



## Stanley James Manning

June 28, 1924 - October 4, 2014

Ivins, UT – Stanley James Manning, age 90, passed away suddenly on October 4, 2014, at Dixie Regional Medical Center in St. George, Utah, from complications of pneumonia. He was born June 28, 1924, in Seattle, Washington, to Paul C. Manning from Mankato, Minnesota, and Maime Manning from Chinook, Montana. He married Claire L. Wilson in Seattle on July 28, 1951.

Stan was raised in Seattle, attending Latona grade school and Lincoln High School. Upon graduation in 1942, he joined the US Navy, became a fighter pilot and fought in the Pacific in WWII with VF Squadrons 2, 11, 7 and 20. He served aboard the USS Hornet, Hancock, Enterprise and Lexington, with over 50 combat missions. After the war he joined the Seattle Police Department, met his future wife and got married, and then returned to the Navy to fight in the Korean War with VC-3 as a night fighter pilot aboard the USS Antietam and as an LSO (landing signal officer). Shore duty stations included Moffett Field and San Diego (California), Kwajalein (Marshall Islands), Barbers Point (Hawaii), McMurdo Sound Antarctica (with VX-6 as Wintering Over officer-in-charge), and Whidbey Island (Washington).

After 24 years in the service, he retired and went on to other interesting professions, including real estate, flying DC-3s for mosquito control in the Florida Keys, and managing a resort on Maui with his wife. After her death, he

continued to travel, living in a waterfront house on Whidbey Island, in the Florida Keys, and then the Southwest in Scottsdale, Sedona, New Mexico, and Utah. Besides flying (his favorite plane was the F4U Corsair), he enjoyed boating, salmon fishing in the Northwest, horseracing, playing pai gow poker at the local casinos, attending the annual reunions of Tailhook in Reno, and sharing life stories with his buddies. Even with all of his moves, he maintained friendships back as far as grade school. We will never forget those sparkling blue eyes with the ready wink or joke and a smile for all those he encountered.

Stan is survived by his son Steve (Diane), his daughter Diane, and a dear friend, Lamour Rathbun. He was preceded in death by his father, his younger sister Doris, his mother, his loving wife Claire of 45 years, and his older sister Dorothy.

Per his wishes, there will be no services. His ashes are to be scattered along his favorite fishing "slot" off Hope Island, Washington.

Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at [www.SerenityStG.com](http://www.SerenityStG.com)

# Tribute Wall

PG

“ Stan and I first met in the First Grade at Latona Grade School. A very long time ago!! I think our teacher's name was Miss Wheeler!! He was a very cute guy with neat dimples. And a great smile. We went all thru Latona, Alexander Hamilton Jr. High and graduated from Lincoln High. WOW!! 12 years!!!

*I would see him at the Lincoln Reunions and that was always so neat. I met his lovely wife there and in turn I got to introduce him to my wonderful husband. And life went on. Then several years ago we became e-mail friends and that was great. He always sent great forwards and sometimes added a line. And his e-mails came very often so at our age if I didn't hear from him I would begin to wonder if he was okay. And that is exactly what happened.*

*I miss his friendship, his e-mails and his wealth of information and he always kept me up on different friends and the people in our classes. And life goes on. He was was a fun great guy and had a very special great life. I have enjoyed reading the memories of friends and family. Thank you. And his family, especially his daughter and son and their families are in my thoughts and prayers. Lovingly, Pat Gwinn*

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**Patricia Gwinn** - November 03, 2014 at 12:51 PM

RL

“ Stan and I met and instantly became the very best of friends, and remained so for the next six months through preflight training near Oakland, then flight training at Long Beach, CA. Brief though this was, those times and our friendship looms larger than imaginable. I had come to think he was everlasting, like my memories. I shall miss him from now till it is my turn to follow.  
*My condolences to his devoted daughter, Diane. Ralph Lester*

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**Ralph Lester** - October 25, 2014 at 09:17 PM

JS

“ I remember Olaf skiing at Squaw Valley in the 1950's. I learned a lot about downhill skiing from him.

*Farewell from a fellow VC-3 night fighter.*

*Sven (John Stranlund)*

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**John Stranlund** - October 21, 2014 at 04:09 PM

SM

“ When I first met Stan I didn't know whether to consider Him a new family member or a Super Hero, I recall some of his Military stories and it kindled my interest in Military Aeronautics. And looking back I realize I was blessed with both. He leaves a Son, whom I consider one of the wisest, most giving people I have ever been blessed to know, And a Daughter who is not only super intelligent but also beautiful, and kind. Rest in Peace Stan. You have earned it.

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**Shane McCorry** - October 21, 2014 at 12:47 PM

LM

“ I will always remember cousin Stan even tho we did not see each other very often.

*I remember the time that he gave us a free week on Maui for our 25th anniversary when they managed the condo there..I have fond memories of the time he visited the Martens ranch in Chinook Montana back in the 50's.. I will miss the e-mails that he was always forwarding to me. Rest in peace Stan.*

*Larry Martens*

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**larry martens** - October 20, 2014 at 05:17 PM

DM

“ Stan was my father-in-law. I have always felt so very lucky as I could not have hand-picked a better man for that title. He always made me laugh and his expressions when he told a story were priceless!  
I will miss him dearly and have always considered myself a lucky girl to have been part of his family!  
Diane (McCorry) Manning

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**Diane Manning** - October 20, 2014 at 01:16 PM

RR

“ *"Stan the Man" We shared some of the best days of our life. I'll always remember those times, and will miss you. Rick Renaldi*

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**Rick Renaldi** - October 17, 2014 at 06:45 AM

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“ *Lamour Rathbun purchased the Broken Wing Pendant for the family of Stanley James Manning.*



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**Lamour Rathbun** - October 16, 2014 at 10:04 PM

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**Diane** - October 13, 2014 at 02:55 PM

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Diane Manning - October 13, 2014 at 01:39 PM

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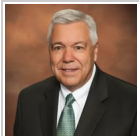
Nice video of old movies of Stan, Claire, Steve, Diane, Maime & Paul (jimmy)

Larry Martens - October 20, 2014 at 05:08 PM

DM

“ Dad, you have left a void that can never be filled here on earth, but thanks for the fantastic flight we all took with you, and a "thumbs up" on your landing! You will always be my hero... Your daughter Diane

Diane Manning - October 13, 2014 at 01:18 PM



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Dick Johnson - October 13, 2014 at 01:14 PM