



## Stanley L. McGowan

November 26, 1941 - June 21, 2021

Born in Morrow, Ohio to parents Mary Emma Baldwin McGowan and Charles E. McGowan (deceased prior to Stan's birth). Stan passed away peacefully at his home, from a progressive illness.

Stan was raised in Clinton County, Ohio by his mother and step father, Harry McVey. He graduated from Clarksville – Vernon High School in 1959, where he was very involved in athletics.

Stan's father Harry, had a Grocery and Appliance business in Clarksville, Ohio which is how Stan became involved in the food business and studied to become a Master Butcher. After a short, but successful career with the Kroger Company, Stan and his family relocated to Sarasota in 1967 where he worked for a short time with Publix.

With a longing to establish his own business, he opened his first store, The Butcher's Block on Siesta Key in 1968. He established and sold 3 additional stores over the years, but kept his store on 17th Street in Sarasota which he turned into an exceptional gourmet meat and wine business. The Butcher's Block is now owned and operated by Stan's son Scott McGowan. Stan and Scott worked together for many years until Stan retired in 2015.

Stan and his wife Stephanie, loved to travel and took many wonderful trips

over their 28-year marriage. They both loved the months spent in County Clare Ireland each year where they have many special friends who will miss him greatly.

Stan had an extraordinarily engaging personality and a tremendous zest for life. He was loved, admired and respected by all who knew him and exuded a friendliness and warmth that was enjoyed by everyone whose life he touched. He loved gardening, collecting antiques, spending time with family and chatting with his customers and friends. He always had time for a chat and storytelling.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Stephanie (Dean), his three children, daughter Lorie Parker (John), son Scott McGowan (Sylvie), son Chad McGowan, grandson Coleman McGowan and granddaughter Alexa Medara. He is also survived by his sisters Bertha Lowe (Darrel) and Doris Crothers (John), brothers Charles McGowan (Joan), Marion McVey (Barbara), Dale McVey (Robyn) and Harry J. McVey (Diane). He was pre deceased by brother Harold McVey (Carolyn). His many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends will miss him greatly.

A Celebration of Stan's Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Printable Donation Form ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org)) or to Clarksville United Methodist Church, Box 103, Clarksville, OH 45113 .

# Tribute Wall



“ Scott, We are shocked and saddened to hear of Stan's passing. He had a wonderful smile that lit up his whole face and he gave the best hugs. You and Stan were so welcoming to Bill & I and we have such wonderful memories of the wine tastings at BB. You both were so generous with your time(and sometimes, the pours). We are blessed to have known him and he will be missed. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill & Lynda Franklin

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**Lynda Franklin** - July 12, 2021 at 06:15 PM

SR

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Stephanie and Stan's family. When I met him and later talked to him on the phone, he left such a “Feel Good” impression on me, such a nice man. I know he will so missed. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Susan Robinson** - July 09, 2021 at 03:36 PM

LJ

“ So sad to hear of Stan's passing. He was one of a kind. He always greeted me with a smile, helped me pick out a bottle of wine and tell me about his time spent in Ireland. He will be sorely missed.

*Linda Jenkins*

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**Linda Jenkins** - July 09, 2021 at 10:45 AM

MC

“ Stan welcomed me to the Butcher Block in 2008. It was the beginning of new friendships that will last a life time. Stan always had a story to tell and I'll always remember him holding court making us laugh until we had tears. The tears we shed now are for the great memories and friendship that he gave to all of us.

*Stan, the tears now are of joy and thanks for letting me be a part of the Butcher Block family.*

*God speed.*

*Ken Coffman*

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**Mary Coffman** - July 07, 2021 at 09:14 AM

JL

“ What an awesome man that will truly be missed. I believe that tears can heal, and the memories of Stan will comfort you and your family forever.

*Godspeed Stan.*

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**Jeff Labas** - July 06, 2021 at 08:18 PM