



Stanley Banks Richardson

September 24, 1922 - July 1, 2019

Stanley Banks Richardson, 96, of Cape Girardeau passed away Monday, July 1, 2019 at the Missouri Veterans Home.

He was born Sept. 24, 1922, in Cape Girardeau to Raymond and Bessie Banks Richardson. He attended public schools in Cape Girardeau and Lutesville. He married Irene Altha Ford on Nov. 26, 1945. She preceded him in death on March 22, 2019.

He was a decorated veteran of World War II, having served in the 494th Anti-Aircraft Battalion of the U.S. Army. During his four-and-a-half years of service, he was stationed overseas in Iceland, Scotland, England, Belgium and France. He saw combat at Normandy and in the Battle of the Bulge. While defending the harbor and city of Antwerp, Belgium, his outfit was under enemy fire for 159 consecutive days. Over the course of World War II, the 494th spent more than three years in the European Theater of Operations and were given seven foreign commendations for their efforts during the war. He joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Post 3838) in 1948.

After the war, Stanley returned to Cape Girardeau and worked for Cape Neon Signs and General Sign Company as a salesman, serviceman and operations manager. He worked in the sign business for 42 years, gaining the nickname of "Stan, the Neon Man" before retiring in 1988. He was a member of the

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He was also a member of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. He enjoyed participating in and watching all sports. Boxing, bowling and golf were his favorites.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters, Stanley Banks (Jeanne) Richardson Jr. of St. Charles, Kenneth Ray Richardson of Cape Girardeau, Charles Darren Richardson of Hercules, California, Constance Ann Wells of Fruitland and Madonna Sue Niemeier of Cape Girardeau; five granddaughters, three grandsons; three great-granddaughters and four great-grandsons.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Tivis Statler; a sister, Hazel Ford; two half-sisters, Pauline Albino and Geraldine "Geri" Reiminger; two half-brothers, Robert and Charles W. "Jack" Statler; and seven step-brothers. A son-in-law, Doug Niemeier, also preceded him in death.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 8, 2019 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Jeff Long officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau. Graveside military rites will be provided by Missouri Honors Team.

Memorial contributions may be given to V.F.W. Post 3838.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stanley Banks Richardson.*



July 05, 2019 at 05:53 PM



“ *Legendary in every way, this is an incredible life story of a great American. #Salute #Respect #RIP #BigStan*



Charlie Dent - July 05, 2019 at 04:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stanley Banks Richardson.*



July 04, 2019 at 01:47 PM

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“ Dear Connie, Donna, Ritchie, Kenny and Darren,

Your dad always had a great sense of humor. He always reminded me of a big bear with a big grin with an even bigger job of keeping all of you in line. Ha. I know that you will miss him immensely. My heart goes out to all of you in this time of sorrow.

Betty Hellige

Betty Hellige - July 04, 2019 at 04:44 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Stanley Banks Richardson.



July 03, 2019 at 03:36 PM

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“ My condolences. I grew up with Richie and the other kids, we lived on the same block. After about 57 years of not seeing him he recently remembered who I was when we met again at a visitation. Another good one gone.....

*Dan Phelps
Cape Girardeau*

Dan Phelps - July 03, 2019 at 03:11 PM