



Stanley Marinos Kouris

Jan. 23, 1932 ~ May 1, 2021

The night is a bit darker tonight, as one of its brightest stars is gone. Stanley M. Kouris fell asleep in the Lord on May 1, 2021.

Stan was born in 1932 in an immigrant populated coal mining camp located in Hanna, Wyoming. Soon after, his family moved to Reliance, Wyoming, where Stan earned high school all-state honors in basketball, baseball and football. He attended the University of Wyoming where he played freshman basketball and majored in Physical Education. In 1954, Stan served in the U.S. Army in Austria and Germany. Following his service, he returned to the University of Wyoming where he was on the basketball coaching staff, earned his Master's Degree in Mathematics, and was elected "Campus Dreamboat". Upon graduation, he coached high school basketball at Lovell and Rock Springs, Wyoming. In 1959, he married his soulmate, Sophie Adondakis. This June, they would have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. In 1960, his Rock Springs high school team won the Wyoming State Basketball Championship, and he was later inducted into the Rock Springs High School Coaching Hall of Fame. After coaching, Stan became the assistant principal of the high school and president of the Rock Springs Greek Orthodox Church. In 1972, Stan moved his family to Salt Lake and joined his brother-in-law in the grocery business. In 1980, Stan's Market was born. Stan was a pillar in and served as the president of the Greek Orthodox Community of Salt Lake. Every Sunday, Stanley warmly welcomed all parishioners as they entered the church.

Whether it be fatherhood, business, education or athletics, Stan was wildly successful in everything he did (excepting golf, where in his own words he stated, "I stink"). He was loved by everyone he met. May His Memory be Eternal.

Stan is survived by: his wife, Sophie; three children who all knew him as their hero, Mark (Stacey) Kouris, Merilynn (Fr. Nicholas) Andruchow, and Steve (Angie) Kouris; his grandchildren, who he loved more than life itself, Brinnlee, Gabrielle, Stanley, Josh (Scout), Zoe, Luke and Elias; and nieces and nephews from California to Illinois.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; Marinos Kouris and Kiriakoula Frangoudakis; his sisters, Goldie (Jim) Karras and Kleanthi Kouris; his brothers, Andy (Zara) Kouris, Gust (Helen) Kouris, Bill (Bonnie) Kouris, and Mike (Pauline) Kouris; and his grandson Stanley Mark Kouris.

The viewing and funeral will take place at St. Anna's Greek Orthodox Church (located at 9201 South 1300 East, Sandy, Utah). The viewing will be on Wednesday, May 5th from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM and the funeral on Thursday, May 6th at 11:00 AM. The family requests that all Covid measures be respected – including masks and distancing. The funeral will be livestreamed. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Stan's name to St. Anna's Greek Orthodox Church.

The services have been recorded and can be viewed here:

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