



## Mr. Stanley D. Moses

July 9, 1934 - July 14, 2020

Known as “Stan the Man” or “Coach” to students, teachers, parents, and friends, Stan Moses passed away peacefully at home July 14, 2020, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson’s disease. His wife of 42 years, Nancy, was by his side. She was his lifeline, advocate, and caregiver in a wonderful, loving final journey together. Other survivors include daughter Stacey; sister Sylvia Arnold; brothers Kelly Moses and John Moses; and a host of relatives, all of whom are out of state.

Born July 9, 1934, in Golden, Mississippi, as one of ten children, he graduated from Itawamba High School, where he played on a state championship basketball team. After earning his BS degree from Florence State College in 1957, he began his teaching and coaching career, setting up the athletic program for the new South Hall HS in Gainesville, GA. In 1961, he began his career with the Fulton County Schools as a driver’s education teacher and head varsity basketball coach at Sandy Springs HS, where his 1967-68 team won the AA state championship. Two of the players on that team became head high school basketball coaches in Fulton County and coached opposing teams. The Georgia Athletic Coaches Association twice honored Stan as Basketball Coach of the Year. An icon of basketball, he was a man of integrity and dignity, believing character-building was as important as winning and treating everyone equally.

In 1969, he completed his MA degree at Atlanta University and in 1971 began his administrative career as assistant principal at the new Riverwood HS in

Sandy Springs. A year later he was chosen to open Crestwood HS. He served Crestwood as principal for 15 years and earned a reputation as a fair, warm-hearted administrator who hired the best personnel and trusted them to do their jobs. He consistently supported an environment that prompted positive student behavior and that enriched instruction. His myriad generous good deeds were done quietly and unassumingly. In 1987 he was named athletic director for Fulton County Schools and retired from that position in 1990. After retirement, he frequently served as a substitute teacher and always endeavored to serve as a mentor and role model for students. On his 80th birthday, he was honored at a BBQ given by former players and students and received a mayoral proclamation declaring July 12, 2014, as “Stan Moses Day” in the city of Sandy Springs.

Stan valued his 41 years as a Roswell Rotarian, where he was a Paul Harris, a Will Watt, and a Hue Thomas Fellow and was presented the Elwyn L. Gaissert, Sr. Service Above Self Award. Wherever Stan traveled, he attended Rotary faithfully—England, Japan, Alaska, Hawaii, Thailand, New Zealand, and even twice aboard the QE2. He lived by the Rotary Four-Way Test, personally and professionally.

The Masters Golf Tournament became a part of Stan’s life in 1990 when he began working as a Player Escort for leading players, ushering them from tee to green for eighteen holes. His pleasant way of enforcing the rules resulted in his becoming eighteenth green security for sixteen years. He had the privilege of walking Arnold Palmer off the eighteenth green at his last appearance at the Masters, which was captured in a photo on the front page of the Augusta Chronicle. He made many friends in the golfing world, and his gracious behavior endeared him to patrons.

People frequently referred to Stan as a true, Southern gentleman. Truly, he was a gentle, thoughtful, and kind spirit with an easy smile, a twinkle in his eye, and a quick and ready wit. He loved traveling; a practical joke; a good meal with friends; tending a garden; watching March Madness; volunteering at the SEC football playoffs and basketball tournaments; driving his VW; fishing

in Alaska; attending class reunions; and having Princess snuggled in the car beside him. Stan very rarely went anywhere in the country without running into someone he knew. He enjoyed knowing people and was happiest when he could, in some way, help someone. He made an enormous difference in the lives and education of many. What greater legacy can one leave?

