



Stanley C. Nevins

July 1, 1933 - August 8, 2020

Stanley Charles Nevins, 87, passed away in Estero FL of Parkinson's disease on Aug. 8, 2020. Born in Brooklyn New York on July 1, 1933, he was the son Of Stanley and Eleanor (Metzger) Nevins.

Stan attended Our Lady of solace and Walkkill High School. Following graduation in 1951 he enrolled in Cortland State Teachers College, majoring in physical education. After completing the freshman year he joined The United States Army, where he served three years, with an honorable discharge. Returning to Cortland in 1956 for his BS and later a Master's degree. He was a member of the college football, wrestling, swim and lacrosse teams. Also, he was a member of Beta Phi Epsilon Fraternity. In 1992 he was inducted into the Cortland college C Club Hall of Fame. While at Cortland he met the love of his life, Pat, and married the day before graduation in 1959. The newly married couple settled In Middletown, New York, where he began his first teaching and coaching position at Orange County Community College. While residing in Middletown the couple welcomed two sons; Michael J. and Timothy Charles. A career opportunity to coach wrestling and lacrosse brought the young family to Cobleskill, N.Y. where they would make their home for thirty- five years. During this time he participated in civic activities at St. Vincent dePaul's church council and the Cobleskill Exchange Club.

The college community, faculty and students were everything to him, after family. He dedicated his professional life to teaching, mentoring, recruiting and

befriending each and every student that crossed his path. The physical education curriculum was diverse; skiing, outdoor education, and many lifetime sports, so the world was his classroom. His coaching duties began with wrestling, followed by the first-ever lacrosse team in the area. Later he would add Men and Women Cross country to his outstanding endeavors. The student athletes from all sports were highly accomplished, due to the team spirit and camaraderie he encouraged daily. Many won honors, academic All-Americans, individual and team regional and national championships.

For all his professional accomplishments he was most proud of his family. He was a devoted, generous and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife, of 61 years, Pat. Michael (Lauren Bellcourt), children, Jennifer (Aaron) Griffin, Caitlin (William) Allen, and Patrick Nevins. Timothy (Leisa Roy) Abigail, and Bailey and Cameron Nevins. Four great-grandchildren: Grace, Liam, Shepard, Grant Allen and seven grand pets.

Stan and Pat retired to the Villages at Country Creek, in Estero, Florida in 2000; where they enjoyed the hospitality and friendship of the entire community. They were members of Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, and Bonita Springs Elks Lodge.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate his life will be held at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community 1960 Cypress View Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33967 on Friday, Aug. 14, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

The Shikany Funeral Home, Bonita Springs, FL is assisting the Nevins family. Visit [www. ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com) for complete details.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions made be made in memory of Stan to: The Stanley and Patricia Nevins Scholarship fund, for future teachers at SUNY Cobleskill Foundation, 106 Suffolk Circle, NY 12043, www.cobleskill.edu/give. If you are having difficulty in processing your donation, please contact the school directly at (518) 255-5524.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

AUG **14**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Tribute Wall



“ *Stanley C. Nevins*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Glen Damashek - October 28, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ *Stan Nevins was an exemplary example of a life well lived; he truly was a giant in the world college coaches. He didn't coach the biggest teams but he always made all his players feel like they played on the best team. I was on the 73-74 Cobleskill Lacrosse team. I had never played team sports before; I joined the team on challenge from my roommate. It turned out to be one the best experiences of my college life, that positive experience was due to Coach Nevins. THANKS COACH!*

My deepest Condolences to his wife Pat and family.

