



James Stanfa

February 17, 1961 - August 9, 2017

James H. Stanfa, 56 of Bourbonnais passed away August 9, 2017 at his home. He was born February 17, 1961 in Chicago Heights, IL to Joseph and Janet (Buchmeier) Stanfa. James married Melanie Thomason October 25, 2014 in Bourbonnais.

He retired from the Bradley Post Office where he was a mail carrier. He loved the Chicago Cubs, Blackhawks, and the Fighting Illini. He enjoyed grilling out, playing softball with the Chotahs softball team and golfing. He loved his pets and all animals. Most of all James enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

James is survived by his wife, Melanie of Bourbonnais, 3 stepdaughters; Marissa Montwid of Bourbonnais, Ashton (Oscar) Lopez of Bradley and Stephanie (Steve) Lowman of Bradley and a stepson Jonathan Karnes of Bradley. Also surviving are 2 step grandsons; Lukas and Ethan Lopez, 2 sisters Judy (Tom) Trefz of French Lick, IN, Jan (David) Basile of Chicago Heights, 2 brothers; Joseph Stanfa and John Stanfa both of Chicago Heights, 3 nephews; Adam, Nick and Vincent Stanfa and a niece Michelle Stanfa. He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be a memorial visitation Thursday, August 17, 2017 from 3 pm to 7 pm at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Bourbonnais Chapel. A memorial service will follow at 7 pm with Fr. David Simonetti officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to family wishes.

Please sign his online guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel
1100 N. Convent St.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-2421

Memorial Service

AUG 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Stanfa*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Jim was our mailman for several years. A few years ago he gave us a Blackhawks flag as a secret santa gift after he learned ours had been stolen. We knew he must had been the secret santa because he was such a big Blackhawks fan. That was so thoughtful of him. He was always so friendly and such a pleasure to see in our neighborhood. Our deepest condolences are with his loved ones. - The McDowell Family*

The McDowell Family - August 22, 2017 at 07:34 PM



“ *I've known Jim for the last 8 years. He was friends with my mother-in-law. He was such a nice guy and cared for animals so deeply. There was one Christmas that he had got my mother-in-laws kids stuff and even though he didn't have to, he gave the significant others gift cards so we didn't feel left out. Even though we were all adults it was a sweet and caring thing to do. Any time I drove through Bradley and seen Jim on his mail route I would honk and wave. He will be missed by all of our family. He had been a staple in my mother-in-law's life and her children's for at least 15 years.*

Crystal Hampton - August 17, 2017 at 08:55 AM

MM

“ My sincerest condolences to my dear friend, Jan Basile, and her family, on the loss of her brother James Stanfa. My prayers go out to his wife, daughters, son, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, and his extended family during this time.

Jan, may God continue to watch over you and David as you provide continued support for your family. Stay strong and know that prayer is the answer.

Mary Melchor

Mary Melchor - August 17, 2017 at 08:33 AM

DS

“ Jim's father, Joe, was my boss and friend in the 50's, when I sold newspapers on the corner of Halsted and Ill. by Walgreens. Remet Joe and met Jim years ago. 2 great guyos, we will miss forever. My prayers for their family to have peace and understanding.

Dominic Storto - August 16, 2017 at 06:59 PM

DO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers going out to the family.

Diana O'Banion - August 16, 2017 at 06:01 PM

EM

“ Eileen (Castelli) Mair lit a candle in memory of James Stanfa



Eileen (Castelli) Mair - August 16, 2017 at 05:05 PM



“ *Jim was our mailman for many years. He shared all the neighborhood gossip with me! He always had a listening ear and was very kind. He brought my dogs treats, they waited for him. He took great care of my packages, true customer service. Sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great guy.*

Kathy Glogowski - August 16, 2017 at 03:37 PM



“ *It is with sincere sympathy we reach out to all of you in prayer. The Czyz Family
Joe Czyz, Louise Czyz and Carolyn Czyz Woodward, your Grant Avenue Neighbors growing up!*

Louise Czyz - August 16, 2017 at 01:37 PM



“ *"Jim The Mailman" was a fixture in our family life for many years, when we lived on W. Grove. He'd kindly recorded pro wrestling events for our kids. He hosted us at a Memorial Day gathering at his home in Blatt subd. in '99. Lost touch after we sold that home in '02. He was a good guy.
-Lori & Eric Kidd*

Lori Kidd - August 16, 2017 at 06:50 AM

EJ

“ I believe Jim was the first person I met waiting in line at Marian Catholic for freshman orientation. I was surprised to see him again at Garner Hall orientation at U of I. Although I had lost contact with him for over 30 years, I will never forget his voice...a true Chicagoan! He was one of those guys that was not afraid to start up a conversation with anyone. He was such a friendly, genuine person. I am so sorry for the loss to all his family and friends! God Bless!

Eileen Atwater Jasica - August 15, 2017 at 08:36 PM

RK

“ Dear Jan, David, & Stanfa Family,
May your precious memories and God's strength give you comfort.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love, Regina & Bryan King

Regina & Bryan King - August 15, 2017 at 03:21 PM

ER

“ Jan, thinking of you and your family. So sorry.
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CW

“ My Sympathy to Jimmy's family. I grew up with Jimmy on Grant Ave. They are a wonderful family! I can still to this day hear Janet call for her kids, "Joey, Johnny, Jimmy, Judy and Jan. What a wonderful memory to have.
Rest in peace Jimmy.
Carolyn (Czyz) Woodward

Carolyn Woodward - August 14, 2017 at 10:33 AM

RC

“ I knew jimmy since he transferred in as a carrier at Bradley. Jimmy ha specisl sense of humor and a true Chicago Blackhawks fan. I had lost contact with him after i retired in 2004 and moved to Tennessee. He was a good hearted man. You jimmy will be missed.

Russ Collins - August 13, 2017 at 12:16 AM

CS

“ I had the pleasure of meeting JAMES at KFC where I work he would come in for his crispy chicken and no cookie because of his diabetes which started our conversation about our health we laughed a lot I haven't seen him since he retired then to hear he passed was very hurtful to hear he was definitely a great person and happy I had the pleasure of meeting him he will be missed

Cassandra Sturgis - August 12, 2017 at 08:14 PM

NM

“ 35+ years ago, in games I wasn't playing, I remember helping Jimmy 'announce' hockey games (into a cassette recorder) at the HF Ice Arena. He was good at it, and we had a lot of fun. Our sympathies to a good family. Nick & Jeannie Markionni

Nick Markionni - August 12, 2017 at 02:11 PM

 Tia Casey

“ Jim was my mailman years ago when I met him. We stayed good friends, and he was there for me through my divorce. We kept each other company for many years going to concerts and movies and dinner. He was the kindest person I've ever met. I'm going to miss you Jim everyday.....

Tia Casey - August 12, 2017 at 12:51 PM

DT

“ *I am one of the Grant Ave Clan, grew up with the Stanfa's, one of the sweetest, kindest family on the Block... Going to miss you Jimmy... love and hugs..... my deepest sympathies to the family... ♥♥♥love and hugs.....
Donna Martello Torrez....*

Donna Martello Torrez - August 11, 2017 at 07:32 PM

SL

“ *So sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers and love. - Sue Lach*

Sue Lach - August 11, 2017 at 11:40 AM