



Stanley Thomas Nijelski

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Stanley Thomas Nijelski, age 94, died at the V.A. Medical Center Hospital in Martinsburg, WV on July 13, 2009. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Stan was born on September 10, 1914 in Scranton, PA to the late Alexandra and Stanislaw Niedzielski, Polish immigrants who came to America in the early 1900's. He was one of six children. Stan was an active and lifetime member of the Polish National Catholic Church. He married Eleanor Wojnarowski, whom he met when they both sang in the church choir in Bridgeport, CT. Stan also hosted a Polish radio show in Bridgeport for 10 years, where he played polkas for an hour every Sunday morning. He owned a music store in Bridgeport, and for years worked with the late Frank Wojnarowski, a Polka band leader and his brother-in-law, booking band engagements for the orchestra. Stan and Eleanor also recorded a song on one of Frank's albums. Stan's love of music lasted throughout his entire lifetime.

Stan was proud to serve in the United States Army from 1941-1943, at both the New Hebrides Islands and Guadalcanal. He was a member of the 118th Medical Battalion, working as an ambulance driver, taking supplies to the wounded and transporting soldiers. He received an Honorable Medical Discharge. Stan was aboard the USS Calvin Coolidge which sank in 1942 while coming into Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides. While serving in the Army, Stan was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal for serving in the Pacific Theatre during the Second World War.

His career was with Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation and helicopters, first in Connecticut and then in Virginia. For 15 years, he was employed as a Product Support Technician for the Presidential Mission working in Quantico, VA. Stan was on a team responsible for the maintenance of the Presidential Helicopter Marine One. Stan worked under Presidents Nixon, Johnson and Ford. He spent the last 6 months on assignment in Iran, until the Revolution broke out just prior to his retirement.

He retired to Davie, FLA in 1980 where he lived for 20 years. Following that, Stan lived with his daughter and her family for seven years in Paeonian Springs, VA. He has spent the last four years



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residing at the V.A. Medical Center in Martinsburg, WV. Stan spent his life as a devoted father and grandfather. He always loved to sing and dance.

He is survived by one daughter, Susan Douglas of Paeonian Springs, VA; a son-in-law Steve Douglas; a granddaughter Brittany Douglas; 2 nephews Bob and Danny, 3 nieces, Janet, Denise and Carol; and 2 cousins Estelle and Theresa.

Cremation will be at the convenience of the family, with Loudoun Funeral Chapel handling arrangements. A memorial service will be held at Catoctin Presbyterian Church in Waterford, VA on July 26, 2009 at 2:00. The inurnment of his cremated remains will be at Arlington National Cemetery with military honors, on August 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Please view and send condolences to the family at www.LoudounFuneralChapel.com



Events


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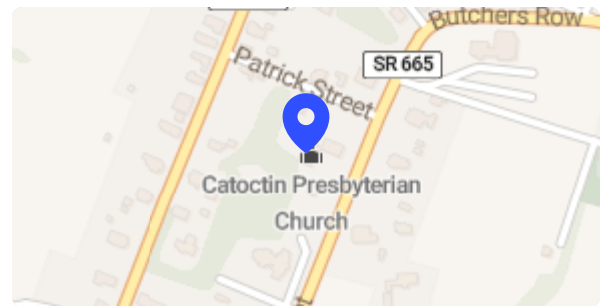
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Service

 **Sunday**, July 26, 2009

 2:00 PM ET

 **Catoctin Presbyterian Church**
15565 High Street, Waterford VA





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

Wow. What amazing work your dad did! I didn't realize he was born in Scranton. That is near where I was born and grew up. I guess it is a small world.##imported-begin##Dara Kramer##imported-end##

August 15 at 4:52 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Dad,What a beautiful tribute to your wonderful, rich life. You touched so many of us, and you will always be cherished and remembered. I know you were just smiling down from heaven during your memorial service, and singing all the beautiful hymns with us. I could hear you. Your service at Arlington National Cemetery will be an honorable tribute to you as well. I will miss you greatly dad, and will forever cherish the love, and the memories you gave me. That love will last forever. Thank you again for being there for me my entire life, and all you gave me.Love, Sue##imported-begin##Sue##imported-end##

July 29 at 9:15 AM



Anonymous posted:

As a nurse to Stan in the VA during his last days, he will leave a large hole in y life. I spent the last few months caring for him, as others have, and he greatly enriched my life. He raised a wonderful family and he will be dearly remembered as well as missed##imported-begin##Sandra 'Dawn' Canfield, LPN##imported-end##

July 25 at 5:41 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mr. Nijelski,You may not remember me. It was a long time ago that you visited Sue and her freinds in Ocean City where they worked -- and played!! together for the summer. What I remember of Sue's Dad was a truely gentle, happy man whose smile filled our little house with warmth. I wish I could sign this book in person, and be with Sue right now. I am certainly there in spirit. Thank you, Mr. Nijelski, for the love you always showed your special duaghter, and the kindness you showed to her friends like me.Love, Lynn##imported-begin##Lynn Valenziano##imported-end##

July 22 at 7:54 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Our prayers and condolences are with Stan's daughter, Sue, her husband, Steve, and their daughter, Brittany. God bless. Jana and Richard###imported-begin##Jana and Richard Surdi###imported-end##

July 21 at 10:16 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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