



Louis L. Stark

December 20, 1924 - February 15, 2013

Louis Leon Stark born December, 20, 1924 in Petoskey, MI. as the eldest son of Viola Eppler and Louis F. Stark, passed into eternal rest February 15, 2013 after a courageous struggle with serious illness. Louis graduated from Petoskey High, Class of 1943. His life consisted of many facets. As a teenager he worked on his uncle's farm and later in another Uncle's auto dealership as a mechanic. Louis was a proud American working in a bomber plant during WWII. He drove a city bus, a school bus route, and a route for Michigan Bread Co. He owned and operated a motel in Traverse City, MI. He and his family moved to FL in 1959 and bought a gift and citrus shipping business in Lauderdale by the Sea, where he also became assistant fire chief. Later, he and his brother, Lyle, developed property named Vantage View, in Petoskey, MI. He was of the Presbyterian faith and baptized in the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale and a former member of the Elks and Eagles while living in AZ. He enjoyed many years of golfing, traveling, and watching sports on TV.

He was predeceased by his parents Viola and Louis Stark; his first wife Patricia Marie and an infant son Ronny Edward; his second wife Elaine Bodnar; sister Carol (Art) Foster; brother Don (Joan) Stark. He is survived by his wife Ramona; daughters Jacki Binko and Julie (Mark) Lindsey; son Louis Victor (Sabra) Stark; step-daughters Cindi (Kerby) Glenn, Syliva Pennock, and Lou Ann Vercout; grandchildren Rick and Ron Stark, John Henry (Mindy)

Binko Jr., Autumn Sanders, Kimberly Hackl, Shane Jackson, Tiffany Glass, Stephanie Borgman; great-grandchildren Hadley and John Henry Binko III, Leyton, Tyler and Robert Stark, Lola Borgman, Olivia and Parker Sanders, Skye Glass, Siena Hackl; sisters Doris (James) Gibson and Betty (Don) Foster; brother Lyle Stark; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The best of men, the kindest of men, and yet a man of such admirable character, a heart that never hardened, a temper that never tired, and a touch that never hurt. -Charles Dickens

A memorial service will be scheduled in Petoskey, Michigan. The family suggests memorial donations be made in his memory to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue West Palm Beach, Florida 33407.

Tribute Wall



“ *Louis L. Stark*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Grandpa Lou was a very kind and good hearted man. He was always willing to help anyone in need. He always had a big smile and hug for me when I saw him. I will never forget his laugh or his smile. We will miss you Grandpa Lou and we will always remember you!*

Tiffany Glass - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Granddaughter - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *It's still difficult to believe I won't hear that infectious laugh again! Grandpa Lou was such a wonderful man and as many have said "one of the good guys." Always ready to share a laugh or a joke, he really liked to have fun. I will always remember him as able to fix just about anything! He loved to "tinker" with and repair things around the house and for other people. Always taking on a different project around the home. He and my Grandma were a wonderful couple and she loves him so very much. Her heart is so sad right now. I pray that she finds some comfort in everyone's kind words. We will miss you Grandpa Lou!*

Autumn Sanders - Vero Beach, FL - Granddaughter - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I met Lou at his granddaughter's (Stephanie) wedding where he was taking video of everyone & all the festivities. He impressed me with his kind nature from the very start. It was also obvious that he & Ramona loved one another very much & it was always pleasant to be around them. I know he will be missed by so many. i consider myself blessed to have met him.
God Bless his family

Barbara Long - Raymore, MO - acquaintance / friend - March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Grandpa Lou was the true grandfather to me. . . showing me how to build a bird house in the cool summer days in Michigan, how to use a push mower for the first time and plant trees the right way, how to build a fire in the mountains of North Carolina, how to sled down the smallest patch of snow and the biggest hills with the same enthusiasm, how to catch contagious laughter from watching Bed Knobs and Broom Sticks or watching me play hop scotch, how to make cookies after supper and eat three desserts before going to bed, how to cook dinner and enjoy doing dishes with your family at the meals end, how to travel the highway and learning a new language listening to the CB radio along the way (always had to check in with Grandpa to give him "your 20" on the road later in life). I am a better person for having Grandpa Lou in my life. You are my Grandpa, my rock, my know how to do it all guy. . . nothing can take that away. Thank you for sharing your time with me.

My daughter, Lola Grace, did not have the chance to make the memories that I was so blessed to have made, but she will always remember Grandpa's hugs and, of course, his candy stash next to the reclining chair. . . and the moment they met eyes and smiled, knowing they'd share a sweet treat and an embrace. Let the Lord embrace you now Grandpa and knowing you are there with Him makes me smile. I hope your laughter is just as contagious in heaven!!! We love you.