Glen Damashek

Glen Damashek - October 28, 2020 at 01:39 PM

MA

“ Wonderful coach ! He made everyone a winner. I had him as a lacrosse coach 73-74 We referred to him as “ Stan The Man”. I have thought of him often in life and certainly when visiting the green playing fields at Cobleskill!!!Condolences to his wife Pat and family

markLashway - October 14, 2020 at 03:14 PM

MA

One of the memorable things that makes me think of him often is he taught me how to roll up my entire coat and stuffing in the sleeve which would make a nice seat or pillow while hunting. He said he learned that in the army and I have done that since 1974. I can still remember during a bus ride to a game I join him in his seat and spoke to him about finding a place to hunt when we had this conversation

mark - October 28, 2020 at 05:14 PM

SH

“ Our most sincerest condolence to this wonderful family. We just heard of Stan's passing and we wish to extend our sympathies.
The Don Helme Family

Susan Helme - August 20, 2020 at 09:57 AM

RS

“ Pat, Mike, & Tim,
My deepest sympathy to you all. May you find comfort in your memories and the comfort of friends and family. Ric Strong
(Tallahassee, FL)

Ric Strong - August 18, 2020 at 06:35 PM

GB

“ Pat, with great sorrow, I just read about Stan's passing in the Cortland State Alumni News. This is a voice from the past who has many great memories of you two at Cortland State. The two of you were what I call “count on people.” You were always there with outstretch hands, a laugh or a good time when needed. We haven't talked or met for a long time but from what read here it sure sounds like you both continued along this path throughout life. I know Stan will be missed by many. He was the kind of guy that it is hard to forget. Pat, I will try to give you a call.

*names in a yearbook
memories that survived
the winds of time*

Gerry Bravi

Gerald Bravi - August 17, 2020 at 01:40 PM

DK

“ Stan was my high school classmate and we played on many teams together . Those were great days - 70 years ago .

Don Kazimir - August 16, 2020 at 03:32 PM

JB

“ Mrs. Nevis, Tim, and Michael,
I Cannot express the loss I , We, feel of the passing of the greatest man/coach I ever Knew. He was an inspiration to us all. In spite of all odds against us at times he made us feel we were winners. All of you are very special part of my life and to many others. Coach once said to me “ in a speech it's best speaking from the heart and you can't go wrong” well I'm speaking now. He was like father, mentor, friend to us all and I am grateful to have been a part of all of you.

John Biller - August 16, 2020 at 02:30 PM

SA

“ *Pat & Family,
Our deepest sympathy to you all. May you find comfort in your
memories. Stan always had a smile to give, we have enjoyed you
being our neighbors.
We will keep you in our prayers,
-Steve & Sally Reichert, Carolyn Day*

Sally - August 15, 2020 at 08:01 PM

JB

“ *My thought and prayers go out to the entire Nevins Family. Knew
him from my high school years at Cobleskill. A great person,
teacher, friend and colleague. Will be greatly missed. John
Bautochka*

John Bautochka - August 14, 2020 at 07:25 PM

JE

“ We would simply like to send our love and prayers to each of you as you say good bye to a wonderful husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather. As we read the beautiful words honoring this wonderful man, we were reminded of a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration that Tim and Leisa so graciously included us in. It was the last Thanksgiving we had with our son, Bob. Since we couldn't be with our own family, it was so special to be embraced by all of the Nevins' love that day. I believe this was the last time we saw Stan as well. Stan and Pat also graciously opened their beautiful Florida home for some girls' trips ... much appreciated time away from family and home busy schedules to relax and savor friendship with Leisa and others. Priceless memories thanks to their generosity! We feel very blessed to have a few beautiful memories with Stan and Pat through Tim, Leisa and the kids ... all very important family to us here in Naperville. We are so sorry for your loss and you ALL remain in our hearts and prayers!

Love Always,

Mike & Jolene Ebert

Alex, Riley, Meg, Dan & Henry

Jolene Ebert - August 14, 2020 at 03:54 PM

VS

“ Beautiful Gentleman and Gentle Man...with a ready smile...my honor to have known you..Viviane Scherer

Viviane scherer - August 14, 2020 at 03:52 PM

DG

“ Stan will be greatly missed. He was a great friend and someone we admired, that we chose him and Pat to be godparents to our daughter. He was a man of integrity and we were very impressed with the way he carried himself in his life. He is a man his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will be proud to say he was our “dad”.