A special, heartfelt thank you goes to Thom, Brenda, and Angela, Stan's caregivers, for their loyalty, compassion, support and kindness. A private burial was held on July 16 at Greenlawn Cemetery in Roswell. A memorial service will be held when COVID-19 restrictions allow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Stan's memory can be made to the Roswell Rotary Club; Presbyterian Homes of Georgia—Caring Hands; Wellroot Family Services (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home); or a charity of your choice. Northside Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Stanley D. Moses*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *On the last day of school some friends and I “borrowed” the school bus on a Friday night and drove it to a party . I was with three other morons and we couldn’t figure out how to get the headlights of the bus on so like any 15 year old unlicensed driver would do, we drove using the flashing yellow lights to guide us. Needless to say when we got to the party there were multiple police cars behind us. We jumped out and ran through the woods and got away Scott free. So we thought! Stan called each of us Monday morning and said “ if your not in my office in one hour I’m calling the cops”. We knew Stan was not a bluffer so into the office we went knowing Stan was going to drop the hammer on us. We admitted to borrowing his school bus and waited for our consequence. Stan said “ you boys owe me \$175 for the tow truck fee and you are to go home and tell your dads what y’all have done. I will give you your punishment on the first day of school next fall. Stan knew our dads wouldn’t go light on us , he knew each of our fathers. We did as we were told, we paid Stan the money for the tow and we sweated all summer dreading Stan’s first day of school punishment. It never came, first day of school as I passed Mr Moses in the hall, he said good morning and kept walking with the slightest twinkle in his eye. He could have really come down hard on us but he knew we were sorry and he knew we would never pull a stunt like that again. Decades later I asked him how he knew exactly who had borrowed his bus..... he would never divulge his source*

**anonymous** - September 04, 2020 at 10:40 AM

RE

“ Stan was a huge influence in the lives of many people. He taught us, coached us, and led us through example. I was lucky to have had him as my high school principal and I was lucky to have him as a friend in my adult life. We spent many an hour fishing together in Alaska. He would share the funniest stories with a tell tale twinkle in his eye. Very seldom did he step out of my boat without a smile and a salmon  
Stan was the Man..... he is greatly missed.

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Reubin - September 04, 2020 at 10:19 AM

MB

“ Thank you Nancy, for sharing your wonderful husband with the thousands of young lives he touched over the years. I was absolutely blessed to have him as my Principal at Crestwood High School. The environment there in those days was second to none and that can be attributed to the ‘Stan the Man’ in charge. I remember his spirit of fairness the most-and I’m sure that was difficult considering the number of teens he presided over. He was especially good at guiding the kids to make decisions regarding their school - which, of course, was primarily his school. Mr Moses was quite the gentleman that deferred to his students whenever possible and that went a long way toward them becoming adults. He was certainly the ‘right man for the job’- and quite a difficult job I’m sure it was. I’m truly sorry for your family’s (and the Crestwood community’s ) loss. Nothing but love and great memories when I think about Mr Moses - a wonderful soul ... may God rest his soul.  
Much love, Mike Bush ‘84

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Michael Bush - August 13, 2020 at 11:03 PM

FC

“ *Frances Callum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stanley D. Moses*



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**Frances Callum** - August 13, 2020 at 09:37 PM

EP

“ *I attended SSHS from 1963 - 1967. I had Coach Moses for Home Room more than once, maybe my first year, not sure exactly. I also knew him from B team football, physical ed, Junior Civitan, and as the head basketball coach- didn't play but knew he was a good coach and had good teams. He also headed up the baseball team my sophomore year until Coach Lundy finished spring football and took over the baseball team. In the spring of my senior year, 1967, I met with he Georgia Tech freshman football team coach about walking on the next fall. He told me I would have to get a letter of recommendation from one of my high school coaches. Playing at Tech was a goal; in reality, a dream that I wanted a great deal to pursue. I asked Coach Moses to write the letter, I think I realized he wasn't the typical 1960's era high school coach. He wrote the letter for me and because of his support I was able to pursue that dream. I became a member of the '67 Tech freshman team and got to wear the gold and white for two of the six freshman games: away at Clemson and at Grant Field against the Georgia freshman in the Thanksgiving Day game for the Shriner's Children's Hospital. I'm sure Coach Moses did a lot of great things for his students over so many years in the education system. I'm not sure he ever did anything that meant more to the student than what he did for me.*  
*Eddie Putnam*

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**Ed Putnam** - August 13, 2020 at 10:05 AM

BH

“ *As varsity basketball coach at Chamble High during the 1960's I had the opportunity to compete against Coach at Sandy Springs. I have great memories of those occasions. Coach was a fierce competitor but also a fine gentleman. It was my privilege to call him a friend.*

