



## Stanley G. Hoksbergen

November 3, 1951 - June 10, 2017

Stanley Gene Hoksbergen, “Stan the man,” passed away peacefully on June 10, 2017, surrounded by his family. Stan leaves behind his mother, Shirley, two siblings, Roland (Lisbeth) and Miriam (Keith) Hinkle, three children, Ross (Rumyana), Alden (Mary), and Mieke (Aaron) Mutschler, five grandchildren, and many more who loved him. His wife Debbie (Vermeulen) Hoksbergen of 41 years, his father Al, and three babies preceded him in death.

Stan was born in Pella, Iowa on Nov. 3, 1951, to a father serving in Korea and a mother who, together with her parents, cared for Stan for his first year. Stan did not meet his father for a full year. Upon Al’s return, the family moved to Michigan and Stan resided in Michigan the rest of his life. As an adult, he and his family lived in Detroit, Jackson, Lansing, and Holland.

Stan spent his working life in sales of big equipment, industrial tools, and air compressors. He was always full of stories with humorous twists and his clients brightened up when he visited. As his listeners well knew, Stan didn’t let the exact truth get in the way of a good story, and they smiled along with him as the stories unfolded.

Stan was known for the fun poems he wrote for major family events, his ability to engage others and encourage them, the compassion he showed throughout his life to people in need, the support he and Debbie gave to Vietnamese refugees in the 70s, his love for and pride in his children, and his excellence as a golfer. Stan had the keen ability to come into a room and put a smile on everyone’s face. He will be deeply missed by all.

A memorial service will be held at Beechwood Church, 895 Ottawa Beach Rd, Holland on Thursday, June 22, at 6:30 PM. Visitation will be at the church, 4:00-6:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Holland Rescue Mission, where Stan preached on several occasions, or Hospice of Holland, which provided excellent care to both Debbie and Stan during their final days. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

JUN 22. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Beechwood Church  
895 Ottawa Beach Road  
Holland, MI 49424

## Memorial Service

JUN 22. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stanley G. Hoksbergen*

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I thought I'd share something amusing that involved Stan when he was a little boy about 6 years old. We went to the John Ball zoo with the Andy and Mae Bandstra family (Mae is my double cousin). Suddenly they announced that the zoo would be closing in ten minutes. Nancy Bandstra and Stan panicked and ran towards the gate as fast as they could because Stan said they were going to let all the animals out of their cages when the gates closed. They didn't want to be left there with a bunch of wild animals. To this day I laugh about this-I still have this picture in my mind.*

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**Shirley Hoksbergen** - June 22, 2017 at 02:47 PM

TV

“ Stan was one of the first people from our church that I met in 2007 when we moved to Holland. We played on the Beechwood Church softball team - he was the catcher, I was the pitcher. We were the oldest on the team but Stan and I decided we could play with these young guys. I was grateful for Alden, who could clearly out hit, out run and out throw us - while covering the entire outfield, but he never did let on that the two of us should have taken the early retirement payout. Stan welcomed and encouraged me letting me think we had lots of years left in these bodies. So sorry that Stan had to leave us so early - seems like he had lots of innings left in him.

*My prayers are with you Ross, Alden and Mieke and your families.*

*Tim Vagle*

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**Tim Vagle** - June 19, 2017 at 04:22 PM

WF

“ We were neighbours for over 25 years. Our children grew up and played together. We will miss his deep voice, his friendly advice to my golf game and his humorous poetry. We are leaving town and regret we could not attend his service. A donation to Hospice of Holland is on it way. RIP, my friend and coach.

*Wally and Mary Claire*

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**Wally Fu** - June 19, 2017 at 06:45 AM

DP

“ Jim Sr., Sylvia, Jim and family ... My deepest sympathy for your loss. I have thought about and prayed for Debbie many times and was saddened to hear she had passed as well. I will certainly be praying for your family in these days of loss.

*Diane Pennington*

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**Diane Pennington** - June 17, 2017 at 10:26 AM

LP

“ God holds the power of life over death, and He is the true salvation. This is our only hope and comfort in this temporary life. I am praying for God's grace, comfort and peace for you all.

*Luis Pellecer*

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**Luis Pellecer** - June 16, 2017 at 11:15 AM

BM

“ Wow what a shock to learn my good friend Stan has passed to Glory. While Stan & Deb were members at 1st CRC of Detroit we became buddies. I played many softball and golf games with Stan. We also went on a Florida vacation with Stan & Deb. Stan had a great sense of humor and we shared many good times. A beautiful couple now reunited in heaven -- PTL. To the Stan family I pray for comfort and God's peace. Until we meet again, God be with us ALL. I love you Stan.

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**Bruce Miedema** - June 15, 2017 at 10:38 AM

MT

“ Stan could be a good protector. We grew up a couple blocks from each other and one night we were riding in a car together for church activities. In a nearby woods some kids fort was wrecked and they blamed it on me and I was facing retaliatory action. I couldn't stop talking about it in the car. After a while he looked at me and told me to tell them Stan wrecked their fort. I could tell by the look in his eye he meant it. So I did, and the harassment stopped.

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**Mark Terpstra** - June 15, 2017 at 10:30 AM

MT

“ One time Stan baby sat for us, he was reading a children's story to us and he could put enough drama into it to keep us laughing. He also gave me some helpful advice. If I wanted to stay home from school for a day I could tell my mom I wasn't feeling well and just before she took my temperature, drink some hot water so that the thermometer would read high. I was at the age when I had to tell my mom what a fun baby sitter Stan was. That was the only time Stan baby sat for us.

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**Mark Terpstra** - June 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM

SB

“ My sympathy is extended to this beautiful family. May memories of happy, healthy days be comforting to you.  
Sandy Buller

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**Sandy Buller** - June 14, 2017 at 03:58 PM