



Dr. Jay Stanley

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Dr. Jay Stanley, 74, passed away peacefully Saturday, September 5, 2015, at his home.

He was born on December 14, 1940, in Charleston, West Virginia, the son of Raymond and Constance (Lewis) Stanley.

He married Sandra Carson on November 22, 1978, in Towson, Maryland. She survives.

Jay attended high school in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He played on the high school tennis team and was active in scouting, earning the rank of Eagle Scout.



He attended Lincoln Memorial University before earning his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Tennessee. He attended UT on a tennis scholarship and joined Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. He remains a legend in the sociology department as the first and only graduate to complete a Master's degree in one year.

Jay served in the Navy during the Viet Nam era. After discharge from the service, he earned a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Maryland. During this time, he was inducted into two academic honorary societies, Alpha Kappa Delta and Phi Kappa Phi.

Dr. Stanley taught one year at George Mason University before joining the faculty at Towson State College in 1971. The college later became known as Towson University. He was active in campus life, serving on many university committees. He helped establish the Phi Hexaton chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa on the Towson campus. He was recognized as Faculty Member of the Year by fraternities and sororities and was inducted into Sigma XI, a Scientific Research Society.

“Doc” was on the football coaching staff for several years and served as Faculty Athletic Representative to the NCAA. The latter provided the opportunity to bridge the “gap” between academics and athletics. Former players have often spoken of the importance of his role in coaching them in life, not just on the football field.

While on the Towson faculty, he completed a Post Doctorate Fellowship in Health Services Administration at Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. He was later appointed to a faculty position at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Dr. Stanley retired from Towson University at the rank of Professor in 2001. Later he was granted Emeritus status.

Despite professional demands, Jay was an avid runner and completed several marathons. His proudest moment was finishing the Boston Marathon with a sub-3 hour time.

Jay served Phi Sigma Kappa at the local and national levels. He was the chapter advisor to Phi Hexaton at Towson and received the Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award. He was recognized with the F. W. Sunderman Award for “Excellence in Professional and Community Service” by Rho Deuteron chapter at Gettysburg College. He served as Grand President of Phi Sigma Kappa from 1995 to 1999 and received the Phi Sigma Kappa Foundation President’s Award.

During his academic career, Dr. Stanley received numerous honors and awards. He was listed in Who’s who in America. He received the Charles H. Coates award for “Significant Contributions to Military Sociology.” Jay was inducted into the Literary, Educator’s and Athletic Halls of Fame at Lincoln Memorial University and later received an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities from the institution. He is also a member of Towson University Athletic Hall of Fame.

During his career, Dr. Stanley has presented and published over 40 academic papers and has authored and contributed to several books. He served as Editor-in-Chief of an interdisciplinary journal, “Armed Forces and Society.”

He moved to Godfrey with his wife and son in 2001. Since then, he was an assistant football coach at North Middle School and Marquette Catholic High School. He also assisted with the Alton Little Redbirds wrestling team and women’s tennis at Lewis and Clark Community College.

Jay led a life of service through teaching in the classroom and on the field, mat and court. He will be greatly missed by former students, players, fraternity brothers, colleagues, friends and family.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Sandra Carson Stanley, he is survived by their son, Jay Harman Quade Staley, a granddaughter, Piper Lea Stanley, and a sister, Judy R. Stanley. Other survivors include sisters-in-law and their husbands, Marcia (Rodney) Thornton, Becky (Jim) Whiteside, Paula Carson (Dennis Wilson). Nephews and nieces include Christopher (Holly) Thornton, Jerod Thornton, Jennifer (Darren) Wright, Erin (Jim) Woolley, Jeffrey (Kayla) Whiteside and Steven, Michael and Megan Carson Sulzer. Great nephews and nieces include Zachary Thornton, Sophia and Amelia Wright, Eleanor, James and Josephine Woolley, and Emerson and Reagan Whiteside.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law, Loyd Carson.

Visitation will be Saturday, September 19, 2015, from 9:30 until the time of the service at 11:00 am at Godfrey First United Methodist Church, 1100 Airport Road. Military Burial Rites will be provided by Alton VFW Post #1308.

A private family inurnment will be held following the service.

Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758540, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8540.

Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Godfrey is in charge of the arrangements.