



Nat Stanley Gene Bratcher

August 4, 1934 - May 14, 2017

Mr. Stan Bratcher, age 82, of Searcy, Arkansas, died at his home after a battle with Parkinson's.

Stan was born in Grand Saline, Texas, on August 4, 1934, to the late Nat and Leah (Daniels) Bratcher. He began preaching in 1950 at the age of 16 and graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1956. Stan served as a minister of Churches of Christ for 49 years in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas and retired in 1999 as the pulpit minister at the West Side Church of Christ in Searcy at the age of 65. He spoke at Harding University lectureships and conducted gospel meetings in several states. Stan was a dedicated member of the Kiwanis Club and achieved 34 years of perfect attendance. Stan and his wife traveled to Germany, Italy, Scotland, France, and Poland and loved spending time with family and spoiling his grandchildren who lovingly called him Papa.

In addition to his parents, Stan was preceded in death by his half-brother Bill Bratcher and nephew Michael Ledbetter.

Stan is survived by his wife, Claudette, of Searcy, Arkansas, whom he married on April 3, 1959, in Houston, Texas; his children: Karen Matlock of Flower Mound, Texas; Kim and John Tebo of Springfield, Missouri; and Kyle and Susan Bratcher of Hildesheim, Germany and nine grandchildren—Sean Matlock, Emily Matlock, Benjamin Bratcher, Aaron Bratcher, Lara Bratcher, Alex and Kimberly Tebo, Austin Tebo, Allyson Tebo, and Andrew Tebo; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on May 26 at West Side Church of Christ in Searcy, Arkansas, with Howard Norton officiating. Burial will follow in the Oaklawn Memorial Gardens cemetery. Visitation will be held at 1 p.m. with the funeral beginning at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Harding University, Advancement Office; Box 12238; Searcy, AR 72149.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

100 E. Moore Ave.
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

West Side Church of Christ
709 West Arch
Searcy, AR 72143

Funeral Service

MAY 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SP

“ Steve & Linda Perkins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nat Stanley Gene Bratcher.



Steve & Linda Perkins - May 26, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nat Stanley Gene Bratcher.



May 25, 2017 at 09:27 AM

SR

“ This is Sheryl Rindel and my husband Carl. We are all feeling the painful heartfelt loss of a great man, and my uncle, Stan Bratcher!

I have many warm and fond memories of Christmas with the Bratchers, Uncle Stan, Aunt Dette, and my cousins Karen, Kyle and Kim! I remember having devotionals that Uncle Stan led each night with the entire family and the amazing singing! Uncle Stan stepped in and became the father figure role model when my dad wasn't present in my life, so I asked him to give me away when I got married. He was the best uncle I could ever ask for and more importantly, a Man of God! I will miss my Uncle Stan and look forward to the day I will get to see him again! Carl and I both want to express our heartfelt love and appreciation for Uncle Stan, his beautiful wife Claudette, and their 3 amazing children, Karen, Kyle and Kim and their extended families!

Carl and Sheryl Rindel

Sheryl Rindel - May 24, 2017 at 09:12 PM

SS

“ This is Stacy Sikes and my wife, Carol, and I were members of the Thomas St. Church of Christ in Altus, Oklahoma from 1976 to 1982. I worked as the youth director from '79-82. Stan was the preacher during that time and I loved him. He was so kind and patient with me and an excellent mentor. I recall Stan and I singing base together in a group led by Don Hayes, and one of Stan's favorite songs was "There's Just Something About That Name." I can still hear him singing. God is praised for now Stan's hope in His name is realized. Our love and sympathy to Claudette, Karen, Kyle, Kim and all the family, -Stacy & Carol Sikes

Stacy Sikes - May 19, 2017 at 03:24 AM

JB

“ I am sorry to hear that he's gone. I only met him once, when he and the rest of the family came to our house for Thanksgiving. My sympathy goes to the entire family. - Joyce Barton

Joyce Barton - May 18, 2017 at 11:54 AM

BT

“ I enjoyed my time spent with Stan and his family. He was a good Christian man and will be missed by all who knew him

Bobby Taylor - May 17, 2017 at 09:25 PM