



William Stanley Graves

August 24, 1929 - January 19, 2016

William Stanley Graves, 86, passed away on January 19, 2016 in Gilbert, Arizona. He was born in the Shepard area of east Columbus on August 24, 1929 to Nellie and William A. Graves. He retired at age 66 from National City Bank after over 50 years of service. He was a proud member of West Gate Lodge #623, F&AM, the 32nd Degree Masons, Valley of Columbus, A.A.S.R. and the Aladdin Shriners. He and his wife Barbara, who preceded him in death after 61 years of marriage, were both avid Ohio State Buckeye fans, belonging to the Buckeye Sideliners, Buckeye Boosters, Rebounders Club and the Ohio State Alumni Association. He and Barbara attended many Ohio State athletic events, including every home, away and bowl football game for over 20 years in a row. He was physically active throughout his life and participated in softball, handball, miniature golf, and the bank bowling and golf leagues. He lifted weights for many years and could bench over 300 pounds at age 70. He began reading voraciously at age 70, especially westerns and light mysteries. He and Barbara traveled throughout the United States and overseas after retirement. He is survived by his brother, David (Louise); sister, Barbara Wilhite; and children, Deborah (James) Hunt of Worthington, William S. Graves, Arizona, and Carol (Mark) Cox of Ostrander, Ohio. His greatest ambition as a teenager was to be a wonderful grandfather, a goal he accomplished with grandchildren, Jennifer (Tom) Issler, Nicholas Moone, Billy (Jessica) Graves, Meghan (Micah) Akerson, Rebecca (Gerritt) Weller, Tommy McCoy and Randi Graves; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Gavin, Jacob and

Finn. He has lots of nephews, nieces and many, many friends, including the Hartmans of West Virginia. A Funeral Service will be held 11:30 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2016 at the Worthington United Methodist, 600 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085. The family will welcome friends at the Church on Thursday, January 28 from 4-8 p.m., and again Friday, one hour prior to the service. West Gate Masonic Lodge will conduct a Masonic Funeral Service at 8 p.m. on Thursday. The family asks that attendees at the visitation be prepared to share their favorite memory of Stan. Paper and pens will be available. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to either Buckeye Sideliners or the Buckeye Boosters. Arrangements are under the direction of RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085. To send condolences to the family, please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com. -

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Worthington United Methodist Church
600 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Masonic Service

JAN 28. 8:00 PM (ET)

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600 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Calling Hours

JAN 29. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service:

JAN 29. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Stanley Graves*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Stan was a great representative of BancOhio Corporation for over fifty years. I enjoyed being one of his co-workers for twenty of those years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Pete and Judy Barnhart*

Pete Barnhart - January 29, 2016 at 12:35 AM



“ *Sorry to hear the passing of your father. You are all in my prayers.*
Tom Pettit

Tom Pettit - January 28, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ *I enjoyed my chats with Stan when we were both Starbucks' regulars. Whenever he talked of his family I could see the pride in his face and hear the fondness in his voice. I hope happy memories of him will comfort you now and in the future.*

Cecilia Brochu

Cecilia Brochu - January 28, 2016 at 04:10 PM

JA

“ I worked with Stan at Ohio National Bank oh so many years ago and became very good friends. I am sorry to hear of his passing and my prayers are with the entire family. God bless you all.

Jonell Augenstein

jonell augenstein - January 28, 2016 at 01:59 PM

DM

“ So sorry to heard of Stan's passing. My prayers are with his family. I worked with Stan at Ohio National Bank Main Office for years. We also enoyed many trips to Pinehurst. Stan was my room mate and we called each other "roomie" for years. Stan hd a great sense of humor and I considered him a true friend. He will be missed.

Denny Miller

Dennis J Miller - January 28, 2016 at 08:25 AM

PS

“ My husband and myself both worked for you father as young newly graduated high school teenagers in 1958-1962 at the Ohio National Bank. He was one of the best bosses we ever had. Mr. Graves was very patient, took time to explain everything to us and put us at ease in our new job experience. We were sorry to hear of his passing so shortly after your Mother's. Please accept our condolences and prays for the loss of one of "the Good Guys".

*May he rest in Peace
Bernie & Priscilla (Latshaw) Schick*

Priscilla Schick - January 28, 2016 at 08:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Stanley Graves.*



January 27, 2016 at 05:48 PM



“ *Carol,
Deepest sympathy and prayers for you and your family. I'm sorry I never had the pleasure of meeting your dad but knowing you he must have been a wonderful, caring soul! Love Always!
Anne*



anne - January 27, 2016 at 10:55 AM