



## Stanley Wegrzynowicz

April 10, 1936 - May 29, 2021

Stanley Wegrzynowicz (“veng-sha-NO-vich”), age 85, teacher, coach, mentor and friend to all, passed away on May 29, 2021. Dear husband of the late Norma. Devoted father to Ann, Matthew (Karine) and Mark (Denise). Proud grandfather of Sophia, Luke, Victoria, Olivia and Lydia. He leaves behind many loving family members and friends.

Born April 10, 1936 in Hamtramck, Stan attended Resurrection school, De La Salle Collegiate and the University of Notre Dame with a degree in accounting. He was a valued member of Notre Dame’s 1957 NCAA Cross Country National Champion team.

Stan taught and/or coached basketball, football and track at several Detroit-area schools including Wayne State University, De La Salle, Saint Joseph, Immaculate Conception, Sweetest Heart of Mary, Holy Redeemer, Notre Dame, Saint Matthew, Grosse Pointe North, Lakeview and Most Holy Trinity. Stan was most proud of his 1971 Holy Redeemer basketball team that won the City Title Championship and earned him the Detroit News Coach of the Year honors. His 2018 Most Holy Trinity fifth-and-six-grade girls basketball team (the “Fantastic Five”) were CYO runners-up with only five members on the entire team. He was inducted into the Detroit Catholic League Hall of Fame in 1978.

From 1970-76 Stan was summer camp director at the Detroit Saint Vincent De Paul Society's Camp Ozanam located in Port Sanilac. Stan later became managing director for Saint Vincent de Paul's Detroit thrift store operations from 1976 to 1996, elevating it from a struggling business to the largest Society operation in the United States.

Much thanks to Stan's family and numerous friends who brought such love and light to him during his final days, especially to his Holy Redeemer students as well as devoted friends Kathy Brogan, Tom Malaski and Frank Bova.

Memorial contributions are appreciated to Crossroads of Michigan, 2424 West Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208 ([crossroadsofmichigan.org/donate/](http://crossroadsofmichigan.org/donate/))

A Memorial Mass will be held Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 12 noon at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake Drive (Corner of Mack) St. Clair Shores.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUN 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Church  
22412 Overlake Dr.  
St. Clair Shores, Mi

# Tribute Wall

VH

“ I only met Stanley one time, over 20 years ago, introduced by Ann. His warmth and charisma just made you feel as if you knew him all your life.

*I am so sorry for your loss Ann. I hope you and your brothers find peace that he was a good man, respected and loved by many.*

*Victoria Hornik-Rosinski*

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**Victoria Hornik-Rosinski** - July 11, 2021 at 05:57 PM

KR

“ We were in Denver for Brittany Faremouth’s wedding and went to the Air Force Academy. When we pulled up to the gate, Mr. Weg asked if there were any young men looking for a nice Polish girl (me). On that trip we decided to drive to Pikes Peak. I sat in front with Mr. Weg and I was white knuckling the whole drive on that switch back road, but once we got up there, it was totally worth it!

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**Katie Rutz** - June 11, 2021 at 06:58 PM

JB

“ Stan was the epitome of the teacher-coach. He was equally adept at mentoring adult coaches and student athletes. His remarkable legacy spanned over six decades.

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**Joe Beldyga** - June 07, 2021 at 03:42 PM

TC

“ May all of you children, grandchildren and friends and family receive the grace from God to cope with your great loss. I was a neighbor in the 60s. Theresa Cerwin.

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**theresa cerwin** - June 06, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stanley Wegrzynowicz.*



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June 04, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *Not only was Stan the coach at Redeemer when I knew him, he was a "dad" and mentor to so many of those young men and women! What a wonderful man. He did God's work all his life, may God welcome him with open arms-well done, good and faithful servant: you have been faithful...come and share eternity with me. In sympathy,  
Jan Pierce (Sr Jeannette -Religion teacher at HRS)*

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**Jan Pierce** - June 04, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *Having been a friend of Mark for the past three and a half years, and spending many days on the road together for work, I was fortunate to hear the many stories he shared of his Dad. Now, after reading Stan's obituary, it's obvious to see why his entire family loved him as deeply as they did. One can only hope that their life could be lived with the sense of purpose, joy and commitment to others that Stan lived his. Leaving his family with that as his legacy is a true blessing. Rest well in God's care knowing your life was well lived.*

