



## Stanley J. "Stan" Dilley

January 20, 1947 - November 19, 2011

Stanley J. "Stan" Dilley, 64, of Bluffton, died unexpectedly Saturday at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Mr. Dilley worked at Slater Steel in Fort Wayne for 38 years and at Pena's Plumbing and Heating in Ossian for five years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and was a member of American Legion Post 111 in Bluffton. He was an avid Harley Davidson motorcyclist. He was born Jan. 20, 1947, in Fort Wayne, to Clarence Dilley and Anna Shiffi Dilley. He married Cheryl "Cherry" Hill Aug. 1, 1977, in Reno, Nev.; his wife survives. Also surviving are two brothers, Lee (Patty) Dilley of Churubusco and Tony (Patty) Dilley of Whiteland, and four sisters, Roseanna (Scott) Uhl of Avilla, Joellen (Ray) Solga of Alabama, Kathy (Tim) Wenning of Fort Wayne, and Larene (Ron) Pulver of Leo. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a daughter, Erika Smith, in 1995. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Thomas/Rich, Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Larry Sprinkle officiating. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Graveside military honors will be conducted by members of American Legion Post 111 and the U.S. Marine Corps Honor Guard. Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Christmas Bureau.

# Tribute Wall



“ Stanley J. "Stan" Dilley

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Dear: Dilley Family,

*While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your loved one. Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and does have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.*

*Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline "When Death is Swallowed Up Forever....." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." What a comforting hope.*

*If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send a little tract that is entitled "What Hope for Dead Loved Ones"? If you have any Questions, please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here ([b.molina56@yahoo.com](mailto:b.molina56@yahoo.com)).*

*I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family.*

*Sincerely Yours,*

*Brandy Molina*###imported-begin###Brandy Molina###imported-end###

January 21, 2012 at 09:41 AM



“ *Forever in our hearts...ride free my friend. Thanks for the good times.##imported-begin##Debbly & Cecil Hammond##imported-end##*

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November 28, 2011 at 12:57 PM



“ *Leroy:*

*Very sorry to hear about Stan. I have many great memories from St. Joseph's and Central Catholic. Also worked with Stan a few years at Joslyn Steel. Several of our classmates e-mailed me about Stan's passing. He was a great guy who was loved and respected. Hope you are doing well.##imported-begin##Augie Segyde##imported-end##*

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November 25, 2011 at 09:21 PM



“ On behalf of the men of Combined Action Company Oscar (Stan's combat unit in Vietnam), I wish to offer sincere condolences and sympathy to Stan's widow and family.

*Stan was part of a unique group of Marine volunteers who lived in small groups among the Vietnamese people and selflessly sought to protect and train them militarily, and assist them with civic action projects to improve their lives.*

*While serving at Khe Sanh he was part of the small garrison at the District HQ which stood off a ferocious assault in the Tet Offensive of 1968 by a numerically superior enemy force.*

*Stan and his handful of comrades not only withstood the attacks, but threw the enemy back with great losses.*

*The valiant service of Stan and his comrades is recounted in "Valley of Decision" by John Prado & Ray Stubbe, and in "Expendable Warriors" by COL Bruce Clarke. An account is also posted on our unit website:*

*[sites.google.com/site/usmccaposcar/cap-oscar](http://sites.google.com/site/usmccaposcar/cap-oscar)*

*Our memorial to Stan is posted here (scroll to bottom):*

*[sites.google.com/site/usmccaposcar/in-memoriam](http://sites.google.com/site/usmccaposcar/in-memoriam)*

*Stan and his comrades surely earned their right to the Marine motto*

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*Semper Fidelis - "Always Faithful." We will remember him as long as we live.##imported-begin##F. J. Taylor##imported-end##*

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November 23, 2011 at 06:22 PM



“ Cherry, I had the pleasure of meeting you when you & tanS came and had lunch with me at the hotel I was managing at the time in FL., it was the mid 80's. Stan and I both worked at Joslyn Steel (Slater) in 1966. We both joined the Marines so took a trip to FL. prior to shipping out to boot camp. I had the honor of attending that 8 weeks of training and Stan graduated the top man out of our 100. He was a great guy and will be missed by all that knew him##imported-begin##Jim Olson##imported-end##

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November 23, 2011 at 03:42 PM



“ Mrs. Dilley I am so saddened to hear of Stan's passing. I wish to express to you that I had the utmost respect for Stan's work ethic, and self discipline, having worked with him for several years at Slater Steels. I can assure you that many of his co-workers hold the same opinion. Stan could always be counted on to help, no matter how unpleasant the job he would be there, ramrod straight posture, and that everpresent grin on his face.

*I will be out of state this weekend. Please accept my apology, as I will be unable to attend the services.*

*I hope that making contact with the Marines from Stan's CAP Platoon brought him, and You some measure of comfort. Stan will be sorley missed, and fondly remembered.*

*Todd Radke##imported-begin##Todd Radke##imported-end##*

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November 22, 2011 at 07:36 PM



“Cherry, we were so sorry to read that Stan had passed away. We will be out of town on Friday but will be thinking of you and we will keep you in our prayers. You are such a special person Cherry.##imported-begin##Rob and Therese Evans##imported-end##

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November 22, 2011 at 08:35 AM



“So glad Carol S. and I got to bike down this summer from michigan to meet you and stan. So sorry for your loss...##imported-begin##Tom Martin##imported-end##

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November 21, 2011 at 08:25 PM



“Cherry, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathy in the loss of Stan. Becky##imported-begin##Becky Welsh##imported-end##

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November 21, 2011 at 06:27 PM