



Mark E. Stacy

May 23, 1957 - May 23, 2025

Mark Eden Stacy was born May 23, 1957, in Canonsburg, Pa. and died Friday, exactly 68 years later, at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

Son of Marlis and Nancy Bradburn Stacy, he graduated from Canon-McMillan High School and attended Point Park College on scholarship, earning his degree in journalism and communications. He was sports editor for The Democrat-Messenger (Waynesburg, Pa.), sports copy editor for The Roanoke Times (Va.), and sports and night copy editor for The Dominion Post, where he stayed until his retirement in 2019.

He is survived by his beloved wife Jean (née Jeanne Popernack), whom he married in Bobtown, Pa. in July 1982, and daughter Nicole; father Marlis (Peggy); mother Nancy; his aunt Jackie Dykstra; his aunt and close friend Marillyn Popp; sister Tara Becker (Kurt); mother-in-law Anna Marie Popernack; sisters-in-law Diane Prete (Mark) and Pauline Emerson (Mike); brother-in-law George Popernack (Michelle); one niece, six nephews; one great-niece; five great-nephews; and the “sons he never had,” Joseph and Ruston, along with their “adopted sister” Morgan.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents; father-in-law Andy Popernack; uncle Andy Popp; and niece Claudia Becker.

Mark was a craft beer enthusiast, baseball fan, four-time “Jeopardy!” winner, avid team trivia player, and a strong advocate of local music and businesses. In a spirit of adventure, he aspired to try every type of cuisine possible on Earth.

As a newsman and editor, he proudly held high standards while also being known as a generous, encouraging mentor who supported and pushed others to achieve their best. His daughter inherited an ardor for language and writing, which began early as she learned to read “Calvin and Hobbes” at his knee.

In 2018, he experienced a stroke. With great determination he worked to regain the ability to walk and participate in his favorite activities. He was deeply grateful to his physicians and to the wonderful team at Therapy Services of Morgantown – especially Megan, Becca, Abby and Morgan – whom he credited with his physical and mental comeback and who became lifelong friends.

Mark made friends everywhere he went, particularly Apothecary Ale House (Grace, Jason, Gretchen, Andrew, and Steve), 123 Pleasant Street, Crockett’s, Primanti Bros. and Kegler’s, where he was a regular at trivia, enjoying the challenge and camaraderie and eagerly recounting the victories, Phil’s “best worst answers” and even the near misses. With the motto “I may be old, but I saw all the cool bands,” he cheered on Granny’s 12 Gauge, 63 Eyes, Owen Davis, Billy Matheny, and many more; a personal concert by guitarist/singer-songwriter Todd Burge was the highlight of his 60th birthday celebration.

Family and friends may visit the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home at 501 Morgantown Street, Point Marion, Pa. on Wednesday, May 28 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, May 29 at 11 a.m. at

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, 3334 University Avenue, Star City, W. Va., with visitation one hour to the funeral service . In keeping with his wishes, cremation will follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame (wvmusichalloffame.com) are greatly appreciated.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **28**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Herod-Rishel Funeral Home
501 Morgantown Street
Point Marion, PA 15474
(724) 725-5245
rishel@atlanticbb.net
<https://www.herod-rishel.com>

Visitation

MAY **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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501 Morgantown Street
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Visitation

MAY **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
3334 University Avenue
Morgantown, WV 26505

Service

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Stac, my most sincere condolences on the loss of your son. I'll remember him at Mass tomorrow mo.*

Bob Cain - June 01, 2025 at 07:32 PM

EB

“ *So sorry I didn't learn of Mark's passing until yesterday. Mark and I were classmates at Point Park College then, and later worked together at the Daily Tribune in Monroeville before life intervened and we went our separate ways in newspapering. His quick, sarcastic wit and love of music stick out. He spent the night on my couch after we attended an R.E.M. concert in the basement of the old Syria Mosque in Pittsburgh. And, of course, I can't hear ZZ Top's "Sharp Dressed Man" without fond memories of Mark and Jean's wedding. RIP, my friend. Ed Blazina*



Ed Blazina - May 30, 2025 at 12:37 PM

GR

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Mark's passing! I lost touch with him decades ago, but he was a very good mentor to me when I was starting out in the journalism biz, alongside Alecia, Heather, Margie and many others. I'll also always remember him as a devoted booster of Morgantown's music scene back in the 90s. My condolences to the family. -Gordon Russell*

Gordon Russell - May 30, 2025 at 11:18 AM

GF

“ Gregory F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark E. Stacy.

Gregory F. - May 29, 2025 at 08:37 PM

AF

“ Hello, my name is Alecia (Sirk) Ford and I worked with Mark several years at the Dominion Post. He was so great to work with! My friends Margie, Heather, and I had a debate with him over how to edit our stories. He stuck up for us on many occasions when we were doing things that were unorthodox. We appreciated those discussions and support as young journalists. And we always teased him because he was a hunt-and-peck typist even though he was a first-rate editor. We had quite a little family at the Dominion Post at that time and I'm grateful to have worked with Mark. Sending many loving thoughts to the family.

Alecia Ford - May 29, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mark E. Stacy.



May 28, 2025 at 03:51 PM

NC

“ Dear Jeanne, Nicole, Nancy and Tara - We were so saddened to learn of Mark's passing! When we were kids we loved going to Lawrence to see our grandparents, and to hang out for several weeks in the summer with our cousins Mark and Tara. We played whiffle ball, picked blackberries, hiked to the spring in the valley to fill jugs with spring water for Grandma, and listened to Mark's tall tales. Did he really see a UFO over the baseball field? Maybe - at any rate he convinced the rest of us kids! We have sweet memories of those days, and hope that all your memories of Mark will help to comfort you at this sad time. With love from Nonnie, Barbie, Jo, and Michelle (the other Bradburn sisters).