*In Friendship  
Mike Mollica*

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**Mike Mollica** - June 03, 2021 at 09:38 AM

MP

“ *Mr. Wegrzynowic’s summer basketball clinics at St. Matt’s were the best. He taught me that Cousy dribble and how to go behind my back. I remember him after church, too. He talked directly to me like few adults did in those days. And as a kid who stuttered, it was pretty special.*

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**Matt Phillips** - June 03, 2021 at 12:17 AM

LB

“ *Ann, Mark and Matt - we loved you Dad so. My favorite memory is the Christmas Eve we got to share with him and how big his eyes got when he looked at the crab legs along with all the other goodies we shared that evening. What a wonderful Dad you share!! God Bless - Laura and John*

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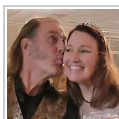
**Laura Bohan** - June 02, 2021 at 05:43 PM

BG

*You couldn't ask for a better friend.*

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**Bill Giovan** - June 04, 2021 at 12:15 AM



*I coached track at Grosse Pointe North with Stanley for many years. In recent years, I have always enjoyed running in to Stan at basketball games and track meets. We waited out the rain delays together at the state track meet in 2019. Ironically, I am headed to the state finals tomorrow. I will always remember Stan as a knowledgeable, kind man who always had time to impart his wisdom or share a joke with others. He was a lovely man who spent his life in the service of others. He will definitely be missed by so, so many people.*

*Diane Montgomery*

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**Diane Montgomery** - June 04, 2021 at 08:02 AM

FB

*I am proud to have been one of Stan's many friends! A good person who taught by the way he lived his life. He was so proud of his family. I will truly miss the many simple good times we shared attending games, rides on Lakeshore Drive, trips to Belle Isle to see the eagle, the Eastern Market, Zeff's and Estate sales..Stan was a friend in deed and a friend in need to so many! I miss him already!*

*Frank Bova*

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**Frank Bova** - June 04, 2021 at 12:07 PM

MS

*Dear Mark & Matt, I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Truly the last of the St Matt's generation that dedicated themselves to ensure that the kids had organized sports (Mr. Phillips, Russ LeBlanc, Jimmy Highlund). Your Dad was a renaissance man and ahead of his time. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers - Sincerely, Matt Simoncini*

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**Matthew Simoncini** - June 07, 2021 at 08:36 AM

RM

*Ann, Mark and Matt*

*I am sorry to learn of Stan's passing.*

*I started my activity as a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul managing a struggling store in Madison WI. I got to know Stan in those early years and learned a lot from him that still informs me today. Some of it was what to do as well as what not to do.*

*What a good guy and what a character. Probably like most people some of my favorite stories are Stan stories. Now I am the national president of the Society of St Vincent de Paul and still carry him in my heart with gratitude for those many years of friendship. Ralph Middlecamp (National President of the Society of ST. Vincent de Paul*

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**Ralph Middlecamp** - June 08, 2021 at 06:14 PM

KS

*Sorry to hear about Stan's passing. I coached against stan when I started my career over 50 years ago. I was at Servite when he had those great teams at Redeemer. Jack Carroll and he had many great battles over the years. They will continue them in heaven. Stan was a great coach, a wonderful mentor to hundreds of student/athletes, other coaches including me over the years. He is not only in the coaches Hall of Fame he is in the Human Being Hall of Fame.*

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**Ken Semelsberger** - June 09, 2021 at 11:43 AM

MM

*To the Family of Stanley: Please accept my condolences on the death of Stanley! He will be greatly missed. Be assured of my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.  
Sincerely, Mary Ellen Martinson*

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**Mary Ellen Martinson** - June 10, 2021 at 11:24 PM

KR

*Ann, Matt and Mark, your dad was like a second father to me! I loved that we all grew up with a giant group of parents looking out for us. St. Matt's was a family and I still consider all of you my family. Your parents were great friends to my parents and my siblings and I appreciate that! God bless you all. Love, Katie Rutz*

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**Katie Rutz** - June 11, 2021 at 06:50 PM