



Stewart G Stalnecker Jr

May 11, 2020

Stewart George Stalnecker Jr., 83, was at peace when he died Monday, May 11, 2020 at home in Mount Laurel, NJ. He was surrounded by his loved ones. He leaves his wife of 9 years, Shirley (Bates) Stalnecker; sister, Martha Mary Galli (Keith); sister, Donna Gowan (Carl); son, Dirk Stalnecker (Emily); daughter, Gretchen Stalnecker (Jeff), daughter-in-law Joan Marie Stalnecker, step- sons, Brian Bates (Ellen); Matthew Bates (Karen), nine grandchildren; and countless close friends. He joins son George Stalnecker.

Raised in Maplewood, NJ, the son of Stewart and Martha (Morganweck) Stalnecker he was a member of the Columbia High School class of 1954. After graduating Cornell University in 1959 as an Electrical Engineer, Stewart was employed by Corning Glass Works and was granted two US Patents. He moved to Medford, NJ in 1966 with his first wife Joan Patterson. Stewart taught 7th/8th grade Math for one year in 1967. He left teaching to found Microcircuit Engineering Corporation in the basement of his home in Oakwood Lakes. The business grew quickly from basement to chicken coop (seriously!). Another division, Precision Photomasters, was formed in 1974. He repurposed a shoe factory in Mount Holly to accommodate the company's growth. The demand for his high precision stencil screens and industrial photography services grew worldwide resulting in Microcircuit International being formed with two partners in France. He founded similar operations in England, Japan, Taiwan and India. Evolving with industry demands, Stewart established Metal Etching Technology in 1988. An innovator in his field, he held many positions of leadership, received numerous awards, including the prestigious Technical Achievement award from the International Society of Hybrid Microelectronics. He led a life of service as an involved member of his church, as a Scout leader and as a facilitator of several divorce recovery support groups.

Stewart loved spending summers at the Jersey Shore. The water was a life-long passion; boating, body surfing, clamming, diving, fishing and playing beach volleyball brought him much pleasure. Upon retirement in 1997, Stewart transformed his first beach house on 24th Street in Barnegat Light into his dream home. The creative design and build of his home again demonstrating his ingenuity, hospitality and generosity.

A great man who will be greatly missed...

Contributions in his memory may be made to:

Zion Lutheran Church www.zionlbi.org

Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice - Marlton www.samaritannj.org

The Tender Adult Daycare www.thetender.org

Alzheimer's NJ www.alzNJ.org

Comments



“ Miss you Pops!

Dirk Stalnecker - May 11, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ Stew was my youth leader at Faith Church. He created so many life changing memories for us at the shore house and coffee fellowship areas. He led with gentleness and a positive regard who we were and could be.

Julie Vasquez - December 28, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ RIP, Stew. You had a great life.

John Gutherman

John Gutherman - June 27, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ 9 files added to the album Donna's photo memories of her brother



Donna Gowan - May 19, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ These are wonderful thank you Aunt Donna

Gretchen Stalnecker - May 24, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ Wow. Great memories of Uncle Butch from NJ shore/Barnegat Light. Nothing but great memories from every time he would come to visit us, and every time we would visit him. Memories of him are of man filled with true, genuine, and contagious joy.

Dustin Gowan - May 25, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ Dear Shirley, We send along our deepest sympathies on Stu's passing. We always enjoyed having him at Marlena's get-togethers in Barnegat Light. My particular memory will remain watching your gentle sweetness and dignity you gave to him.
Most sincerely,
Bill & Dede Montgomery
24th. Street
BL

Dede Montgomery - May 18, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ I have so many beautiful memories of you Stewart as well as of all your wonderful Family. I remember the first time you visited us in Eaubonne with your father... and the many amazing moments such as those in Barnegat Light... with the ice cream man,... “take it, take it” when surfing in the waves,.. eating corn on the cub in the patio... the surprising horseshoe crabs you showed us... the clams fishing twisting dance... You taught me how to waterski, I felt so proud to finally get out of the water after the twentieth attempt... I was so touched by your kindness, patience and generosity, and I will always have your caring look and your benevolent smile in my mind when I think of you. You will always be in my heart. All our thoughts are with you as well as with Shirley, Gretchen, Dirk and all your beloved ones. Lots of love from us, Veronika Philippe Victor Elsa



Veronika Cormier - May 18, 2020 at 05:53 AM



“ Thank you Veronika. You are all family to us as well!

