



## James E. Stanko

June 14, 1943 - February 14, 2025

On Friday, February, 14, 2025, James E. "Jim" Stanko, age 81, of Bethel Park. Beloved husband of Susan R. (Rollins) Stanko for 47 years; son of the late John and Anna (Bowen) Stanko; brother-in-law of Ruth (late Kurt J.) Hassenstein; preceded in death by his Uncle Joe Bowen. Jim was the coach of the Baldwin Whitehall Golf Team for over 25 years, and was in Baldwin High School's Golf Hall of Fame. He was a kind and caring man who taught countless young men how to golf, and even volunteered with the Special Olympics to help put on golf events for kids. Friends received Friday, February 21 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.) South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600, where a Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. If desired, donations in Jim's name may be made to Special Olympics Pennsylvania, 2570 Boulevard of the Generals, Suite 124, Norristown, PA 19403. Condolences may be offered for the family at [www.GriffithFH.com](http://www.GriffithFH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Griffith Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Pittsburgh, PA 15236  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Mr. Stanko was also my 5th grade teacher at Rolling Hills Elementary school. He was a firm, but kind teacher and always was willing to listen if you took a problem to him. I wish I had been able to know him when I was an adult. I'm sure he was a fascinating person. I'm sorry for your loss.*

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**Ken Stevenson** - February 28, 2025 at 08:52 PM

YP

“ *Mr. Stanko was my 5th grade teacher at Rolling Hills and he was the first male teacher I ever had. I always remember him taking us to the gym to shoot hoops and if we won the game he would buy us a can of pop. He was a great teacher, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Thank you for sharing him with us.*

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**Yvonne Patterson** - February 21, 2025 at 03:53 PM

KH

“ *Sue,  
So sorry to hear about Jim. You two were the perfect couple. You were made for each other the minute you walked into Rolling Hills school.*

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**Kay and Bob Horn** - February 21, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ *Some things are too deeply felt to be fully expressed in words. But please know that your sorrow is shared. We are reminded that our lives on earth are brief... "a vapor." However, Jim has left a lasting legacy of good will to all the many lives he touched. His classroom was right next door to mine at Whitehall and I will always remember how he truly brighten each day with his kind and caring spirit. His students all loved him, too! His memory will continue to serve as a positive role model. May it be a comfort to be reminded that he has only gone on before us. I am praying that the memories, the love, and the support of family and friends will help you during this difficult time!*

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**Janet Finet** - February 20, 2025 at 09:35 PM

JA

“ *We had the pleasure of teaching with Jim for many years in Baldwin-Whitehall and knew him to be a great teacher and great guy. He'll be missed by many. Sue, our thoughts are with you at this very sad time. Jerry and Kate Alvarez*

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**Jerry and Kate Alvarez** - February 20, 2025 at 12:28 PM

RH

“ *Rest in Peace my friend* 🧑‍🌾 🏠 🏌️‍♂️ 🏳️

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**Rich Harriett** - February 19, 2025 at 03:30 PM

DS

“ *Sue, my deepest sympathy to you on the loss of Jimmy.*

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**Dennis Schmitt** - February 19, 2025 at 03:17 PM

CP

“ Sue I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was always such a kind person. He loved you so much.

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**Cynthia Podplesky** - February 19, 2025 at 01:22 PM

PW

“ Oh Sue, I am so sorry to hear this! Jim was such a wonderful person, he will be greatly missed by many!

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**Pamela Wooding** - February 19, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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“ Susan and Family. So sorry to hear about Jimmy's passing. I have many great memories of him from when I worked at South Park Golf Course during the late 70's and early 80's. RIP my friend. Al Ruhling

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**Al Ruhling** - February 17, 2025 at 11:47 AM