



Leslie Earl Stansbery

November 16, 1932 - February 29, 2020

The Rev. Dr. Leslie E. Stansbery passed away February 29, 2020 in Columbus, OH. He was born on a farm in Ft. Madison, IA to the late Cyrus Stansbery and Mabel Haffner in 1932. He attended the University of Denver and later attended the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He met the love of his life Margaret "Peg" in Tarrytown, New York. In 1957 he and Peg, attended the Ecumenical Institute in Geneva. When they returned, Leslie served as an Army Chaplain at Ft. Devens, MA, his military career spanned 35 years, obtaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1961, Les moved to Columbus to serve as pastor at Old First Presbyterian Church. He was part of a group that heavily believed in a faith based community; he created many organizations to help spread the work they were doing. Leslie participated in the freedom riders movement, civil rights and antiwar movements. It was very important his children went to Columbus City Schools; he wanted them invested in the community. He earned his PhD in International Relations from OSU and received many recognitions from the City of Columbus. Leslie was a founding leader and president of the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio, a UNICEF Executive Director, member of the Metropolitan Church Board, Columbus Campaign for Arms Control, worked in the beginning stages of B.R.E.A.D., a proud member of the Eastmoor HS Booster Association and a Member in Good Standing at Scioto Valley Presbytery. As busy as Leslie was he always made time for his family. He was a great father and doting grandfather. He will be missed by sons Mark Dietrich (Yoshie), Paul Andrew and Todd Peter (Nancy) Stansbery; and a daughter Joy Kristine (Mike Cummings) Sickles. Family would like to thank the Van Heyde neighbors and community for taking care of Leslie and Peg.

His family invites those who wish to celebrate his life to remember him on Saturday March 7, 2020 from 2:30 pm until time of service at 3pm at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church 1450 E Dublin Granville Road Columbus OH 43229. Reception to follow.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 02:30PM - 03:00PM

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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
1450 E. Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH, US, 43229

MAR **Memorial Service** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Schoedinger Funeral Service - March 06 at 01:44 PM



“ I am Keith Hueftle, former roommate of Les' at UTS. I'm living now with son Jonathan. Just now learned of Les' passing. Son Jonathan said when I told him just now: "he was really a sweet man. I loved those times with the Stansberys growing up" referring to the annual Thanksgiving weekends together, touch football games, and singing around the piano together.

We loved that friendship with Les and Peg. My Elma passed away Nov. 27, 2016.

Keith Hueftle - June 21 at 04:10 PM



“ My name is Sharon Tincher Scholl-Nabulsi and I am a second cousin of Leslie Standsbery' I just learned yesterday that he had passed away. My thoughts and prayers to his three children and may God bless you all and hold you in his hands through the next weeks and months following Leslie's passing. I have a fond memory of Les taking me for a ride in a wagon pulled by a horse when I was a very little girl and he lived in Iowa. My mother, Verna Tincher was Les's first cousin. WE all had great memories of June, Edna and Les Stansbery and their parents Dewy and Mable Stansbery!

Sharon Tincher Scholl-Nabulsi - March 15 at 05:37 PM



“ On behalf of Bharatiya Hindu Temple and Hindu community extend our deepest condolences to the Family of Leslie Earl Stansbery. He made a big contribution in bringing major faith groups together in central Ohio. He will be remembered for being humble , friendly and always greets with a big smile. He has been liberated to be in that cosmic force where peace sustains for ever.

Bangalore Shankar

BANGALORE SHANKAR - March 07 at 01:42 PM



“ Les was a fellow Chaplain in the 83rd ARCOM. He was very kind to me, especially during my wife's illness and passing. He was a great family man, who will be missed by many. May God's comfort and peace rest upon his loved ones.

Charles Flesher - March 17 at 03:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leslie Earl Stansbery.



March 06 at 11:23 AM



“ On behalf of the Muslim Community Center of Columbus, Ohio we extend our sincere condolences to the family of The Reverend Leslie Stansbery. May God forgive his sins, grant him the paradise. On a personal note, Reverend Stansbery was a courageous man of faith and vision who first reached out to our community in the spirit of interfaith over 25 years ago. We stayed connected throughout the years with him and his family on numerous occasions. So we join in celebrating the life legacy of his vision of one humanity in faith.

Peace & Blessings,

Imam Emile Bashir

Emile Bashir - March 06 at 06:37 AM



“ the van der lee family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Leslie Earl Stansbery.



the van der lee family - March 06 at 12:40 AM



“ Les made a huge impact as a persona, and set a giant example as a builder and mentor. He was just as comfortable and well-suited as an organizer and foot soldier for a cause as he was being a respected leader of many organizations. He was a peacemaker who never shied away from taking a stand, and always strived to unite us as a movement of faith, labor, and community groups and leaders. He will always hold a place in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Gail & Jim Lowe - March 05 at 07:11 PM



“ I first met Les at Geneva Hills when I was a volunteer college camp counselor. His deep faith and dedicated, determined work for peace with justice inspired me in my own faith journey and living. I will be forever grateful for the pathways of justice he opened for me and so many others. His honesty and truthful words and actions continue to deepen my faith and move me to work for peace with justice for all. Blessings and prayers as we all grieve Les's passing.

Rev. Sharon Sauer - March 05 at 04:00 PM



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March 05 at 03:31 PM



“ Your neighbors at Van Heyde Place offer our condolences and prayers to the family. We are thankful for the many years of neighboring with Les and the family. Sincerely, The Murphy's, Clarks, Holdreiths, Meyers and Callahans.

Al Roehrenbeck - March 05 at 02:27 PM



“ Rev. Stanberry was a kind and generous man of God. I was blessed to have met him.
In peace,
fran frazier

fran frazier - March 05 at 11:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to all and my regrets that I will be away this weekend. We shared many projects and adventures, we stood together, prayed together and protested together, and we shared many special moments of warm humor and good spirit. May his memory be a blessing to all. Harold Berman (Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Tifereth Israel)

Harold Berman - March 05 at 09:38 AM



“ Rev. Stansbery made this world a better place, and there's no higher purpose for a life than that. May he rest in peace. God bless him and his family. Dianne Small

Dianne Small - March 05 at 08:44 AM



“ My family had the privilege of living a few doors down from Mr. and Mrs. Stansbery for several years. They were so kind and we enjoyed talking with them. As I read and learned more about him in the obituary I realized even more what a great person he was who raised a great family. We are sorry for your loss. John and Renee Callahan

John Callahan - March 04 at 10:51 PM



“ The conversations around the Pastors table in heaven just got more challenging, interesting, and mission focused.

Mark & Ginny Shanda - March 04 at 08:55 PM



“ I am honored to have known Les and Peg. I first met Les at the start of the Balkan's war. In less than 24 hours, he and Lance Sheffler gathered about 25 faith-community leaders together at the Broad Street Presbyterian Church to organize our local and international responses. They both were leaders of Worldwide Humanitarian Aid. Over the years, we found many opportunities to work together including the annual events to promote the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the many buses filled with supplies on their way to Cuba, Mexico, etc. Les were a true gift to our community and taught us so many lessons by how he lived his life.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Erin Cordle, Catholic Diocese of Columbus Office for Social Concerns

Erin Cordle - March 04 at 11:25 AM



“ His spirit inspired all of us! Simple words can not describe the depth of loss felt in the Community. Les was a part of major cultural change in the world, a needed soul in a time of spiritual upheaval. Love, strength and compassion personified.

Candy



Candy - March 04 at 09:21 AM