

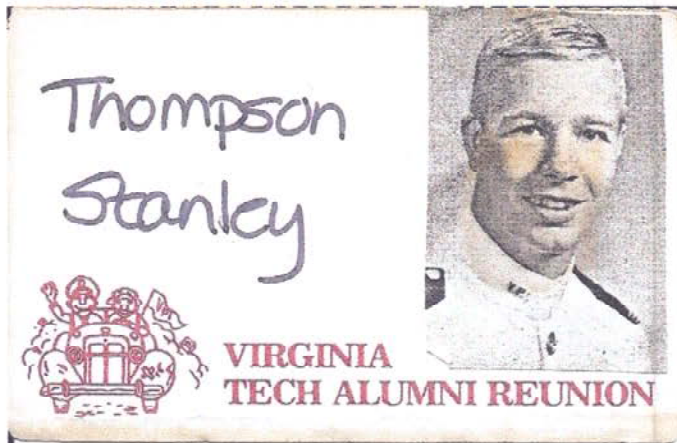
Trudy Stanley
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May 24, 2016

Daniel Johnson
President
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52 Dahlgren Road
Richmond, VA 23238

Dear Daniel,

I am sending my husband, Lawrence Thompson Stanley's, fraternity paddle to you for display at the DKE House in Blacksburg. He passed away on February 23rd of this year. He was very proud to be a fraternity brother and always stopped by the house when he was in Blacksburg.



He graduated in 1964. I am sending a copy of his obituary. I am also including a donation for the DKE house in memory of my husband.

Thank you for doing this, it was one of his last requests to me to send this paddle to the DKE house.

Sincerely,

Trudy Stanley



Formerly from Springville, NY, Lawrence Thompson Stanley, 74, entered into eternal rest February 23, 2016 at home in Holder Florida, under the loving care of his family and Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast. He was born February 4, 1942 in Ft. Jackson, SC to Elizabeth Thompson Pride and Valgene Stanley, now deceased.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Trudy E Stanley of Holder, FL, his children, Ann Michelle Morrison (Ru) and Lawrence T. Stanley, Jr. (Andrea), brothers, Phillip Valgene Stanley (Kathy) and John Bragg Stanley (Joyce), four grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many treasured friends.

Thompson graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Reserve Officers' Training Corp. in 1964 with a degree in Business Management. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and at the time, was only the third Cadet to ever be invited to join the Dekes. He was very proud to be a Fraternity brother.

Following his father's footsteps, Thompson joined the Army and served Active Duty in Fort Bliss, Texas where he successfully completed his training at the U.S. Army Air Defense School. He was honorably discharged in 1966 after achieving the rank of First Lieutenant. Thompson continued his education at PACE University in New York obtaining his MBA which he used during his fifteen year career with IBM in Accounting and Sales.

Thompson's entrepreneurial spirit led him to resign from IBM to enter the emerging field of personal computing. During those early years, Thompson would pack his tent and camping gear staying at campgrounds along his sales route marketing computer systems to dairy farmers. His

accounting background led to his employment with ADWARE promoting accounting systems for advertising agencies. In more recent years, he was employed by The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. as a consultant with clients such as Coke-a-Cola and Ford Motor Company. He had many adventures and never met anyone along the way that he didn't call friend.

Never one to shy away from an active social life, Thompson joined the Bop Club in Memphis, TN and later in Louisville, KY. There he met many friends who shared his love of dancing. He was an enthusiastic fan of bluegrass music and at the age of fifty taught himself to play guitar. His loved making music with his buddies at the Springville Mercantile and the Thursday night jam sessions where his enthusiastic voice was appreciated. He attended many Bluegrass Festivals with his brothers where they jammed until their fingers blistered or the sun rose, whatever came first.

His interests were varied and many. In 1965, he was as a member of the U.S. Army Air Defense Command Water Polo Championship team and in 1966 on the U.S. Army Transportation Corps. Championship football team. Thompson's competitive nature led him to earn his Tae Kwon Do black belt. He later shared his love of the sport by becoming an instructor. He also learned to scuba dive, loved fishing, boating and anything else that would take him outdoors. After retiring, he volunteered at Florida's Bahia Honda State Park. His joy for living and love of people will be greatly missed.

Family and friends will be received on Friday, March 11, 2016 at Hooper Funeral Homes, Beverly Hills Chapel, 5054 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills, Florida. Interment will be at Bushnell National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Hospice of Citrus and Nature Coast, PO Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34434.