



Stanley Boyd Nickells

November 15, 1932 - August 14, 2021

Stan Nickells

age 88, a resident of Highlands Ranch, CO and formerly of Edina, MN, Scottsdale, AZ, and San Juan Island, WA passed away on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at his home in Colorado. He was a loving husband, brother, father, grandfather, and friend to many. He was an engineer who had retired after a long, wonderful career with Honeywell.

Stanley Boyd Nickells was born on November 15, 1932, to Stanley and Mary (Boyd) Nickells in Brookfield, IL. He graduated from St. Louis Park High School in MN. After graduation, Stan attended the University of Minnesota and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Engineering. Stan served active duty in the US Navy and was honorably discharged in 1956. He also served in the US Army Reserves and was honorably discharged in 1963.

He met Barbara Northey and they were married in 1956 at St Stephen's Episcopal Church in Edina, MN. The couple were blessed with two children, Mark and David. Stan worked with Honeywell in Chicago, Des Moines and Minneapolis, along with numerous assignments in Europe. Barb passed away unexpectedly in 1979.

Stan later reconnected with Joan Nelson Kaepffel, whom he had dated in high

school, and who had also been recently widowed. The two were married at Christ Presbyterian Church on June 7, 1980. Stan and Joan enjoyed travel, cross country skiing and spending time with their children and grandchildren. They also had many wonderful summers with their grandchildren at "Kousins' Kamp" on Lake Hubert in MN.

Stan was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church of Highlands Ranch, where he and Joan sang in the choir, and were former members of Christ Presbyterian Church of Edina, MN and Mountain View Presbyterian Church of Scottsdale, AZ. Stan will be best remembered for his love of family, his sense of humor and his generosity. He had a great love for birds and spent many days watching the birds by his feeders and looking them up in his bird books. He also had a real passion for his ancestry and spent countless hours tracing his family history all the way back to England.

Stan is survived by his loving wife Joan Nickells of Highlands Ranch, his son Mark Nickells of Edina, MN, son and daughter-in-law David and Jan Nickells of Bloomington, MN, and Joan's daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Scott Franklin of Highlands Ranch, CO. He is also survived by his grandchildren Sarah and Kyle Murphy of Kodiak, AK, David and Ashlee Kaepfel of Plano, TX, Bethany and Josh Bailey of Longmont, CO, Andrew Nickells and Bridget Hoffman of Prairie Village, KS, David and Nicole Franklin of San Diego, CA and Chase Nickells of Los Angeles, CA. Stan has 4 great-grandchildren: Evie and James Murphy, Ava Kaepfel and Milo Bailey. He was preceded in death by his parents Stan and Mary Nickells, aunt Dorothy Nickells, Joan's son Steve Kaepfel and grandson Dane Kaepfel.

A graveside memorial service with Military Honors will be held at 4 pm on September 8, 2021 Washburn-McReavy Dawn Valley Cemetery, 9940 Bush Lake Road, Bloomington, MN 55438. Ph: 952-941-7686. A reception will follow immediately after at the Dawn Valley Chapel. Please gather in front of the chapel before the 4 pm service for a processional to the gravesite.

Memorials in Stan's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association
Colorado Chapter in lieu of flowers or gifts money - <https://www.alz.org/co>.

Stan will be dearly missed.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 8. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Reception

SEP 8. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438
(952) 941-7686
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Tribute Wall



“ *I am saddened by your loss and send my deepest sympathy.*
Kris Blomquist

Kris Blomquist - September 03, 2021 at 08:02 AM



“ *Our sympathies to Joan and all the family. Joan and Stan were wonderful supporters of children. Both were special to us. Blanton and Bonnie Bessinger*

Blanton Bessinger - August 31, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stanley Boyd Nickells.*



August 30, 2021 at 11:03 PM



“ *My condolences to all of Stan's family. He was a very nice man, I'm glad we connected with our Nickells family reunions!*
Sincerely, Gail (Nickells) Pohl.

Gail Pohl - August 27, 2021 at 11:42 AM