



## Roy Stanley "Stan" Merrill

August 19, 1934 - June 9, 2019

Please find the obituary tributes for Mr. & Mrs. Merrill listed below.

Roy Stanley "Stan" Merrill August 19, 1934 to June 9, 2019

Sharon "Sherry" June (Osborn) Merrill June 24, 1937 to June 18, 2018

In Loving Memory of Roy Stanley "Stan" Merrill

Roy Stanley "Stan" Merrill, age 84, went to heaven to be with Jesus on June 9, 2019.

Roy Stanley was born on August 19, 1934, at home in Jefferson Township, Tipton County, Indiana, to C. Ralph and M. Belle (Osborn) Merrill. Known as Roy Stanley for years, in first grade, there were two "Roy's" so the teacher asked about calling him by his middle name, Stanley. In later years, this was shortened to "Stan."

After graduating from Sheridan High School in 1952, Stan attended Indiana University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Business in 1956. Upon graduation from I.U., he taught as a Commerce Teacher at his alma mater Sheridan High School for three years. He then taught in the Kokomo School Corporation at Kokomo High School (1959-1968, 1984-1994) and Haworth High School (1968-1984) as a Business Teacher, Coordinator of Cooperative Office Education, and Guidance Counselor. He earned a Master

of Business Administration degree from Indiana University in 1961. He retired in 1994 after a 38-year career in Education.

Licensed as a real estate sales agent and broker, Stan was also a Realtor with Pencek Realtors-Developers in mid 1970's-1980's.

A mutual friend introduced Stan to Sharon "Sherry" Osborn. They married on June 21, 1964, in a small country church, Blanche Chapel, in Liberty Township, Wells County, Indiana. They made their home in Kokomo, Indiana. Stan and Sherry had two sons, Tony and Eric. They were members of Grace United Methodist Church.

When they retired, Stan and Sherry pursued genealogy, volunteer work, and activities at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. In 1996, they moved to Minnesota to be close to their sons and their families. They were members of The Well, a United Methodist Church.

A life-long, avid bird lover, Stan always had some combination of feeders, baths, and houses for the birds outside. He enjoyed caring for and watching the birds. He hand-fed meal worms to chickadees.

Stan was preceded in death by Sherry, his wife of 53 years. He is survived by his son Tony and Tony's wife Paula and his granddaughters Natalie and Linnea as well as his son Eric and Eric's wife Cindy and his grandchildren Oliver, Ava, Lorena, and Dahlia. He is also survived by his sisters Kathleen "Kathy" Baker and Rosemary "Rosie" Griffis.

The family is celebrating his life and his being in heaven with a private memorial service in Minnesota. He will be interred in McFarren Cemetery in Liberty Township, Wells County, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Indiana University School of Medicine to support research that improves care for cancer, dementia, diabetes, and other diseases are much appreciated.

Make memorial gifts payable to "IU Foundation" and mail to IU Foundation, P.O. Box 7072, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7072. Please indicate "In memory of Stan Merrill" on the gift.

In Loving Memory of  
Sharon "Sherry" June (Osborn) Merrill

Sharon "Sherry" June (Osborn) Merrill, age 80, went to heaven to be with Jesus on June 18, 2018.

Born on June 24, 1937, in Bluffton, Indiana, Sharon was the first-born child of Herman and Golda (First) Osborn. She grew up on a farm with long days of helping garden, paint, milk cows, and cut weeds out of fields of certified seeds. The Osborn family really had fun together with vacations to camping in lower Michigan, where the Osborns owned a farm covered with Christmas trees, lots of sand, and a ten-acre lake.

Any spare minutes found Sherry pursuing her favorite pastime: reading. After graduating from Chester Center High School in 1955, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, in 1959, followed in 1964 by her Master of Science in Elementary Education from Purdue University at West Lafayette, Indiana. Sherry taught third grade for six years at Jefferson Elementary School in Kokomo, Indiana.

A mutual friend introduced Sherry to Stan Merrill. They married on June

21,1964, in a small country church, Blanche Chapel, near her parents' home. They made their home in Kokomo, Indiana.

Sherry became a full-time homemaker and was the mother of two sons, Tony and Eric. Always busy, her activities included being a Sunday School teacher at Grace United Methodist Church, den mother for Cub Scouts, merit badge counselor for Boy Scouts, room mother and volunteer aide at Maple Crest Elementary School, band booster, and stamp club treasurer. Having inherited a "green thumb," Sherry was an avid gardener and raised beautiful perennial flowers in addition to vegetables. Inside, she grew many thriving African Violets.

When they retired, Sherry and Stan pursued genealogy, volunteer work, and activities at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. In 1996, they moved to Minnesota to be close to their sons and their families. They were members of The Well, a United Methodist Church.

Sherry is survived by her husband Stan, her son Tony and his wife Paula and her granddaughters Natalie and Linnea as well as her son Eric and his wife Cindy and her grandchildren Oliver, Ava, Lorena, and Dahlia. She is also survived by her brother Wendell Osborn and his wife Sandra, her sister Marilyn Barnett, and her brother Bruce Osborn and his wife Gloria.

The family is celebrating her life and her being in heaven with a private memorial service in Minnesota. She will be interred in McFarren Cemetery in Indiana.

# Cemetery Details

## **McFarren Cemetery**

1300 W 500 S  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



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