Nonna Crook - May 28, 2025 at 03:42 PM

CB

“ Jean and Nicole, I was saddened to see the passing of your husband/father. I remember him as the nicest parent! He was funny and well spoken. Most of all he loved his family beyond measure. I pray you find consolation in the many memories of Mark. I am just so sorry. Carolyn Buchman

Carolyn Buchman - May 28, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark E. Stacy.

May 28, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark E. Stacy.*



May 28, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ *Mallory & the Carroll Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mark E. Stacy.*



Mallory & the Carroll Family - May 28, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ *Mallory & the Carroll Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark E. Stacy.*

Mallory & the Carroll Family - May 28, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark E. Stacy.*

May 28, 2025 at 12:48 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mark E. Stacy.*



May 28, 2025 at 12:48 AM



“ *Your smile, your stories, jokes and strength...I will miss you terribly! Y'all were my favorite customers and then my dear friends. Raising a Halleck for you Mr Mark, I love you always. All my love and prayers to you Ms Jeanne, I am here for you anytime.*

Tamara & Ray

Tamara - May 27, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ *Patricia J. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mark E. Stacy.*



Patricia J. - May 27, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ *Love, Mom, Tara and Kurt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark E. Stacy.*



Love, Mom, Tara and Kurt - May 27, 2025 at 04:25 PM

DG

“ Our nascent newspaper careers seemed to mesh. Even though Mark and I graduated from the same college – two years apart – Mark began “stringing” for *The Daily Notes* in Canonsburg, Pa., when I was editor there. When I became editor of Waynesburg’s *Democrat Messenger*, Mark was already ensconced as sports editor. In 1979, the price of gasoline was only 86 cents a gallon; sadly, there wasn’t any to be had. Mark hadn’t relocated to Waynesburg and was commuting from his parents’ home in Canonsburg. To ease any anxieties about getting gas for his Ford Pinto, Mark roomed with me for a while until the oil crisis ebbed, gasoline became more readily available, and he was able to rent an apartment in town. As a spoof of Waynesburg’s fabled “Rain Day,” Mark and I celebrated our birthdays together one year. Noting that for the previous 25 years, May 24 followed May 23. Our journalism careers went on divergent paths, but my memories of our times together are cherished. Noting Mark’s appreciation of music, it is appropriate that I mention that he was an accomplished “air guitarist” – maybe the finest Canon-McMillan has ever produced.

Dan Giosta - May 27, 2025 at 03:55 PM

NM

“ Nonnie, Barb, Jo and Michelle purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of Mark E. Stacy.



Nonnie, Barb, Jo and Michelle - May 27, 2025 at 03:37 PM

LT

“ Larry Taffner purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mark E. Stacy.



Larry Taffner - May 27, 2025 at 03:34 PM

LS

“ Lisa, Cyndie & Vivian (Bradburn sisters) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark E. Stacy.



Lisa, Cyndie & Vivian (Bradburn sisters) - May 27, 2025 at 02:42 PM

CT

“ Comms Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark E. Stacy.

Comms Team - May 27, 2025 at 01:52 PM

CT

“ Comms Team purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mark E. Stacy.



Comms Team - May 27, 2025 at 01:52 PM

PS

“ Pat Ford and Therapy Services purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mark E. Stacy.



Pat Ford and Therapy Services - May 27, 2025 at 01:47 PM

PS

“ Pat Ford and Therapy Services planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark E. Stacy.

Pat Ford and Therapy Services - May 27, 2025 at 01:47 PM

TL

“ Therapy Services LLC purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mark E. Stacy.



Therapy Services LLC - May 27, 2025 at 01:14 PM

TF

“ The Zelina Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark E. Stacy.

The Zelina Family - May 27, 2025 at 12:33 PM

TF

“ The Zelina Family purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Mark E. Stacy.



The Zelina Family - May 27, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Mark E. Stacy.



May 27, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark E. Stacy.

May 27, 2025 at 12:32 PM

MS

“ A tree has been donated in Mark's name from the Fitzgerald Family. We honor his memory & life. Our sincere condolences!

Margaret Fitzgerald Stacy - May 27, 2025 at 12:13 PM

MF

“ Margaret F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark E. Stacy.

Margaret F. - May 27, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ Love and prayers to you, Jeanne and Nicole. I wish Jeff and I would have had the opportunity to know Mark better but listening to your stories and knowing you, he was a good man who loved and cherished his family. Jeff and I send our deepest sympathy.

Kathy McClure - May 27, 2025 at 11:24 AM



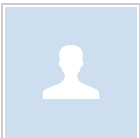
Thinking of you and the family with deepest sympathy. Fran Zepp

Fran Zepp - May 27, 2025 at 12:27 PM



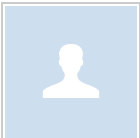
“ I had 10 nieces and 1 nephew, Mark. Did that make him special? Of course, it did. But it was the way he lived his life and loved and nurtured his family that made him truly special. So many memories. All my love and prayers go out to you, Jeanie and Nicole.
Aunt Jackie

Jacquelyne R. Dykstra - May 27, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark E. Stacy.

May 27, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mark E. Stacy.



May 27, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark E. Stacy.

May 27, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark E. Stacy.



May 27, 2025 at 09:38 AM