



## Stanley Alexander Zogas, Jr.

January 17, 1944 - July 19, 2007

Mr. Zogas was employed as a teacher for Fraser Public Schools for 35 years and served as director for Fraser High School's plays. He loved to sail and was an astronomer. His family said he was a teacher, sailor and director who was kind, personable, humorous and compassionate, dedicated to his job and a mentor and second dad to all of his students. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Celeste; children Noah and Emily Zogas; mother Lois Zogas and brother David L. Zogas.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Zogas sparked the acting bug in my life. He always had a great sense of humor and was a wonderful drama teacher. Alot of who I am today came from his teachings. You will be missed and I will see you directing again on that big stage in the sky...the show will go on again!!!*###imported-begin###Bridget Polk###imported-end##

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August 09, 2007 at 11:50 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Z's passing. He was a great influence in my life. His inspiration will continue on in the many, many students he touched.*###imported-begin###Mark Flegg###imported-end##

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August 04, 2007 at 04:03 PM



“ *Stan Zogas influenced more than just those he met & worked with. By being such an inspiration to us during the impressionable high school years we learned to be better people, live our lives better, fuller and appreciate the little things that count the most. We have all grown to become better as a person, parent, friend, & spouse. Our deepest sympathy to the family in this time of need. Have great comfort in knowing that the way in which he lived continues to change countless lives.*###imported-begin###Karl & Michelle Brown###imported-end##

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August 01, 2007 at 02:04 PM



“ *My condolences to the entire Zogas family for your loss. (I am a friend and old co-worker of Mr. Zogas's brother David).*###imported-begin###Mark Huberdeau###imported-end##

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July 31, 2007 at 09:32 PM



“ Please accept my condolences at this time of your loss. I am an employee from Fraser High School. I have been with the district for 33 years. Celeste you may not remember me, but I made your wedding cake with De Pontius the food director. Mr. Zogas will always be remembered for the kind and gentle and caring man he was. His memory will always be a part of F.H.S. I also graduated from Fraser (Class of 1973). Bless your family##imported-begin##Rose Jones##imported-end##

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July 31, 2007 at 01:50 PM



“ I'm from the class of 1973 We called him "Stan The Man", his favorite phrase was to say "for sure" for everything! We loved him. I was in a stagecraft class he taught, we did West Side Story. It was great! We kind of became friends, I watched his dog Zeus for him while he was on vacation. He really was a great person. I will always remember him because he never acted like he was a "teacher" he was nice and caring and wasn't afraid to be friends with his students and a role model as well. Through the years I would return to Fraser High to see my nephew perform in plays, neighbor's children perform, he was always there, even after he became ill, he will always be remembered...##imported-begin##Kim Kraft##imported-end##

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July 31, 2007 at 09:58 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Stan Zogas. Stan was larger than life and his kind heart and wisdom made it possible for each of his students to succeed. Great teachers are rare and those that nurture the gifts and talents in others, rarer still. Stan was and will always be beloved by those he believed in most, his students. (Class of '71)##imported-begin##Vicky (Barringer) Copeland##imported-end##

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July 31, 2007 at 03:25 AM



“ Mr. Z was my favorite teacher at Fraser High. I not only learned about stagecraft and astronomy, I learned about life. My favorite memory is when he took a group of students to do a community service project over by North Avenue, sandbagging the canals. That was in the 70's when the water leveles were so high they overflowed the seawalls. That was the 1st time I had ever participated in helping other people hands-on. He always had such a cheerful and enthusiastic attitude and related so well with all the students. My deepest sympathy to his family.##imported-begin##Lori (Shunn) Stade##imported-end##

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July 30, 2007 at 07:08 PM



“ Celeste,  
*There is a poem that truly is a reflection of Stan's legacy*









































*Celeste,*

*There is a poem that to me is a reflection of Stan's legacy, you can probably hear him say it:*

*"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child." From what I read and heard Stan has already accomplished this. My heart goes out to you, Noah, and Emily.*

*Mary Barry##imported-begin##Mary Barry##imported-end##*

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July 30, 2007 at 01:59 PM



*“ Farewell my Lithuanian friend. You will be missed but not forgotten.*

*I pray that your family can take comfort knowing that you are no longer suffering and are at peace with the Lord.##imported-begin##Ann (Luehmann) Statzer-Maier##imported-end##*

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July 30, 2007 at 01:34 PM



“ Dear Celeste, Noah and Emily- Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of a wonderful teacher, friend, father and husband. My son Jim and I enjoyed every minute of our time building rockets with Stan and Noah. He showed great patience, humor and love as he coached the students for the Messmore Elementary Science Olympiad. I'm sure he showed his students at the Fraser those same qualities. His contributions to others will live on in the hearts of all of us whose lives he touched. Peace be with you in this time of grief. Bob McBroom###imported-begin###Bob McBroom###imported-end##

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July 30, 2007 at 10:43 AM



“ Mr Zogas changed my life. I was so lucky to have found him when I did. Part of what I have become is due in large part to Stan.

