



Stanley Cratcha

March 24, 1928 - April 11, 2016

Stanley Cratcha, 88, passed away peacefully in his Painesville home Monday April 11, 2016 surrounded by his family and friends. He was born March 24, 1928 in Cleveland.

A Greek immigrant, with little knowledge of the English language, Stanley mastered English with a Master's degree in Speech Pathology. His life was a fulfilling one, with a rewarding career in the public schools and many other settings. Stanley enjoyed traveling the world, fine arts, music, golf and spending time with family. He and other close friends established The Northcoast Men's Culinary Society over 30 years ago. His capacity and ability to love wholeheartedly was truly contagious and will live on through all that knew Stanley Cratcha. He is adored by his grandchildren, who have been touched for a lifetime through his love and involvement in their lives.

He is the loving father of Daniel S. (Shelby J.) Cratcha; grandfather of Rachael (Mel Gonzales) Heleen, Hayley (Nathan) Reed, Abbie (Keith Cuda) Cratcha, Stan (Katya) Cratcha, Tyler Cratcha and Andrew Cratcha; father in law of Denyse Cratcha; great grandfather of 6; brother of Christine Stamatiades and Gus (Julie) Cratcha; many nieces, nephews. He leaves behind his close friend, Irene.

Stanley was reunited with his best friend and wife of 53 years Alice and eldest

son George; parents George and Angela Cratcha; brother Steve Cratcha and sister Ramona Weber.

A funeral service will be held at 12 pm Friday, April 15, 2016 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH 44060, where the family will receive friends from 10 am – 12 pm Friday.

Interment will be in Concord Twp. Cemetery, Concord Twp.

In lieu of flowers, family requests contributions be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave, Cleveland, OH 44110. Condolences may be offered online at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Concord Twp. Cemetery

11650 Concord Hambden Rd
Concord Twp, OH 44077

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
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Funeral Service

APR 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PR

“ I am so very sorry to hear that Stanley passed away. I tried often to contact him after we moved to north Florida. Art Pickering sent me an email about Stanley's death. Danny will remember us, Pat and Ralph Cook and the beagle puppy your family got from us. I will never forget your parents' visits to Ft. Lauderdale and the fun we had. Stanley and Alice were such good friends in Mentor and remained so even after we moved. Ralph passed away in 2003, and I remarried in 2006. I have been twice blessed in marriage. Your parents met Bob the last time they were in Florida. I am so glad Alice and Stanley were a part of my life. Alice is still missed and Stanley will be too. God bless your family.

*Pat Cook Richardson
Fernandina Beach, Fl.*

Patricia Cook Richardson - April 17, 2016 at 04:30 PM

GI

“ I will always remember a patient man who sat with me endlessly as a child helping me with my speech concerns. Uncle Stanley was a very compassionate man whom loved his family, and lived life to the fullest. My grandfather/ his brother passed away when I was little and I did not have the luxury of having a grandfather. He always knew how to fill in that hole when I saw him, and I appreciated that so much. He will always be a blessing to me. The world will never be the same without Uncle Stan, or Aunt Alice, but they have inspired me to live life to the fullest and never forget family. I already know he told everyone hello up there, because that is the family man that he is. I will always be thinking of you Uncle Stan and will carry your love and kindness in my heart always. Enjoy traveling in paradise!

Gianna - April 15, 2016 at 08:45 AM

MW

“ Uncle Stan's hugs were absolutely the best..... You know the kind that start with a side hug, which wasn't acceptable, transforming into a very long bear hug! I have very vivid and fond memories visiting Uncle Stan and Aunt Alice in the summer.....playing in the back yard with Uncle Stan and playing his baby grand piano.... As horrible as I played then, he would always sit in the living room and listen, encouraging me to keep playing. Both spoiled me rotten, I never left their house without some kind of gift! Pretty sure Uncle Stan introduced my husband Eric to ouzo at Eric's first Greek Thanksgiving! Uncle Stan you were a very gentle, loving, kind - hearted man..that's how I will always remember you !

Love to Dan, Shelby, and family,

Your cousin Michelle

Michelle Witt - April 13, 2016 at 03:32 PM



Gaynelle
Myers-
Bailey

“ Playing Barbie in the fountain in the backyard, swinging on the rope swing in the woods, playing pool in the basement, sleeping over and reading Danny and Georgie's Archie and Scooby Do comic book collection. Watching Uncle Stanley make wine. And the FOOD, always amazing food, laughter and a feeling of welcome and home, sitting around the dinning room table. Going on vacation to Martha's Vineyard....We always felt the love and friendship, the zest for life. Uncle Stanley will always be a light in our hearts. We will remember him with laughter, love and a bit of Ouzo and some homemade wine. To Danny and the whole Cratcha family, please know that we are holding you all in our hearts. Sending so much love and strength.

Gaynelle Myers-Bailey - April 13, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ *Connie Cratcha Jordan purchased the Gable Gift Box for the family of Stanley Cratcha.*



Connie Cratcha Jordan - April 13, 2016 at 08:07 AM



“ *My dear Uncle Stanley, a beautiful, zealous soul, full of love, tenderness, kindness, encouragement, strength, perseverance, joy, care and an unforgettable person. Growing up, spending summers with Aunt Alice and Uncle Stan was just the best, (basically let my sister and I do anything we wanted)! He was always interested in our lives! Those Cratcha family Thanksgivings with Uncle Stan and Auntie Alice is a wonderful life memory; music, dancing, food, family, laughing, heroic discussions, presents for the kids, always ending with playing and singing Christmas Carols all together before we would begin our good nights! <3 I am so blessed to be apart of his family. His legacy of life will continue on eternally. I love you and thank you, Uncle Stanley!*



Connie Cratcha Jordan - April 13, 2016 at 06:43 AM



“ *My thoughts are coming to you from the UK. Dorothy*

Dorothy Turley - April 13, 2016 at 03:46 AM



Jeannie
Toth

“ *My heart is broken! Stan was one of my favorite customers at Hellriegel's...never had to ask..he always LOVED the oyster club!! You will Never be forgotten...Thanks for the memories*

Jeannie Toth - April 12, 2016 at 09:57 PM

HG

“ *Mr Cratcha was an amazing soul. I met him while working at Quail Hollow. His smile and love was so infectious. I'll always remember his warm hugs and and beautiful smile. I'm very sorry for this family's tremendous loss❤️ RIP Mr. Cratcha Always, Heidi*

heidi gavrilovic - April 12, 2016 at 09:54 PM

DC

“ *Uncle Stanley loved life but loved family more. The traditional celebration of of Greek Thanksgiving was initiated by Uncle Stanley and Aunt Alice over 55 years ago. Uncle would cook the turkey and make his magical Greek stuffing. Our family has carried on the tradition he began; our family will carry on the love of life and the love of family for generations to come. His absence leaves a hole in our hearts but Uncle Stanley has inspired us all and will continue to have an impact on us for years to come. Prayers and blessings to Danny and Shelby, his earthly angels. We love and pray for you.*

Dona Cardone - April 12, 2016 at 06:38 PM