*Bruce Hauck*

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**Bruce Hauck** - August 04, 2020 at 01:56 PM

CL

“ *What a wonderful person Principal Moses was. Me, one of his students at Crestwood High school. My twin sister Cary and I hosted "Senior skip day" at our Chattahoochee home. After school that day, Principal Moses stopped by. He was checking to see that his flock was safe.*

*A beloved man, he will be missed.*

*Clark J*

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**Clark** - August 02, 2020 at 12:42 PM

PC

“ I graduated from Crestwood High in 1983. During my time in high school, I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Moses. He was a such a great leader. Always fair, always kind, he truly loved all of his students.

*With all the students that attended the school, I would have never expected him to know who I was. He surprised me at the end of my senior year, calling me by my name and telling me how much he loved having me as his student and telling me how much he enjoyed watching me grow and perform during the time at Crestwood.*

*It has stayed with me all these years to always be kind and get to know all those around you.*

*I was blessed to see him again a few years back at a reunion and he was just as wonderful as I remembered him.*

*My heart and prayers are with his family and all who knew and loved him. The world is truly emptier without him in it.*

*Rest in Peace Stan the Man!*

*-Pamela Oxley Carlson*

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**Pamela Oxley Carlson** - July 31, 2020 at 06:33 PM

MS

“ I met both Stan and Nancy during our fitness classes a few years ago. Stan embodied a quiet dignity and outgoing personality. It was clear that he and Nancy were a devoted couple. They were lucky to have each other. He will be missed.

*Maureen*

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**Maureen Salviski** - July 31, 2020 at 04:43 PM

VF

“ Nancy and Family ,  
I was so sorry to hear that Stan passed. He  
was a kind and caring individual. Sending  
prayers for all.



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**Vicky Ferguson** - July 31, 2020 at 10:54 AM

LH

“ I graduated from Crestwood High in 1982 where Mr, Moses was my  
Principal. He cared for all of his students as if they were his own  
kids. I had the pleasure of seeing Stan Moses quite frequently over  
the years since he was a Roswell Rotary member. This picture was  
from 2016. He'd always greet me with a big smile and seemed so  
proud to tell his fellow rotarians that I was “his” student. He was  
such a blessing to our community and had a very kind and giving  
heart. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.



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**Lisa Holland** - July 30, 2020 at 11:59 PM

LP

“ Stan (Coach Moses) and my life crossed paths many times over a lifetime. First of all Coach Moses was a neighbor and friend with my mom, a school bus driver, And lived 2 doors down from us on Hope Road. I baby sat his daughter when she was a toddler and I was a young teenager. Several years later Stan was my drivers education teacher my junior year during summer school at North Springs High School, while he was a coach at Sandy Springs High School. Fast forward to my adult years as I raised a family in Crabapple and unbeknownst to me, my neighbors and dearest and best of friends Howard and Mary Smith were the closest of friends with Nancy and Stan. So once again Stan and I crossed paths. I can honestly say he was a soft spoken southern gentleman and one of the finest people I have had the pleasure to know.

Linda Martin Peterson - July 30, 2020 at 07:08 PM

CT

“ Coach Moses taught me health at Sandy Springs high school. He was a super good teacher and fair to all the students! I graduated in 1965 and he came to as many of our reunions as he could! Reston peace coach you certainly deserve it!

Carol Trusty - July 30, 2020 at 06:04 PM

AC

“ He always up for a laugh and a joke! Even in his weekend state, we sat and laughed over his many stories of teaching Driver's Ed. I loved spending time with Mr. Moses, even though it was my "job" to care for him at night, it never felt like a job but more like a friendly visit. He was a lovely man all the way to the end. Love you and miss you Friend ★ Angela



Angela C - July 30, 2020 at 10:39 AM

MD

“ *Sincere condolences to Nancy and other family members. So sorry to hear that he had passed. From Martha Medford Donaldson, Reno, NV*

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**Martha Medford Donaldson** - July 29, 2020 at 06:29 PM