*I have also been able to share the love of theater with several children over the years as I too directed children and teens in plays.*

*I remember Mr. Zogas coming to our cottage up north, bringing his Zodiac and Zues, what memories. I will miss you my friend. I took my kids to FHS about 14 or 15 years ago. I walked in the stage door with my son and daughter. I wanted them to meet this bear of a man that made their fahter into the goof ball he is. Now mind you, this would have been 1993ish. I looked down into the house at his work desk and what did he say? "How are you Tim? It's nice to see you". Roughly 13 years since I graduated and he knew me right away.*

*What a gift he gave me THAT day.*

*Thank you Mr. Z!!*

*You are loved!###imported-begin###Tim Schurig###imported-end##*

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July 30, 2007 at 09:25 AM



“ *How very sad I was to hear of Stan's passing. He was a great influence in my life. He was kind, fair, funny, patient, and the only reason I got through high school. I am still using the skills he taught me, weather it's woodworking, sailing or inter"acting" with people. He knew how to guide and when to let you fly on your own. What a difference he really made. My deepest sympathy to Stan's family. A truly Great man that will be sorely missed. Thank you for everything Mr. Z.##imported-begin##Norman E. Barringer##imported-end##*

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July 30, 2007 at 05:18 AM



“ *...colder, dimmer place without him in it.*  
*SJB##imported-begin##Scott Barringer##imported-end##*

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July 30, 2007 at 12:14 AM



“ Z was one of the most influential teachers in my life, he is the reason I am in the theater business today. After 30 years being back stage, I still sometimes ask myself how would Stan do it? The Last time I talked to Stan he said he was proud of me and the things I have accomplished, that simple statement meant more to me then he would ever know. More then a teacher he was a friend, a mentor and at times a father to me. He treated his students like adults and never "talked down" to us. I will always remember that huge smile his infectious laugh, his quick temper and that big-ole silly dog he loved so much.

A light has gone out in the world and it's a colder, dimmer place with him in it.

My deepest sympathies to his wife, children and family. Stan will be missed.##imported-begin##Scott Barringer##imported-end##

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July 29, 2007 at 06:53 PM



“ I appreciate Z for having the confidence in me to let me lead things back stage. 23 years later I still love going to the theatre! Stan, you'll be missed.##imported-begin##John Duquette##imported-end##

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July 29, 2007 at 06:13 PM



“ Stan, or just plain 'Zogas' as we called him, was my teacher, mentor, and friend. I could never put into words what an everlasting impact he made on my life.##imported-begin##Elizabeth (Neds-Fox) Anderson##imported-end##

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July 29, 2007 at 01:18 PM



“ Stan was a great teacher and inspirer! His love and devotion to Fraser High School, specifically to the theater, was given freely and without reservation to any student or parent. We witnessed some of the finest high school and community theater through Stan and those he's mentored. He will be missed!##imported-begin##Rich & Deb Jones##imported-end##

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July 29, 2007 at 12:48 PM



“ Although we haven't kept in touch, Stan was an important part of my life when I was in high school and college. He was caring, supportive, and enthusiastic about life and its opportunities. His influence has been and will be felt for years. I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Gloria Pett Driest##imported-end##

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July 29, 2007 at 03:00 AM



“ very sorry for the loss...he was a great man.##imported-begin##Tom Allor##imported-end##

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July 28, 2007 at 10:40 PM



“ Mr. Z took a chance on me during my sophomore year by giving me a small part in "Murder on the Nile". I went on to work with him in "Brighton Beach Memoirs" and "Harvey", times I will never forget. His enthusiasm was matched only by his patience and sense of humor. What's more, he made directing us fun, even though our immaturity certainly drove him to the edge on more than one occasion.

Our Class of 1988 twenty year reunion is next year and his presence will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Kristoffer Gair##imported-end##

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July 28, 2007 at 07:54 PM



“ I have a few memories to share of Stan-notably what a great teacher and mentor he was to his students and how he loved that high school. Personally I remember when he was a fellow traveler (of several Fraser teachers) who toured London, England over a Spring Break years ago and he was so much fun to have in the group. But my fondest memory was of the several years he played Santa and visited our elementary classrooms to greet the kids and pass out candy.

