



## Stanley R. Soldner

November 1, 1931 - July 19, 2023

Stanley Soldner Dies on July 19, 2023, at Age 91

Stanley Rudolph Soldner was born on October 31, 1931, at 11:45 PM to Harry C. Soldner and Virginia Smith Soldner of Farina, Illinois. Stan's twin brother, Richard O. Soldner, was born the next day at 12:15AM. The twins were nicknamed Timothy and Redtop which undoubtedly foreshadowed Stan's lifelong commitment to the grain business and farming.

Stan graduated from Farina High School in 1949 and then headed to Depauw University with his brother. Finding Depauw a bit stuffy for two young men from the Village of Farina, Stan transferred to the University of Illinois where he became a member of the Theta Chi fraternity and obtained a degree in business.

While at the University of Illinois, Stan met a Chicago girl who became the love of his life, Janice Josephine Feldkamp, to whom he was married for 66 years.

After Stan's service in the Army during the Korean War, Stan and Janice returned to Farina whereupon Stan entered the family grain business, Ging Inc. Ging purchased the Edgewood grain elevator which Stan turned into a thriving operation serving the farmers of the Edgewood area.

When his father retired, Stan took over the Farina elevator and oversaw the successful operation of the Edgewood, Altamont and eventually Cowden elevators. When Stan retired, he had worked 50 years in the grain elevator and storage business. Farina's high-speed train loading elevator and facility is

built upon Stan's vision to effectively serve the farmers in the Farina area and to make Farina a local hub for the grain business.

Throughout his life, Stan enjoyed watching the crops grow and buying and selling grain. Stan loved to work in the soil and during the summer his flower gardens were almost always in bloom. Stan was also an avid hunter who raised some of the finest English Setter dogs to ever point a quail.

Stan and Janice raised their three children, Sharon Keifer, Steve Soldner and Woody Soldner in their Farina home which was their version of paradise. Stan and Janice's strong faith was practiced at the Farina United Methodist Church. Throughout his life, Stan was committed to honesty, fair-dealing and doing his very best to help those around him whether it be family, friend or a new acquaintance.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, his sister, Carolyn Soldner, and his wife, Janice. Stan and Janice are survived by their three children, eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be on September 9, 2023, 12 Noon, at the Farina United Methodist Church. Lunch following service. Visitation will begin at 10 AM.

Memorials may be made to the Farina Cemetery and will be received by the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home, PO Box 97, 310 Broadway, Salem, IL 62881 (618-548-1234.) Online condolences may be left at [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland Funeral Home Facebook Page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Farina United Methodist Church  
311 W Jackson Ave  
Farina, IL 62838-1236

## Celebration of Life

SEP 9. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM.

Faith United Methodist Church

# Tribute Wall



“ *Louis Caudle lit a candle in memory of Stanley R. Soldner*



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**Louis Caudle** - May 26, 2024 at 01:23 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Stanley R. Soldner.*



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September 05, 2023 at 10:04 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stanley R. Soldner.*

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September 05, 2023 at 10:04 PM



“ *Stan was such a great man and friend. He always had words of encouragement and did so much for Farina. He will leave a hole in our hearts. I'm so sorry. Meg Coberly Freeman*

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**Meg Freeman** - August 16, 2023 at 10:52 AM

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“ Steve, Woody, and family. So sorry to hear of your loss. What wonderful memories we have growing up in Farina as your neighbors. It was probably as close to Mayberry as one could get. Your folks were always so gracious and special to us, and they were such good friends and meant so much to my parents. I am surprised your Dad did not whack us for our "stereo wars" or me blasting up and down the alley between our houses on my go-cart while they were trying to enjoy a quiet evening by the pool. And they never said much about us putting up lights to play B-ball until midnight on the court behind the garage. Or me coming home at midnight with my headers open on the 442. They sure let us "boys be boys". Hope you all are doing well. Lori and I just became grandparents a couple weeks ago. Life certainly moves along too quickly. We loved your mom and dad! --Fred Shumake Jr.

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**Fred Shumake** - August 09, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ For over 40 years, Stanley wasn't only a customer but a dear friend. All of us from Pisces Pools and Spas will miss him. Our deepest sympathys and condolences to his family.



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**Karri Spencer Kampwerth** - August 02, 2023 at 03:10 PM