My heart goes out to all that are feeling loss from Grandpa's passing.

Grandma, you were one lucky lady to have found and held his hand for so many years. . . Let our memories make us strong through this difficult time.

Stephanie Borgman - granddaughter - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ We have been so blessed to have Grandpa Lou in our lives! I have so many fond memories of him. He was such a kind and gentle man with a skill set above and beyond the normal person! In my eyes, he was always there to lend a hand and it seemed he could fix anything...cars, sprinklers, lamps, hang really heavy antique mirrors the "right" way...the list goes on! We lived next door to my Grandma and Lou for a year or so and it was great! We shared dinners together, conversations and smiles. He was always watching out for us and our house. He would notice a sprinkler not working and fix it, bring up our garbage cans if we hadn't yet, get our mail from the post lady (he loved to go to the mailboxes) and bake us sweets!!!! He always knew the comings and goings of us which gave me a sense of security and peace of mind. We shared our love of candy! He had a stash next to his chair in the tv room, I knew where it was and "raided" it whenever I was visiting. The "orange slices" were my favorite and there was usually a bag of them in the bin. I will never forget his laugh and sense of humor...showing us jokes he would get emailed to him....laughing every time he shared them. Our road trips were always more fun because Lou would keep track of our whereabouts along the way. We would call in to let him know the mile marker we were passing and what the weather was like. He loved keeping track of when we would arrive and what the weather would be like when we got there...he would be right on the money every time! Thank you Lou for the wonderful memories you left with me and our family that I will forever cherish. God knew what he needed in Heaven... a very special, kind and "well rounded" angel to watch over us down here! Bless you!

Kim Hackl - Wilmette, IL - Granddaughter - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Lou was a man with a kind heart and a generous spirit. He and Ramona, my Mother, had a wonderful retired life together as they lived and traveled between Florida, Michigan and North Carolina.....for many years they always seemed to be on the move and it was always an adventure.

Lou was always ready to lend a hand and/or advice on any project....he had so many practical skills and the curiosity to make things work....from grandfather clocks, furniture refinishing or rewiring lamps,,,, he was the one to go to for help.

As I was attempting to make the perfect meringue shell the other day, and it was falling flat, I imagined Lou observing from above and having a chuckle over my efforts.....because he also loved to bake and experiment in the kitchen,,,,,he was a good cook too!

I will miss his ready smile and good humor, he was one of the really GOOD GUYS and my world has been made better in knowing and loving him as a stepfather,,, I will truly miss him.

Much love and peace to you Lou.

Cindi

cynthia pennock glenn - riviera beach, FL - step-daughter - February 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We met Lou a few years ago when Ramona and he became our neighbors. He was such a gentle and kind man who always shared a smile and "good morning" with us each day. Our prayers and thoughts are with Ramona and the entire Stark family. We will miss you, Lou!

Bill and Joyce Zawacki - Hobe Sound, FL - Neighbor and Friend - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Lou came into our lives in 1988 when he married my Mom, Ramona. He was a beloved stepDad and "Grampa Lou" to grandkids & eventually great grandkids. He was one of the last of "the good guys" in so many ways. He could do anything..skilled in caprentry, plumbing, electrical work, cooking, baking, refinishing furniture..you name it..Lou could do it. He enjoyed any big equipment work going on at our place, from having huge trees taken down, to tractor work, he watched and "supervised" it all. A nurse too-during a serious hand surgery, Lou was my strength. Supporting me both physically and emotionally while the visiting nurse dressed the open wound, the care & warmth he showed, stays with me to this day. He had a great sense of humor and a great laugh. We always knew which dinner plate was Lou's..the one with the little" woodpile" of shredded toothpicks!! We are grateful and blessed to have known him & shared all these years together. God Bless & keep you Lou. We love you. Sylvia

sylvia pennock - jupiter, FL - step daughter - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I remember as a young boy watching my uncles and aunts sit around the campfire having such a good time in each others company. I remember thinking Dad (Donald) and Uncle Lou were twins since they looked and acted so much alike.

My hope is that Dad, Aunt Carol, and Uncle Louis are all once again sitting around a campfile sharing wonderful stories of their lives - and that someday we all hear their laughter once again!

Darin Stark - Garden City, MI - Nephew - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“*Lou was married to my mother Elaine for 15yrs. He was an amazing man and my life was blessed when he became my stepfather. He showed me what it meant to love someone and he gave us so much love. My thoughts and prayers go out to Vick, Jackie and Julie. You had an amazing father and thank you for sharing him with me.
God Bless, LouAnn*

LouAnn Verbout - Anchorage, AK - step-daughter - February 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM