



## Stuart Scott Carlson

June 10, 2022

Passed away June 10, 2022 at the age of 66 years. Born in Spencer, IA, to the late Dale and Lillian (nee Mahlow) Carlson. Stuart is survived by his wife and soul-mate Mary (nee Griffin) Carlson. Beloved dad of Caitlin (Eric) Janke, Bridget Carlson Morales and Brendan (Catreese) Carlson. Best Pop-Pop ever to Nolan, Nyla, Ray, Ryan and Sarai Carlson; Leilani and Jay Morales; and Lilly, Dietrich, Trevor and Edison Janke. He will be deeply missed by his loving siblings and in-laws; Steve (Pat) Carlson, Sheree (Gregg) Lemler and Megan (Mike) Welsh. Also survived by his wonderful nieces, nephews and dear friends from West Bend West High School, UW-Milwaukee, the West Bend News, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and Andrews-McMeel Syndicate. Until May 31st. he was a gifted and award-winning cartoonist who sought to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted. For his last years he gallantly battled a degenerative brain disease but remained kind and funny to the end. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: St. Ben's Community Meal;UWM Golda Meier Library or Peck School of the Arts; Marquette University Speech and Hearing Clinic or Autism Initiative; or Cure PSP.

Memorial Visitation Thursday, June 16 from 4:30 - 7:30 PM at ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH (1927 N. 4TH St, Milwaukee) followed by a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial at 7:30 PM.

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services

Rozga-Walloch Chapel

414-281-7145

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 16. 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church  
1927 Vel R  
Milwaukee, WI 53212  
(414) 800-4007

## Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 16. 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
1927 N. 4th Street  
WI 53212

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Mary and I are very saddened to hear of Stuart’s passing. The news was a shock, and we did not know of the Parkinson’s diagnosis (received in the same year as my diagnosis). Even though I was his teacher, I have realized that we were really of the same generation as I was just beginning my career when I came to West Bend in 1971.

*He still is one of my most memorable and talented students, and I have followed his career by checking from time to time to see what subjects he was taking on. It has been great to hear from you over the years, such as in your Christmas notes.*

*A few specific memories:*

- *“as the Mod turns, ” Stuart’s soap opera from The Runner*
- *“ . . . and what about Naomi?”*
- *True Filth, our infamous satire, which almost got me fired,*
- *Stuart sent me an original copy of his cartoon on the occasion of Christa McAuliffe being chosen to go into space.*

*I am honored now to think back to the “good trouble” that we got ourselves into. I was also very pleased to read of people recognizing what a good, kind man he was as well as an excellent editorial cartoonist and a strong advocate for the right things.*

*Our prayers are with you, the children and grand-children. We had planned to visit Milwaukee and West Bend in 2020, but have postponed it twice due to the pandemic. My sister and her husband live in Milwaukee and their children and grand-children in Milwaukee and Elm Grove. If we do make the trip someday, I hope we’ll be able to pay you a visit.*

*Sending our love and condolences.  
Dan Swainbank*

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Dan Swainbank - July 08, 2022 at 03:13 PM

FM

“ Dear Mary and family,

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss at the death of Stu, the love of your lives. While I did not know him as well as many, I know he will be deeply missed. His humor and wit were put to good use in the cartoons he drew, commenting on the current political situation. He will be deeply missed by all. Know of my love and prayers for all of you. I also extend wishes from my sister-in-law Jane Michalski and my brother Frank. God bless.*

*Fr. Mike Michalski*

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**Fr. Michael F. Michalski** - June 19, 2022 at 07:59 PM



*Thanks so much, Fr. Mike! Mary and family*

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**Stuart Carlson** - June 20, 2022 at 10:52 PM

SC

“ *Mary, We are so sorry for your loss. I know how close you and Stuart were, the love you shared, the strong partnership over the years. I pray for comfort and peace, even as I know your heart is broken. Judson is sick and I don't want to attend the visitation or services since I may also carry germs and I don't want to put your or your family in danger. But please know my love is with you, my prayers are for you and your family. The peace of Christ to you now, the peace that passes all understanding. Love--Sharon Chubbuck*

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**sharon chubbuck** - June 16, 2022 at 03:31 PM



*Thanks, Sharon. Love to you and Judson, Mary*

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**Stuart Carlson** - June 20, 2022 at 10:52 PM

PK

“ *Mary and family - we were so saddened to learn about the passing of Stuart. He was such a good friend to Jon, Mary Jo, Clara and Katherine. I always enjoyed seeing him at our family celebrations. His sense of humor and kindness will be sorely missed. I only wish he could send down a cartoon of what Heaven is like! May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

*God bless,*

*Chris and Peg Klein and family*

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**Peg Klein** - June 15, 2022 at 04:37 PM



*Thanks so much, Chris and Peggy. Mary, Caitlin, Bridget and Brendan*

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**Stuart Carlson** - June 20, 2022 at 10:53 PM

DM

“ *Dave Matsen here. I just tested positive for Covid so I won't be able to make the Memorial. I'm a bit upset by this as I wanted to see Mary and others to extend my condolences and reminisce. Sending warm wishes and good thoughts to the Carlson family and Stuart's many friends. Peace.*

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**Dave Matsen** - June 15, 2022 at 01:31 PM



*Dave, Stuart loved you always and forever, and so do I. I can't tell you how many times over the years he said that one of the luckiest days of his life was being matched with you for a room mate. Thanks for sharing the love, and please give m love to Marcia. Mary and the kids*

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**Stuart Carlson** - June 20, 2022 at 10:55 PM

DM



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**Dave Matsen** - June 23, 2022 at 12:31 PM

KP

“Stuart has always been such an inspiration of how to be a great human, through his generosity, wit, work, and loving spirit. We will all miss him so. I've had the privilege of knowing Stuart and the wonderful Mary since our UWM days. We had so much fun - I don't think I've ever laughed so much in my life, before or since (except, maybe, for the times we were able to get together after college)! In this mid/late 70's pic of Mary, Stuart, Jon, Annette, Dave, and me, I've included, you can see that we are all laughing hysterically at something Stuart is cracking-wise about, and that was pretty much always the case! In his memory, I will try to laugh more often - especially with beloved friends and family. Sending you all peace and love.



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**Kristi Powell** - June 15, 2022 at 12:40 PM

DM

Wow, Kristi. Was that our flat that we shared? The weird window between rooms and the birdcage is giving it away.

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**Dave Matsen** - June 16, 2022 at 02:13 PM



Kristi, how did we all get so lucky? Look at these friends, who still laugh like this when we are together. We were lucky to meet in college, and lucky to have expanded the circle with Peter, Mary Jo and Pete. Sending love, Mary, Caitlin Bridget and Brendan. P.s. I remember the flat on Astor place fondly.

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**Stuart Carlson** - June 20, 2022 at 10:59 PM

LW

“ I loved your work. Checked it out first thing when the paper arrived.  
RIP

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**Louise Wisinski** - June 15, 2022 at 10:55 AM

MS

“ There's always a certain amount of tension and angst in any newsroom, some might call it a conflict of egos. There's a certainty that ones own opinions and views are the correct ones. For 16 years I worked with Stu at the Milwaukee Sentinel, then Journal Sentinel, and as a group of us reporters and editors gathered around the cafeteria lunch table each day about 11:30, we checked in, we compared notes, we told tales and we shared laughs. But each day someone would ask Stu what he was working on because we knew HE would be right on top of the hot topic of the day. We wanted to be sure WE were in synch and if we were on the same page, as Stu had his finger on the pulse of the city, the state and the world. If we agreed with Stu's view, we knew we were reading the situation correctly. The wonder to me is how Stu never lost his sense of right while also retaining his sense of humor. What a wonderful blend. He could certainly be serious, but there was always an impish sense of humor, of irony, and the jokester side that didn't take long to come out. And in the end, the sensitive side would carry the day any time there was a tragedy, be it a mass shooting, a space shuttle exploding, or children being harmed in any way. I loved his caring cartoons as much as Spike and all the fun he poked at the Comfortable. Those are what separated Stu from other political commentators, not a mean bone in his body. Loved his work, but mostly, just loved the man!

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**Mark Savage** - June 15, 2022 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ I have known Stuart since sophomore year of high school when my good friend from grade school, Mary Griffin, convinced me to join the staff of the West Bend West student newspaper, *The Runner*. We became good friends and became a group. I watched as Stuart and Mary’s relationship grew from friendship to “an item.” We all attended UWM together and basically spent the rest of our lives as best of friends. Along with my wife, Mary Jo, we were “the group of four.” Their kids babysat mine and ours babysat their grandchildren.

*Stuart is my best friend, my buddy, my third brother. He was the wittiest, most articulate, kindest, and most generous person I have known. I have lost a part of my better self, and the hole in my heart is deep. My love and prayers go out to Mary and the children and the grandchildren. We will always be the group of four.*

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**Jon Schoenbeck** - June 14, 2022 at 05:10 PM

AH

“ Amy, Jeremiah, Aniela, Matilda Van Hecke purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Stuart Scott Carlson.



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**Amy, Jeremiah, Aniela, Matilda Van Hecke** - June 14, 2022 at 04:07 PM

DM

“*Sad to find out of the passing of Stuart Carlson. We first met when we shared a dorm room our freshman year at UW-Milwaukee. We became fast friends and shared apartments during my time at university. He was super smart, funny... just overall a great guy to spend time with. He studied art and his talent as a cartoonist propelled him into a successful career as a syndicated political voice. He leaves behind his extraordinary wife and HS sweetheart, Mary and a big family. Rest in piece my friend.*



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**Dave Matsen** - June 14, 2022 at 01:58 PM

MA

“*Stuart and I worked together for 25 years at the Milwaukee Sentinel and Journal Sentinel, although I regret that I only got to know him well for the last three of those years. We spent countless hours in his office talking about life and his family, whom he adored. Stuart was the funniest and kindest person I've ever known, and his cartoon brilliance goes without saying. I was blessed to call Stuart a friend, and the world is a better place for having him in it for those 66 years, though much too short a time. Rest in peace, dearest friend, and may your family find comfort in the beautiful memories that you shared.*



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**Mabel** - June 14, 2022 at 01:52 PM

DT

“ I had the privilege to work with Stu at the beginning of his newspaper career at the Post weekly papers and at the end at the Journal Sentinel. I can still remember his first cartoons for the Post in the mid 70s. All of us there were kids starting out but I recall seeing his first cartoons for the weekly and thinking "this guy is as good as anyone around." At the Sentinel and later the Journal Sentinel, we were part of the same lunch group for 20 odd years. He was always bright, funny and on the side of the angels. I feel blessed to have been his colleague.

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Dave Tianen - June 14, 2022 at 12:52 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stuart Scott Carlson.



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June 13, 2022 at 09:55 PM