Dan and Edel Groski - August 13, 2020 at 08:30 PM

JG

“ Pat, Mike and Tim,
You will never truly understand the impact that Coach had on my life. He was demanding as a Coach, incredible as a Mentor, and more importantly wonderful as a friend. In a conversation with another one of his wrestlers from that era, he summed it up perfectly "I wish I had performed better". Coach Nevins deserved that except we were too young to realize. He gave every one of his athletes his all and for that we owe him and his family deep respect. I'm forever grateful to be able to call him a friend and a mentor. RIP Coach. To Pat and the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jim Goblet - August 13, 2020 at 08:16 PM

SA

“ Dear Pat & Families ~ I am so very sorry to learn of Stan's passing. I will keep you in my prayers that your warm and loving memories, time with your family, and the photos of the years will bring you comfort. May he rest in peace. With my sincere condolences ~
Sharon Aitchison

Sharon L Aitchison - August 13, 2020 at 03:29 PM

MT

“ Coach Nevins was a force of nature and a man who lived life to his fullest. When you talk to Stan's alumni; before they tell you about his coaching, they talk about the man and the profound impact he had on their lives. Most of them talk about receiving tough love and great life advice from Stan.

In 32-years of coaching: lacrosse, wrestling along with men's and women's cross country Stan had only four losing seasons in 70 coaching campaigns across those sports. This is truly impressive but then again Stan was impressive an impressive man.

I met him in 1992 and Stan was extremely helpful to me as a cross country coach passing on names of high school coaches and athletes that I needed to become involved with. He also pointed me in the direction of high school programs to recruit and told me to, "go get them" as, according to him, "cross country is a numbers game and the more you have the better you will be." How right he was!!!

Several years ago I was in Midway Airport waiting to fly home from Christmas and there was Stan and Pat looking to fly to Albany to spend New Years with friends after visiting their son in Arlington Heights. We had breakfast at Harry Carey's and flew back together with Stan basically entertaining me the entire trip. Good Times for sure.

To Pat and the family may I extend condolences on behalf of myself and the Fighting Tiger XC nation. May he rest in peace.

Mitchell Tomasziewicz - August 13, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stanley C. Nevins.



August 13, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ Great coach, friend, fellow card player, faculty member . His constant success as a coach is a tribute to his ability to get athletes to perform beyond their ability. He will be missed !!!

Gerald Hisert - August 12, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ Phyllis, Hardy and Patty purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Stanley C. Nevins.



Phyllis, Hardy and Patty - August 12, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stanley C. Nevins.



August 12, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stanley C. Nevins.*



August 12, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ *Pat,
Enjoyed many good times with Stan while playing golf and cards. I know that they will have a great 4 some with Stan, Roy, John D, and Ernie. They will be tough to beat! A group like that doesn't come along often!
Tom Franklin*

Tom Franklin - August 12, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ *Very sorry to hear about Mr. Nevins passing. Lots of great memories of growing up on Elm St / Rose St with Mike and Tim and Mr. and Mrs. Nevins. Whiffle ball in the back yard, little league, a trip to see the Mets play with my Dad and Mike and Mr. Nevins, vacations to Maine - those were great times. When Mike and I were kids and Mr. Nevins was the wrestling coach at SUNY Cobleskill, I remember Mr. Nevins as a big strong burly guy - always friendly and good natured and willing to help teach you anything you wanted to learn. Sincere condolences. Hardy Merrill*

Hardy Merrill - August 12, 2020 at 07:03 AM

PM

Yes! We were all so sorry to hear about Mr. Nevins passing. So many memories to cherish, like my brother said. We all had such happy times. We will all forever remember. My mother sends her condolences as well.

Sending hugs to you all.

Love and prayers

Patty Merrill

In loving memory we all have contributed to the SUNY Scholarship fund in the Nevins name.

Patricia Merrill - August 12, 2020 at 06:42 PM



I am so sorry to hear about Stans passing. So many memories as a child growing up on Rose Street with the Nevins family. Pat and Stan were gracious enough to included our family in so many of their adventures. We all had great times together. My thoughts and prayers go out to Pat, Mike, Tim and their families. He will be missed.

Kathy Righi

Kathy Righi - August 13, 2020 at 04:38 PM