



STANLEY KAZMIR GORSKI

March 2, 1935

October 9, 2020



Stanley Kazmir Gorski, 85, passed at his home in Sedona, Ariz. on Friday October 9, 2020. Born March 2, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois to Mary and Martin Gorski. He was the fourth and youngest son of his family. Born at home, (before home births were fashionable) his birth was greeted with exclamations of dismay by his siblings, who had wished for a younger sister to complete the family. These older brothers, Ted, Joe, and Ed preceded him in death and thus were there to meet him upon his arrival to his heavenly home.

Stan was a student of the Chicago Public Schools, graduating from Fenger High School. He subsequently attended the University of Illinois and earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree in his chosen profession. While in college he was also a member of the ROTC, and upon graduation, he was commissioned as United States Army Second Lieutenant. Stan served eight years in Army Reserves, during which time he was promoted to the station of Captain, and alternately served as one of his General's Aides.

After graduation, while in the Reserves, he began his career as an Architect Engineer for American Bridge, a division of US Steel, in Gary, Indiana. He later began working with his brothers, as an Architect, at Anderson Associates in Tinley Park, Illinois. This was an association that was to last for thirty-seven years, culminating with Stan attaining the position of President of the Company. Stan retired from his distinguished lifelong chosen career in 2005.

During the mid-1960s Stan courted and married Sarah Elizabeth Canright of Chesterton, Indiana. Their marriage, in the Summer of 1968, lasted fifty-two years, ending with his passing in October, 2020. Their marriage was an anchor for what became a lifelong passion supporting the arts.

In addition to his Architectural career, Stan believed in being involved in his community's affairs. While living in Ogden Dunes, Indiana, he served as President of the Ogden Dunes Lion's Club, the Porter Memorial Hospital Advisory Committee, and as an Architect advisor to the Ogden Dunes Town Council.

Upon retiring and moving to Sedona, Arizona, and after designing their dream-home with Sally, Stan served on numerous capacities to give back to his community. He served on the Sedona Library Board, Chamber of Music Council, Architect consultant to the Cathedral View Home Owner Association, and Chamber Music Board; as well Stan supported Sedona Film Festival, Verde Valley Sinfonietta, and many local artists and artisans.

The Sedona area offered many opportunities for Stan and Sally. They embraced their new location during retirement in a new land very different from their roots in the Lake Michigan Region. They took advantage of the local adventure, bought a Jeep, and joined Jeepers Creepers and enjoyed exploring the landscapes of the Southwest in Arizona as well as Colorado. Stan and Sally also enjoyed traveling and experiencing as much of the world as possible. They also adored motion pictures and attended the Sedona Film Festival each season.

Stan's warm and compassionate personality is greatly missed by his friends and peers. He was greatly loved and respected by his brothers and their families as well as Sally's siblings and their families with combined family of twenty-two nieces and nephews. Stan's kindness and caring, his unselfish thoughtfulness and assistance, was a large part of their lives. They have all intimated how grateful that they were a part of Uncle Stan's and Aunt Sally's lives. They are truly blessed.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Tadeus Gorski (Wilma), Joseph Gorski and Edward Gorski (Mary), all of Chicago; his brother-in law, Warren H. Canright (Betty), of Chesterton; nephews, Dexter Gorski and Robert Canright; and niece, Diane Gorski Costello.

Stan was survived by his wife, Sarah E. Canright Gorski; his sister-in-law, Lorraine Gorski (Joseph's wife); as well as nieces and nephews, Gary Gorski, Martin Gorski, Kathleen Gorski, Marie Gorski Lloyd, Patricia Gorski DeHertogh, Michael Gorski, John Gorski, Margaret Gorski, Brenda Gorski, and Phillip Gorski. And from the Canright family, his sister-in-law, Phyllis J. Canright Keller of Greenwood, Ind., and brother-in-law, John Canright (Rosemary) of Chesterton, Ind.; as well as nieces and nephews, David Canright, Tom Canright, Jane Canright, Steven Keller, Brad Keller, Ann Keller Skinner, Ellen Keller, Collin Canright, and James Canright.

A Celebration of Life for Stan and Sally Gorski will be held at The Church of the Red Rocks, Sedona, Arizona on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 12:00 PM, following the Sunday morning worship and fellowship time. Friends and family of Stan and Sally Gorski are welcome to come to the church for Sunday worship and fellowship time, before the Celebration of Life.

The family requests that flowers not be sent, but that a donation be made to a charity in Stan's memory. Charities of Stan's interests were the Building Fund of the Church of the Red Rocks of Sedona, Friends of the Sedona Library, Chamber Music Sedona, School of Architecture of University of Illinois, and Verde Valley Caregivers.