



# Stanley T. Sowa

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**D**ecatur-Stanley T. Sowa, 69, of Decatur, passed away Saturday, December 2, 2017 in his home with his family by his side.

Stanley was born October 5, 1948 in Decatur, Illinois, the son of Walter and Lois (Martin) Sowa. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. Stanley was a cogeneration operator at Tate & Lyle retiring after thirty-seven years of service. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, bird watching, animals, and nature. Stanley married Geaneen Augenstein in 1967. They proudly celebrated their fifty year wedding anniversary this year.

Stanley leaves behind his wife Geaneen, sons Adam and Zac (Kristin) Sowa, daughters Casey Sowa and Kelly Sowa Griffin, brother John (Judy) Sowa, sisters Diane (Harold) Rueff and Teresa (Michael) Ryan, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Laura Rentfrow.

Memorial service to celebrate his life will be 6:00 PM Thursday, December 7, 2017 at the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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DG

**Debbie German** posted:

I met Stan 45 years ago when Geaneen and I met in Bunco club and became forever best friends! He always smiled and greeted me like I was a VIP in his life! I don't think he ever met a stranger! He became close friends with most everyone he met! I'm so blessed to have Stan and Geaneen in my life! ❤️

December 7 at 2:52 PM

MZ

**Mike & Anh Karch, Mt. Zion** posted:

I'm thankful to have known Stan since I was a kid. You didn't have to talk to him very long to be encouraged by his kindness. He was always the same. No matter where we would run into him, at a football game, or walking in Spitler Woods, or at Walmart, he would always take the time to stop and talk to us. He had a special gift of encouragement. Our prayers are with the family. Stan will be missed. Mike & Anh Karch

December 7 at 2:35 PM

JF

**John Felter** posted:

My son and Zac were buds in school. I know Jason thought a lot of Stan! Time and miles have separated our families so we haven't had contact for many years. Prayers for the family of a great guy! John Felter!

December 7 at 5:57 AM

LA

**Larry Auton** posted:

As someone that was fortunate to have worked around Stan at Tate & Lyle, Stan was a man who treated everyone with respect. Stan will always be the thankful, kind & outgoing person of my life. I am very thankful to have gotten to know him. I am very sorry for the loss of our loved one. Larry Auton, CoGeneration/Tate & Lyle

December 6 at 4:27 PM



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CA

**Carla** posted:

I graduated in 1968 with Laura, but lost touch after high school. I always loved the way Stan walked & called him "cowboy". Of course, he never noticed me. I have many fond memories of them. I didn't know that Laura had passed away, living in NC makes it difficult to keep current on things back home. Praying for their families. Carla Kraft Garceau.

December 6 at 9:02 AM

DH

**Don Hood** posted:

It was always a joy to be around Stan. His smile was infectious. So sorry for his loss. God's comfort & peace to his family & friends.

December 6 at 6:13 AM

JR

**Julie Rios** posted:

Stan was such a nice guy. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. I really enjoyed working with him at Decatur HealthCare.

December 5 at 6:41 PM

TW

**Tom And Patty Wiegand** posted:

Stan was a good friend and a terrific Grandfather. We will miss him.. I'm sure he is fishing in Heaven. Tom and Patty Wiegand

December 4 at 2:58 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Stanley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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