary Edith Lee and Emmett Noble Hughes, Stepmother Margaret Maxie Hughes, infant grandson Charles Stanton Stermer, and son-in-law Scott Weinzetl.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, January 2nd at 10:30am in the Chapel of the Church of St. Patrick of Edina with a rosary proceeding at

10:15am. For those attending, please use the West Gleason Road parking lot. For those unable to attend, the Mass will be live-streamed via <https://vimeo.com/event/3979305>

The family wishes to thank in a special way the tireless caregivers at Eagan Pointe Senior Living who took such loving care of both Stan and Jolinda, as well as a special thank you to Hospice of the Midwest. Their teams always went above and beyond to ensure their needs were met and did so with great patience, compassion and love.

If desired, memorial donations can be made in Stan's honor to Sharing & Caring Hands www.sharingandcaringhands.org.

We mourn with tears for a life no longer here among us, but celebrate with joy in knowing Mom and Dad are reunited in the heavenly realms. Until we meet again Dad - give Mom a hug from all of us!

Tribute Wall



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