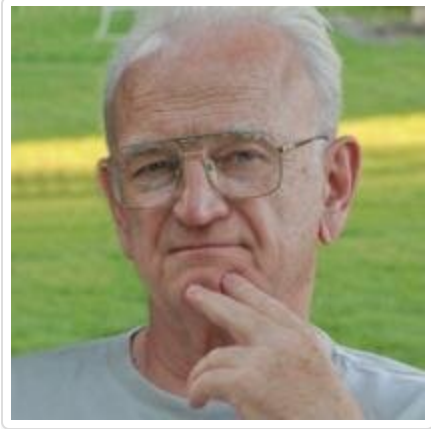




Stanley Blecharz Jr.

May 14, 1936 - February 24, 2019

Stanley Blecharz, Jr., 82, of Ross Township, died Sunday February 24, 2019, after bravely battling a long illness. Born May 14, 1936 in New Kensington, PA, he was the son of Stanley Blecharz, Sr. and Margaret (Rusiewicz), both of New Kensington.

Stan earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Penn State University in 1958. He worked the entirety of his 42-year career with the H.J. Heinz Company, beginning as an engineer in 1960, and moving into management till his retirement in 2002. After starting in Pittsburgh, he was transferred to Caracas, Venezuela, then served as production manager (Pittsburgh factory), factory manager (Salem, NJ), and in several capacities at headquarters, including manager of packaging purchasing for Heinz USA.

Unceasingly curious, Stan was a voracious reader, a student of sourdough bread-baking, a custom framer, amateur photographer, wine aficionado, and happy summer resident on Chautauqua Lake, NY. He was often found in bookstores and libraries, and was an early champion of Pittsburgh's restaurant scene. Stan's most enduring interest, however, was in high fidelity sound produced from classic vinyl recordings. Countless friends, acquaintances and family members were treated to the glories of home-based audio as he played high-end recordings of Frank Sinatra, the Modern Jazz Quartet, and Antonio Carlos Jobim among an array of classical, jazz, and pop

artists. His life-long love of music was extraordinary. No stereo ever sounded so good.

Stan is survived by his loving wife of 53 years Nancy Bears Blecharz; loving daughters Holly (Kevin) Carr & Kathy (Eric) Emmons; brother and best friend William (Judith) Blecharz; grandchildren Janell Carr, Bethany (Matthew) Sytsema, Meg (Josh) Van Dyke, Andrew (Nicole) Carr, Anna & Katelyn Rose Emmons; great-grandchildren Diandre Carr, Eden & Cade Sytsema, Julianna & Madelyn Van Dyke, Addison Carr; and nephew Richard Blecharz.

Friends received Thursday, February 28th from 2-4pm & 6-8pm at Simons Funeral Home, Inc., 7720 Perry Highway. www.simonsfuneralhome.com A funeral service will be held on Friday, 10:30am, at Memorial Park Presbyterian Church, 8800 Peebles Road. Contributions may be made to the Cancer Center at Allegheny General Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Sewickley Cemetery

Broad St.
Sewickley, PA 15143

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Simons Funeral Home, Inc.
7720 Perry Highway
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Visitation

FEB **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Simons Funeral Home, Inc.
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Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Church Service

MAR **1**. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Memorial Park Presbyterian Church
8800 Peebles Road
Allison Park, PA 15101

Tribute Wall

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“ To Stan’s Family:
My sincere condolences to Nancy and family.
And thank you for the beautiful obituary – and perfect picture.
“Unceasingly curious.” - The picture fits – it’s Stan.
As a fellow Heinz retiree I frequently was with Stan at our group’s
monthly luncheons.
He and I had numerous engaging conversations – many continuing
beyond lunch.
I truly treasure those times. He taught me a lot. It was fun. He will
be missed.
And always, his pride of family came through loud and clear.
Bill Lape

Bill Lape - March 10, 2019 at 11:57 AM

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“ I never had the opportunity to know Mr. Blecharz personally, but through church connections, have known his daughter Kathy Emmons and granddaughter Meg Van Dyke. Our church got to share in the family's concerns with prayer during these tough final months.

I really love how the obituary brings Stan to life. I could not help but see how his love of music and books, as well as lifelong learning has expressed itself in Kathy's life in her service at our church as well as in her radio show.

And Meg has so generously expressed how her relationship with him and her own family has grown since she came to Pittsburgh.

What a wonderful thing to have known such a loving father and grandfather!

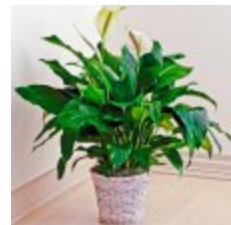
Am sure he will be sorely missed, but at least with many cherished memories.

Judy Menosky

Judy Menosky - February 27, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Stanley Blecharz Jr..



February 27, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Stanley Blecharz Jr..*



February 27, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *Sad to learn of the passing of your dearly beloved and my cousin, Buddy. No one in our family ever called him by anything else than Buddy. He always carried a quiet presence about him, a quick smile and the feeling that he possessed great intelligence. How blessed you were to have him as your husband, father, brother, and grandfather. All my love, Cousin Carol (better known as Cookie).*

Carol McIlwain - February 27, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Stanley Blecharz Jr..*



February 26, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Stanley Blecharz Jr..*



February 25, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Stanley Blecharz Jr..*



February 25, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ *Stan was a very loyal and good friend both during his career at Heinz and in his retirement*

Stan accomplished many great things workingf in the HEINZ PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AND PPIC

His knowledge of good manufacturing practices and AND HIS DEDICATION TO DOING THINGS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME WERE SIGNIFICANT

He had my complete confidence for everything he did, and in retirement became even a better friend.

I will miss Stan and his wife at our annual post retirement luncheons with Gus, Ward and John

Stan will join in heaven the other great Heinz Retirees who made Heinz a special place to work together.

DICK WAMHOFF

RICHARD WAMHOFF - February 25, 2019 at 03:03 AM

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“ *A great loss to Stan's family and his many friends. He was the ultimate fighter and a personal hero to me for how he faced the past difficult years. Rest In Peace my friend.*

Diane and Bob Otto - February 24, 2019 at 05:04 PM