Dirk Stalnecker - May 19, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ Love these so much! Thank you!

Gretchen Stalnecker - May 24, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ Stewart was a wonderful gentleman, someone I always enjoyed spending time with. He developed a great affinity for our twin golden retrievers and would often come to the house just to get down on the carpet and play with them. God bless Shirley For all the loving care she gave to Stewart.

Kenneth King - May 17, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ Stewart was a lovely person that I got to spend a little time with in the past year. He was quite a joker and had the best smile always. RIP Stew.

LouAnn Preston - May 17, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ There was nothing as beautiful as getting that big smile and hand shake each Sunday morning at Church. I've been Stu and Shirley's pastor for the last six years. It has been my joy to know them both. People who are active, supportive, fun to be with and committed to the Lord and our little church at LBI. My prayers and love go out to Shirley and the entire family. Shirley and Stu walked an amazing walk together these past years. Hand in hand, through the sunny days and through the cloudy days too. Always loving and supporting each other to the very end. Thank you Stu for the wonderful life you showed us! May you rest in peace in the arms of your Lord! Pastor Bill McGowan

Bill McGowan - May 17, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ So many good memories come to mind when thinking of you Stewart. Alike for claming, you were passionate about many things and always found the way to make things exciting and fun (pics from claming with you in 2003). Alike the bell of the ice cream man, your voice brought pleasure to your beloved ones. You have shared so much with us that you will always be in our hearts. Philippe & Isabelle Kurzweil



philippe kurzweil - May 16, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ Thank you Philippe! He loved your family so much

Gretchen Stalnecker - May 16, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ Just a year ago ...



Karel and Eliska Kurzweil - May 16, 2020 at 04:56 PM



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Emily Stengel - May 16, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ Since 1971 our business partnership grew into a lifetime friendship with Stewart and his family. With Stewart we have established a screen manufacturing companies in France, UK, Japan and Taiwan and as friends we have spent together many joyful family vacations. Many times, our family visited Stewart and his family in the US and three Stalnecker generations visited us in France in Czech Rep. Stewart also organized a family van trip to the, at that time communist Czechoslovakia, where they were hosted by our Czech family. We have also exchanged our kids for language and cultural experience.

Stewart as a wonderful friend and so generous and kind person is a permanent part of our life. He remains forever in our memories with his fine sense of humor. Stewart will stay present in the continued friendship of our families.

Karel and Eliška with family



Karel and Eliska Kurzweil - May 16, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ Such beautiful memories. Thank you for sharing. We are sending you so much love.

Emily - May 16, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ These are such amazing photos! that bring back wonderful memories. Love how you captured our white van!! Thank you Karel and Eliska.

Gretchen Stalnecker - May 16, 2020 at 07:10 PM



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Dirk Stalnecker - May 15, 2020 at 11:57 PM



“ Sending heartfelt condolences from the Warren family, Jean, Philip, Jr. and Robin. Stew played an important role in the lives of my children when he was their church youth group director. We'll never forget his zany skits and comical moments. Here was a man who knew how to laugh at himself, while drawing one in for quieter, more serious moments and discussions. The ski trips were the highlight of the youth group calendar and so was Stew!

Blessings and best wishes to the entire Stalnecker family.

Jean Warren

Jean Warren - May 15, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ Thank you for your lovely words

Gretchen Stalnecker - May 16, 2020 at 07:11 PM



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charlie massaquoi - May 15, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ So sweet.

Emily - May 16, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Charlie, you are an earthbound angel and your amazing care for my father will always be remembered.

Dirk Stalnecker - May 16, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ thank you Charlie. It was an honor to meet you and see the loving care you took of our father

Gretchen Stalnecker - May 16, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ Sharing just a few moments from our joy filled life together.



Shirley - May 15, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ Always the best smile. Love you, Shirley.

