



## Stanley Carlton Monson

July 21, 1926 - December 26, 2015

Stanley Carlton Monson, 89, of Philadelphia, PA, died peacefully at home on December 26, following a joyful Christmas with his partner, Elaine Breslow, and his children, Christine Monson and Carol Monson.

Stan was born on July 21, 1926, in Los Angeles, CA, the son of Vera Valentine Monson and Carlton Isaac Monson. He attended Beverly Hills High School and Harvard Military School, before enlisting in World War II. After his return, he obtained a teaching degree in zoology and biology from USC.

In July 1950, he married Margery Rae Galbraith of Burbank, CA. Their 39-year marriage took them from Southern California, to San Rafael, CA, Tarrytown, NY, Gaithersburg, MD, Walnut Creek, CA, and Katonah, NY. Stan taught high school and junior college for nine years, and had a long, successful career in management with Carl Zeiss, Inc. He developed a love of animals, often taking part in competitive trail rides with his beloved Arabian horse, Fred.

After losing his wife, Marge, to ALS in 1989, Stan crisscrossed the United States and Canada in his RV, as he and Marge had done, visiting family and friends, as well as zoos and national parks. One of his most memorable trips involved trekking to see the mountain gorillas in Uganda. His chance meeting of Elaine Breslow in a hot air balloon over Kenya in 1996 opened a new chapter in his life.

He and Elaine traveled the globe, taking the Orient Express from Moscow to Beijing, boating down the Amazon, exploring Papua New Guinea, touring

Patagonia and reaching the North Pole on a nuclear Russian icebreaker, among many other adventures.

Forever good-natured, Stan made friends wherever he went. In his last years, he walked Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square, daily, helping folks avoid parking fines and earning the nickname, "the Mayor of Rittenhouse Square."

Besides daughters Christine and Carol, he is survived by granddaughters Gabrielle Monson-Fortin and husband David Nadeau; Carolyn Monson-Fortin and partner Julien Bilodeau; sister-in-law Sharon McClintock; nieces Laura McClintock Schroerlucke and Lisa McClintock; and Elaine's children Gail, Amy, and Richard and their families.

In lieu of flowers, the family has selected two organizations for memorial donations: The Yellowstone Park Foundation ([http://www.ypf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=HOW\\_Memory\\_Honor\\_Gifts](http://www.ypf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=HOW_Memory_Honor_Gifts)) and the World Wildlife Fund for the protection and conservation of endangered species (<https://secure.worldwildlife.org/donations/memorial-donation.aspx>).

His memorial service will be held later this year.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sincères condoléances. Nos pensées sont avec vous.*

*Familles de David.*

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**Luc Nadeau** - June 01, 2016 at 10:40 AM

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**Christine Monson** - January 27, 2016 at 05:41 PM

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“ *Stan Monson was my best friend Carol's Dad. He and Marg were the best and always so generous and fun. Some of my best memories of my years at Montgomery Village Jr High and Gaithersburg High were at the Monsons. Roast Beef Sandwiches, going to the drive in movies in his stan mobile (station wagon), helping Carol and Chris pick up Fred's poop in the tractor. I can say that knowing him and his family is one the greatest privileges of my life. The last time I saw Stan was when he and Marg came to visit us in their motor castle. Stan, you will be greatly missed and there will be a great big void in this world without you. You are one the greatest men I have ever met. Rest in peace and thank you for being you!*

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**Susie Vogel** - January 22, 2016 at 02:28 PM

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*I vividly remember Carol from MVJH who happened to graduate from GHS with my brother, Dan. I reconnected with Carol in 2004 and we've been great friends ever since! I loved all the times spent with her and Stan and their wonderful extended family. My life has been enriched from our friendship, to say the least.. Stan was a wonderful man and he will be missed terribly by all who knew him. Bless the loved ones he left behind. Xoxo*

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**Susan Beaudoin-Phelps** - January 22, 2016 at 03:14 PM