



Stanley D. Bigg

April 18, 1934 - October 2, 2019

Stanley D. Bigg, 85
Kearney resident

Stanley D. Bigg, 85 of Kearney passed away Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at Mt. Carmel Home in Kearney after a long battle with Alzheimer's. A celebration of life service will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct 9, 2019 at Kearney Evangelical Free Church with Pastors Adrian Boykin and John Fowler officiating. There will be no visitation. Burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests memorials to Kearney Evangelical Free Church, the Alzheimer's Association of Nebraska to educate and find a cure to end to this difficult incurable disease, or to the Kearney Children's Museum. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Stan was born April 18, 1934 in Sterling, CO to Virgil and Elsie (Shumway) Bigg. Stan went to Life Bible College in Los Angeles where he graduated with a ministerial degree. He had a desire to meld film and Christianity. Bill and Vonette Bright (Youth for Christ) were amazing mentors to him as he was

involved with their ministry in the early days.

Eventually, after several moves across the US, Stan moved to Kearney and met the love of his life, Susan Clare Stewart, whom he was married to for 53 years. With the birth of their daughter Stephanie, she became the joy of Stan's life; taking her on many business trips from a very early age.

Stan was a head usher for many years at Kearney Evangelical Free Church where he had been an active member for many years. He loved greeting people and making them feel welcome. Stan taught adult Sunday School and a boys Sunday School. He worked tirelessly in the 70's and early 80's to ensure the KEFC Youth Group had a welcoming fun and safe place to bring their friends, spend time together, and hear the Word. He loved working with the Youth Pastors during those years.

Stan served on the Founding Board of the Kearney Children's Museum with a passion to see the Children's Museum become a facility filled with fun, education, and outside the box play and learning for the area kids. He never met a child he didn't love.

Stan was a brilliant, creative man who was always years to decades ahead of where trends were; he never stopped thinking or dreaming. Stan was named Nebraska Entrepreneur of the year in the late 70's. He was a creative and highly energetic individual.

Stan worked in the field of advertising, product development, manufacturing and sales. He opened a College Store in 1967 by the campus and soon opened a second store downtown – The Colony Town and Campus Fashion Store. He went on to create Young America Corporation, a college fashion company with college fashion sales throughout the USA located in St. Louis. He and Susan with daughter Stephanie moved back to Kearney in 1971 and

started Après Bath Products, which later became Horizon Designs Inc.

Stan loved sports of all kind and enjoyed playing golf and bowling. He had a great love for baseball and watching all sports, often traveling throughout the USA to watch a game or see a race. He was an avid sports memorabilia collector. He loved trains and had an impressive collection he delighted in working on which gave him the ability to carry on his creativity during his many years living with Alzheimer's. During the later years, Stan's favorite hobby was by far, spending time with his granddaughters and family.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Susan of Kearney; daughter, Stephanie Dickey and her husband, Alan of Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.; granddaughters, Rebekah Dickey of Kearney and Hayley Dickey of Abu Dhabi; brother, James Bigg and his wife, Barbara of Hot Springs Village, AR; sister-in-law, Karen Stewart and husband, Allan Cooper of Melbourne, Australia . He was blessed by wonderful nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and extended family all over the world.

He was proceeded in death by his parents, Virgil and Elsie Bigg; his in-laws, Walter and Clare Stewart; a baby sister; brother, Garry Bigg; sister-in-law, Victoria Stewart; sister-in-law, Alice Stewart; nephew, Geoffrey Bigg; and niece, Sandra Bigg.

Alzheimer's changed life dramatically for Stan these past years, but he continued to find the best in life and did all he possibly could to keep a smile on his face and joy in his heart. He loved and was loved by wonderful caregivers as he fought his battle with Alzheimer's. Our family has been blessed by a huge caring family of care givers with Heartprint Home Care, at Country House Memory Care Residence and at Mount Carmel Nursing Home and AseraCare Hospice. The family is so very thankful to all.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **9**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Kearney E-Free Church
4010 7th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845
<http://www.kearneyefree.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Stanley D. Bigg*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Stanley D. Bigg.*



October 09, 2019 at 09:55 AM

DB

“ *Sue, Stephanie, and family,
Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. I know the heartache or losing a loved one to Alzheimer's. You and Stan were pivotal to my understanding of life and the work force and I thank you for that. I wish my health were better but I don't feel that I could have made the trip to be with you on this sad occasion. Our hearts and prayers are with you. -Donnye Bowden and Osa Bracken.*

Donnye Bowden - October 09, 2019 at 09:01 AM

SB

Thank you Donnye So many good memories with you!!! ❤️

susan bigg - October 10, 2019 at 10:33 PM



“ *Thinking and praying for your family during this difficult time. Thank you for your advocacy of this terrible disease. Sending love to you. - Jena Johnson*

Jena Johnson - October 07, 2019 at 12:19 PM

CC

“ Dear Sue, Stephanie, and family,

My deepest sympathy for you. My prayers that the Lord will comfort you and bring you His peace during this time.

Cheryl and Paul Coleman

cheryl coleman - October 05, 2019 at 11:41 AM

GE

“ *My condolences to the family and friends on Stan's passing. I count myself among the fortunate whose lives he touched. He was a good and kind man and will be so greatly missed! Through faith we are assured that he is moving on to his eternal life with a clear mind. I pray that along will afford you some comfort and peace. Many hugs and prayers to Sue and Stephanie! Love you!*

Georgette - October 04, 2019 at 03:43 PM

CH

“ *Sue, I'm so sorry to hear about Stan & your sister also. Cindy Hardekopf*

Cindy Hardekopf - October 03, 2019 at 01:07 PM

JW

“ *Hi Sue and Stephanie: I am sadden at your loss. Stan was one of the good guys! I loved his smile, his sense of humor and his genuine gift of caring and concern of others. I know he will be missed. Love you both - Joni Weed*

Joni L Weed - October 03, 2019 at 12:08 PM

SS

“ Sri Seshadri lit a candle in memory of Stanley D. Bigg



Sri Seshadri - October 02, 2019 at 07:21 PM

DL

Sue and Steph: What a great man Stan was! I was honored to have gotten to know him and work for him as well!! He was such a caring person and gave me so much confidence in my work! Prayers to all of you!!! Deb Liesinger-Vavra

Deb Liesinger-Vavra - October 04, 2019 at 12:21 PM

BB

Sue, Steph and family so sad for the loss of an amazing man. Sue and Stan gave me the chance in life to prove my self worth and gave me so much confidence. Loved talking to him. May God Bless you all.

Barb Braithwait-Ronkar - October 07, 2019 at 03:32 PM

Julie Hoppe

Reading these tributes about Stan brings a smile to my face. His energy was indescribable. I was blessed to know him and to work with him on a project. He had a way of broadening everyone's horizons. Godspeed Stan! Julie Rawlings Hoppe

Julie Hoppe - October 17, 2019 at 11:41 PM