

## David Maxwell Stanley

**Memorial Service and Celebration of Life Service (followed by lunch): Saturday, September 26, 2015, 11 AM, Wesley United Methodist Church. No visitation. Online condolences: [www.wittichfuneralhome.com](http://www.wittichfuneralhome.com)**



Muscatine, Iowa — David Maxwell Stanley, 86, of Muscatine, went home to his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

David (Dave) was born in Dubuque, Iowa, on September 9, 1928, the son of C. Maxwell Stanley and Elizabeth (Betty) M. Holthues Stanley.

He married his high school sweetheart, Jean (Jeanie) Kathryn Leu, on June 27, 1948. They met in fifth grade at Jefferson School, went steady as Muscatine High School students, and were married at age 19. They continued deeply in love through 67 years of marriage. Their marriage was a true partnership and a tremendous example to many. They genuinely cherished and honored one another with their words and actions. Jeanie preceded Dave in death, August 4, 2015. They are now rejoicing together in heaven.

A joint memorial service and Celebration of Life service for Dave and Jeanie will be held on Saturday September 26, 2015; 11 AM, Wesley United Methodist Church, Muscatine, Iowa. We cannot think of a more appropriate and joyous way to celebrate the lives of two people who loved to do everything together.

Left on earth to celebrate Dave's life and honor his memory are his four children and their spouses, Lincoln (Barbara Mazer) Stanley of Rockville MD, Rebecca (Timothy McFate) Stanley of Cranston RI, Nathan (Ruth) Woodliff-Stanley of Denver CO, and Elizabeth (Timothy) Shriver of Coralville IA; all ten grandchildren, Arianna Stanley, Konrad Fuhri, Duncan Fuhri, Elijah McFate, George Woodliff-Stanley, John Woodliff-Stanley, Alan Shriver, Julia Shriver, Maria Shriver, and Leo Shriver; and his brother, Richard (Mary Jo) Stanley of Muscatine and sister Jane A Stephenson of New York, NY and their children.

Dave was preceded in death by Jeanie, his parents, and several aunts and uncles.

In high school, Dave was a Boy Scout, earning the Eagle rank. He was inducted to the Muscatine High School Hall of Honor. He also served in the United States Air Force.

He earned his B.A. and law degrees from the University of Iowa and was a life-long Hawkeye fan. He founded the law firm that is now Stanley, Lande, and Hunter. Dave served in the Iowa Legislature for 12 years and was House Ways and Means Chairman and Senate Majority Leader. He ran for the US Senate twice, narrowly missing both times. In the end, he was glad God allowed him to be so close to winning and yet allowed him to do many other works for Him throughout his life. He was a Rotarian and received an Honorary Paul Harris Fellowship.

Dave and Jeanie were active members of Wesley United Methodist Church and in the renewal and reform movement of the United Methodist Church as a whole. Dave and Jeanie co-chaired a statewide "Spirit Alive! Churches Alive!" campaign that enlisted helpers and money to revitalize Methodist churches and plant new churches. Dave served as a Director of the Institute on Religion and Democracy and was

chairman of its United Methodist Action committee.

Dave and Jeanie were leaders in United Marriage Encounter, a Christian ministry to help strengthen and transform marriages. They were on the presenting teams for 116 Marriage Encounter Weekends.

Dave and Jeanie co-founded New Hope Foundation, a foundation that affirms, aids, and advances the traditional Christian faith, beliefs and values. They also co-founded Iowans for Tax Relief and were leaders of National Taxpayers Union.

Dave was Chairman of many nonprofit organizations, including New Hope Foundation, Iowans for Tax Relief, National Taxpayers Union, and Public Interest Institute, a limited government think tank. He also served on the Iowa Wesleyan College Board of Trustees.

Dave and Jeanie dedicated their lives to honoring God, to His service, and to the service of others. They always insisted that if either of them had done anything worthwhile, it was done by the two of them together, with God's help. They were generous with their talents, time, energy, and resources. Their sacrifices here on earth impacted many lives for eternity.

One of Dave's favorite Bible verses was "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil 4:13. Dave believed that as long as he was alive and able, God still had work for him to do here on earth. He worked diligently until the end. His brilliant mind and remarkable leadership will be missed.

Memorials will be welcomed by New Hope Foundation or by United Marriage Encounter, both at PO Box 209, Muscatine IA 52761.