



## Jonathan S. Stanley Ph.D

October 16, 1959 - November 1, 2021

Jonathan Stanley was born to Theodore and Myrtle Stanley on October 16, 1959. He began his formal education in the Baltimore City Public Schools, then continued same at the Church of St. Ann School and joined the Catholic Church soon thereafter. He graduated from Loyola Blakefield High School and then matriculated at Morgan State University, his parents' alma mater, where he joined Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Inc. Nobody loved Morgan and Groove more than Jonathan. He earned the nicknames "Cherry" and "The Humble 1." Jonathan's first exposure to Groove was a step show he attended at Morgan when he was about 12 years old. His mind was blown by the harmony, the synchronized stepping and the brotherhood. His name is immortalized on the Groove Monument on Morgan's Campus. When growing up, he loved music and sports. He played a lot of organized baseball on some really good teams. Jonathan cherished his role in youth baseball, especially as a pitcher. As an adult, he organized, managed and played on the Baltimore City Bombers Softball Team.

Shortly after graduating from Morgan State University in 1982 with a degree in English, Jonathan started Enhancement Unlimited, his own tutoring company. Eventually, he earned a Ph.D. in religious counseling. Jonathan later became a manager at a local restaurant, sold timeshare properties, worked for Hyatt Regency, T. Rowe Price, the Social Security Administration and Walters Relocations, Inc. Jonathan enjoyed his time working for his friend and Groove

Brother John Walters more than any other job he had ever held, because he experienced so much love, trust, responsibility and accountability.

Jonathan was diagnosed with end-stage renal disease in March 2013, which unfortunately forced him to leave the employer and the career he loved so much. Soon after his diagnosis, he began a course of dialysis and eventually became an inspiration to many of the other patients. He showed up for his treatments every time regardless of the weather conditions, distractions or other factors.

One of Jonathan's strongest motivations was maintaining relationships that he had developed in his youth. He always seemed to know what was going on with childhood and high school friends, college classmates and Groove Phi Groove Brothers. Jon was very much the extrovert, like his dad, and loved being around people. He could strike up a conversation with absolutely anybody and find common ground and interests. Jon would often talk to a complete stranger and within a matter of minutes identify individuals and events with which both parties were familiar.

Jonathan passed suddenly on November 1, 2021. Left to cherish his memories are his mother Myrtle Stanley, a special aunt Ruth Young, his brother Benjamin (Elaine), his fiancée Leslie Boyer, his niece Dawn, a host of cousins and other family members, his beloved Groove Brothers and many other friends. Jonathan was preceded in death by his father and sister Theodora.

# Previous Events

## viewing

NOV 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Wake

NOV 10. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Mathews Catholic Church  
5401 Loch Raven Blvd  
Baltimore, MD 21218

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall



“ Jonathan S. Stanley Ph.D

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ On behalf of my mother and the Bailey family we send our deepest sympathy. Jonathan and I both attended St Ann and Loyola High. He was always beyond his age, a serious and no nonsense guy. We were in the boy scouts together. His father Mr. Stanley and mother Mrs. Myrtle were tremendous. I'll always remember him when we would buy books in school. He could tell you each ball players stats. I enjoyed us talking on the phone, reminiscing or discussing today's events. He was a jolly good fellow, friend and brother. Our hearts are saddened by losing him but I know he didn't go home without a fight. May the family be comforted by our good Lord and may his soul rest in eternal peace. God bless.

Keith Bailey

Keith Bailey - November 22, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ Sending my heartfelt condolence to the Stanley family. Johnny was a childhood friend and neighbor. Based on the many accomplishments listed, deeds and love provided to others by Johnny the world has lost an incredible life. Michelle Wright Moten

Michelle Wright Moten - November 09, 2021 at 10:40 PM

GG

“ Our prayers go out to the family and friends from the Goodwin Family. Johnny and I grew up together in Northwood from the 60's thru the 90's. He used to tell me all the time what a great athlete I was for as long as I can remember. And I always replied "but you was the man with that baseball" We always shared great stories whenever we saw each other. He always made me feel like he was very proud of me and that I was from Northwood. He will truly be missed. R.I.P. Johnny

Guy Goodwin

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**Guy Goodwin** - November 09, 2021 at 11:10 AM

RH

R.I.P my Good friend and Groove phi Groove brother I meant you over twenty years ago at Morgan State University and was a member of the Baltimore grad chapter you were a true brother from the start and a great man It was a pleasure to call you brother and you will be greatly missed.