God Bless his family and his many legacies-esp. his dear children.##imported-begin##Joan Bernacik##imported-end##

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July 28, 2007 at 06:13 PM



“ Stan was a well liked teacher by his peers and students. Back when I was the District Arts Coordinator for Fraser Public Schools he would always attend our meetings to make plans and volunteer for a variety of events. We always knew what was important to him though. On the front of his planning calendar were the pictures of his wife and kids. He worked hard but never lost sight of his family and what time away from them cost him. He will be missed. My condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Mike Cassady##imported-end##

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July 28, 2007 at 03:14 AM



“ Mr. Zogas was my astronomy and drama teacher close to 20 years ago. He was a good man.##imported-begin##Nikki (Arntzen) Miller##imported-end##

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July 28, 2007 at 12:09 AM



“ Mr. Zogas was a wonderful teacher, and left a lasting impression on me. He allowed me to 'direct' Godspell many years ago, in spite of the fact that I had absolutely no experience in the theater. His big dog, Zeus, often times came to the rehearsals. We all had so much fun in those days! What a lovely person he was. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.##imported-begin##Dorothy Sherman##imported-end##

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July 27, 2007 at 02:55 PM

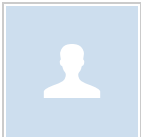


“ I was privileged to know Mr. Zogas during my time at Fraser High School, in the drama dept. I recall Mr. Zogas trying to work with me on character development in some of the roles that I played in the dramas and musicals I participated in. Mr. Zogas even let us work in a Student production my senior year, which if I recall right hadn't been done in a while. But Mr. Zogas was willing to give us the chance to pull it off. I recall when his son Noah was born, just how that changed his life. I recall seeing Noah run around the theatre with him after hours and particularly on a Saturday during an Arts & Crafts show put on by the booters at FHS. Mr. Zogas was in the theater, painting our set for the upcoming drama. Noah was having a blast getting paint on him and the set.

Mr. Zogas will be missed, but not forgottn.##imported-begin##Steve De Graeve##imported-end##

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July 26, 2007 at 05:12 PM



“ Mr. Z was one of the very few teachers that understood me. He helped me drive, and no, I had never driven before getting behind the wheel with him...I ran into a pile of plowed snow in the school parking lot. Needless to say I am a far better driver now and everytime I have to parallel park I think of Mr Z!!!! He also casted me as Mrs. Frank in Diary of Anne Frank...boy did he have a lot of faith in all of us kids, and what better adults we are now and always will be for having known one of FHS's greatests teachers and friend! Prayers of love and light to the entire Zogas family and to all their friends!##imported-begin##Rebekka S. Jordan##imported-end##

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July 26, 2007 at 02:11 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Mr. Zogas was a VERY good teacher. Very funny too. He will be greatly missed.  
Love,  
April (Peeper) Raab###imported-begin###April (Peeper)  
Raab###imported-end###

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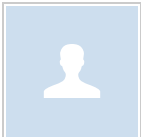
July 26, 2007 at 02:03 PM



“ Mr. Z taught me and 4 of my siblings to drive. He used to let me play my music during the lesson but he didn't let the other students because their music gave him a headache :)  
He yelled at me once for poking the animal carcass that was on the makeup-turned-taxidermy table in the back of the theater.  
I remember how proud he was when Noah was born and there were new baby every week.  
I think of Mr. Z often and his memory will live on in all of the thousands of FHS students he positively influenced.###imported-begin###Colleen Tharme (Carroll)###imported-end###

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July 26, 2007 at 01:39 PM



“ Mr Zogas was a amjor influence in my life. He taught me to work hard for what I wanted, and to be best at what I do. I will always remember those years in the theatre as some of the best in my life. Even after 30 years of being away, I still remember what he taught me and how much he cared. Rest in peace Stan, you really made a difference to everyone you met.###imported-begin###Paul Herbon###imported-end###

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July 26, 2007 at 01:38 PM



“ Mr Z. influenced 3 generations of my family. He will be missed greatly. My families deepest sympathies and prayers to yours. There will always be a light on stage for Z.##imported-begin##Sandy Lienemann (Wilson)##imported-end##

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July 26, 2007 at 12:58 PM



“ Mr Zogas was my all time fav. teacher. He was a wonderful man. He kept on pushing his students to do there best and never give up on a dream! I remember one time in drama class he asked me what I wanted to do after high school. I said "I wanted to become a marine biologist." He laughed b/c he said thats what he wanted to do after High school also. But we both ended up in different careers. lol I will miss him dearly. I would like to express my sincere condolences to his family. May he Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Kim Stea##imported-end##

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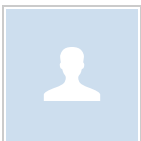
July 24, 2007 at 11:12 AM



“ Z was a wonderful teacher, friend and influence in my life. Please accept my sincere sympathies for your loss.##imported-begin##Dianne Cote' DeFauw##imported-end##

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July 23, 2007 at 04:13 PM



“ Mr. Zogas was one of my favorite high school teachers 20 years ago. He inspired me to be in drama and was an awesome science teacher. We loved him dearly. I am truely sorry for your loss, and hold you and your family in my prayers. May God give you all peace as you lean on Him during this time.##imported-begin##Keri (Hemme) Jagers##imported-end##

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July 23, 2007 at 01:21 PM



“ *mr. zogas was one of my highschool teachers he was a teacher that drew me to the drama dept. i am deeply sorry for your loss##imported-begin##amanda##imported-end##*

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July 22, 2007 at 12:59 AM