Emily - May 16, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Took many memories to pick just one. Shore weekends, fishing, diving, two Cayman trips, working at MEC. He was a wonderful, caring man, and he will be missed by many!



Meg - May 15, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ Can't figure out how to edit. Should read caring man.

Meg - May 15, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ thank you Meg

Gretchen Stalnecker - May 16, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ Stewart will always be in our hearts



rachel greenfield - May 14, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ Thank you Rachel

Gretchen Stalnecker - May 14, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ Michelle And Dean Lovenduski lit a candle in memory of Stewart G Stalnecker Jr



Michelle and Dean Lovenduski - May 14, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ Poppa Stew- Your amazing spirit bonded our two families in a way that will live on in our hearts and our children’s hearts forever. Whether you were pumping up bike tires, changing light bulbs or washing the dishes; we rarely saw you sit still. You set an amazing kind hearted example for us all to follow by always helping others anyway you can. Your love for Shirley was so real and a joy to witness. We will hold on to your legacy of love in the time ahead. Thank you Poppa Stew for just being there and loving us all when we needed it the most. Love always: Matt, Karen, Julie, Noah and Isabella Bates



Karen Mae - May 13, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ Thank you Karen. Sending hugs your way

Gretchen Stalnecker - May 14, 2020 at 02:43 PM



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Ellen - May 13, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ Wonderful photos Ellen Thank you!

Gretchen Stalnecker - May 14, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Best brother anyone could ever have. Will miss you terribly. Your loving sister, Marti

Marti Galli - May 13, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ People we love so much are the ones we miss a lot he was a very good person in heart mind and soul for the little time that I got to know him he was a great man and so is his wife may God almighty welcome you in to heaven u will be always miss RIP

charlie massaquoi - May 15, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ Stewart "Uncle Butch" Stalnecker, I will miss your big smile, your laugh, your infectious sense of humor. You were a serious and successful businessman yet one of the most humble and caring people I've ever known. My memories of Barnegat Light with you are among my fondest of all--and one of the reasons that I too, now live on the water. Thank you for your generosity and your fun loving spirit. My sincerest and deepest sympathies for the amazing Shirley and awesome cousins, Dirk and Gretchen. Love, your niece, Odette

Odette Thurston - May 13, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ Love you cuz. Thank you.

Dirk Stalnecker - May 13, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ Thanks Cousin O

Gretchen Stalnecker - May 14, 2020 at 02:44 PM



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Gretchen Stalnecker - May 13, 2020 at 11:05 AM



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Gretchen Stalnecker - May 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM



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Gretchen Stalnecker - May 13, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ February 9, 1981, Stewart took a chance and hired a 23 year old kid just a handful of weeks out of college, creating an unsolicited position for me in the MEC Engineering group. I stayed with the organization for the next 34 years and I'm still working in the industry today. I will always be grateful for the opportunity he provided me and many others. February 9, 1981, Stewart took a chance and hired a 23 year old kid just a handful of weeks out of college, creating an unsolicited position for me in the MEC Engineering group. I stayed with the organization for the next 34 years and I'm still working in the industry today. I will always be grateful for the opportunity he provided me and many others.



Art Dobie - May 13, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ Thank you Art for the lovely memories and the photos Gretchen

Gretchen Stalnecker - May 13, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed representing MEC in Northern California and learning all about screens. Stewart was always fun to talk with and be around. He will be missed!

Byron Bumgarner
bbumgarner62@gmail.com

Byron Bumgarner - May 13, 2020 at 09:24 AM



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Dirk Stalnecker - May 13, 2020 at 07:18 AM



“ Shirley, so sorry to hear of your loss of such a brilliant man. and loving husband I loss Nick 11-4-2019 on his 83rd birthday.

Carole Adelaide Troster - May 13, 2020 at 10:07 AM



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Dirk Stalnecker - May 13, 2020 at 06:41 AM



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Dirk Stalnecker - May 13, 2020 at 06:15 AM



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Gretchen Stalnecker - May 13, 2020 at 12:23 AM



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Gretchen Stalnecker - May 13, 2020 at 12:21 AM