



Stanley Justin Krafka

July 10, 1938 - December 17, 2023

Stanley Justin Krafka was born on July 10th, 1938, the only child to proud parents, Frank Krafka & Ida Krafka (Sumstad). Growing up in Barrett, MN, he attended Barrett High School. Stan was an All-Star athlete for the Barrett Lakers basketball, football & baseball teams. Passing on an athletic scholarship from Bemidji State, Stan enlisted in the Marines on January 9, 1957, where he was a Paratrooper and Flight Equipment man until his Honorable Discharge in 1963.

Stan's first marriage was to Lael Nordin in 1964 and they had two children, Ronald Krafka & Jodi Sullivan (Krafka). Ron Krafka passed away in 2021. Stan is survived by his daughter, Jodi, and son-in-law, Paul, and triplet grandchildren; Rylee, McKenzie & Stryker of St. Petersburg, FL. Stan was remarried in 1977, to Catherine McCaffrey, until her passing in 2019. They enjoyed traveling and spending time with friends and family at their home in Chaplin, MN, and their lake cabin on beautiful Eagle Lake in Battle Lake, MN.

Stan was an accomplished outdoorsman and pilot, enjoying fishing and hunting trips. On his 3rd trip to Kodiak Island, AK, he successfully took down a huge Kodiak Brown Bear. Stan also loved his dogs and trained them to be great hunters. He could always be spotted biking or walking his beloved dogs in his neighborhood. Stan loved all sports. After following and supporting his daughter's golf career, he took up the game later in life. He never missed an

opportunity to hit the links with his golf buddies or follow Jodi in one of her many tournaments. Stan will also be remembered for his storytelling. He could initiate a conversation with anyone, anywhere. His stories were special and will be missed.

Stan passed away on 12.17.2023 at 8:45 pm. His Funeral Service will be held on January 2nd, 2024, at 11:00 am, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, MN.

Previous Events

Church Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley
7520 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Tribute Wall

JE

“ Hello - my name is Jennifer. My mother is Bebe Lee - her mother Rose Krafska Lee.
I met you dad & Kay several yrs ago when they were visiting her and n South Texas & I happened to be there as well
My mom passed away recently (age 98) and I tried to locate your Dad.
I learned he had passed a few months before?
I'm sorry & my condolences
Sincerely

Jennifer - November 05, 2025 at 02:59 PM

JR

“ Have old memories of Stan, just a year younger than me. He would twirl me around in the barber chair until was nearly sick. One summer we both had whooping cough so spent time at the grandparent's place, my mother was watching us. Christmas was also tons of fun with the uncles spoiling us!
Joan Sumstad Roberts

Joan Sumstad Roberts - December 30, 2023 at 05:42 PM

CK

Cousin Stanley was older than I was, and I didn't talk to him much but enjoyed hearing of his wild antics! In later years I babysat for Ronnie. By the time you came along, Jodi, you had moved and I never had a chance to know you. Still later, my husband John and I would frequently stop at Eagle Lake on our trips from Park Rapids to Barrett. I can still hear his voice and see his smile! My sympathies to all.

cindy Kelly - January 02, 2024 at 10:31 AM

WJ

I have no words, I leaved next to Stan for 22 years and just heard the news today. I would love to reach out to the family.

Wendy Johnson - February 18, 2024 at 04:36 PM