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**Reggie Hilton** - November 09, 2021 at 11:49 PM

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“ Julia A ,Deborah O.,Marilyn McNair -VSC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jonathan S. Stanley Ph.D.



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**Julia A ,Deborah O.,Marilyn McNair -VSC** - November 09, 2021 at 10:15 AM

KB

“ I would love to say to Mother Stanley, that I'm at a lost, as well but no one is more at a Lost than you. But God our Lord and savior call him home because his work was done, and a work N well. I rejoice for him because I know he is smiling with the Lord. Love you Brothers of Groove Phi. From 1B 76 to 3 B 77

Kenneth Woods Starchild Mother Bear - November 09, 2021 at 01:37 AM

CD

“ hi Myrtle,  
this is Charlie from the piano class.  
I am wishing comfort for you and all of your family and loved ones.  
you have my most heartfelt admiration and love.  
you are so good and you are so kind.  
thank you for being so good and so kind to me.  
thank you for all you said when my Mom passed away.  
you helped me a lot.  
may God bless you and your son Jonathan, and all your family and loved ones.  
peace and love,  
Charlie

Charlie Dennis - November 08, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jonathan S. Stanley Ph.D.



November 07, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jonathan S. Stanley Ph.D.*



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November 06, 2021 at 11:04 PM



“ *My condolences to Mrs. Stanley, Ben, Elaine, Dawn and all of the Stanley family and friends.*  
*Elaine Edmonds*

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**Elaine Edmonds** - November 06, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ *Ben called a few weeks ago to inquire about my brother, Reuel. Our family lived across the street from the Stanley's awhile back. Yesterday, I called Ben to ask how he was doing and received the sad news concerning Jonathan. Our families lived, laughed, played and prayed together then; and now, we commune, once again, as we remember and honor the departure of our dearly beloved brethren. The Sorrell Family.*

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**Edith Sorrell** - November 06, 2021 at 10:59 AM

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“My sincere condolences to the Stanley Family. Jonathan would often call me Grand-daddy relating to our connection to Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship. He was a Groove Phi man through and through! His love for the organization and his fervor for life was a inspiration to us all. He will be sorely missed: but may the works that he has done continue to speak for him!!!”

*Bishop Heber M. Brown II*

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**Heber M. Brown II** - November 06, 2021 at 08:59 AM

JV

“john gaidis VCS. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jonathan S. Stanley Ph.D.



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**john gaidis VCS.** - November 05, 2021 at 08:59 PM

KB

“Mrs. Stanley, Benjamin and all Jonathan's loved ones, I'm praying for you. May our loving God hold you tightly, comfort you and give you sweet memories of Jonathan. To me, he was fun as well as kind. May he rest in the peace that only God can give! Love , Kay Bee.

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**Kay Bee** - November 05, 2021 at 06:39 PM

GJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jonathan's passing. He & I use to watch the beauty of God's setting the sun out the window at work. Funny, I can't say we were Friends but if it was a beautiful sunset, we always met at that window to watch together. May his Soul be at Peace. His Co-worker, Geneva. Blessings & Strength to the Family.

Geneva Jackson-Purnell - November 05, 2021 at 02:28 PM



“ Jonathan was the love of my life. We sat in St. Mathews church planning a wedding. I know I was loved but God had other plans. I will forever love him

November 05, 2021 at 09:44 AM

DS

“ My sincere condolences go out to Mother Stanley, Ben, and the rest of Jonathan's family and friends during their time of bereavement. May the Lord be pleased with Jon's works here on earth, and may he rest in eternal peace. #SixDeuce #OpalChapter ❤️🕊

Dr. Hugh E. Scott - November 05, 2021 at 12:33 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - November 04, 2021 at 08:35 AM