



## Stanley J. Sekerka

December 14, 1919 - June 19, 2020

Update: A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2020 between the hours of 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. We will ask all who attend to adhere to the social distancing guidelines and masks will be required. Following the visitation, a graveside service will be held in the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline at 12:00 Noon. Pastor Tom Zimmerman will officiate the service. Memorial contributions in Stan's name may be made to the Dexter Community Orchestra or the Saline District Library and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Our thanks to St. Joseph Mercy Home Care and Hospice who assisted in end of life support and to which memorial contributions in Stan's name may also be made.

Stanley J. Sekerka, 100, of Saline, died Friday, June 19, 2020, at home in Saline, where he has lived for more than 50 years with his loving family, after a well-lived life as husband, father, uncle, friend, educator, benefactor, musician and mentor. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on December 14, 1919 to Frances (Benedict) and George Sekerka from Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic) and always joked that he was a "double Czech" (didn't speak English until kindergarten). Stan married Doris (Teufel) Sekerka on June 30, 1951 in Toledo.

After getting his undergraduate degree in education from the University of Toledo, Stan earned his master's in education from the University of Indiana at Bloomington and completed graduate work at the University of Michigan. He was initially a 5th grade elementary teacher but later became a curriculum coordinator and elementary school principal including 10 years at Saline's Jensen Elementary School.

Stan loved education and was always reading. He took pride in being well informed on a variety of issues and was a generous philanthropist to many causes, most supporting social justice and being good stewards of the planet. He was devoted to his family and, with an amazing work ethic, ensured all of his children had the opportunity to go to college. Stan's other great love was music. Although he gave up playing while raising his family, he renewed his musical career in his 70s and, once again, picked up the violin (although he also played piano and trumpet in his early life in his father's Bohemian polka band and with the 148th Infantry Band in Toledo before World War II). He joined a number

of local bands, playing at church services and nursing homes for nearly two decades. He also became a member of several orchestras including the Dexter Community Orchestra and Tecumseh Pops Orchestra as well as the VA National Medical Musical Group which performed in Europe, Hawaii and at Washington's Kennedy Center.

Stan (and Doris) were active members of the First United Methodist Church of Saline and assisted greatly with fund-raising and building the new facility north of Saline. In addition, Stan served for many years on the Saline Library Board and delivered Meals-on-Wheels until he stopped driving at 95.

Stanley is survived by his wife of nearly 69 years, Doris, and children Susan (John), Scott (Clarissa) and Bradley who has been his dedicated and primary caregiver for the last nearly 2 years, allowing Stan to live his final days at home.

Cremation has taken place. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2020 between the hours of 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the Robison-Bahnmilller Funeral Home in Saline. Please adhere to the social distancing guidelines and masks will be required. Following the visitation, a graveside service will be held in the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline at 12:00 Noon. Pastor Tom Zimmerman will officiate the service.

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# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave

Saline, MI, 48176

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**Visitation**

09:30AM - 11:30AM

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Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services

301 East Michigan Ave., Saline, MI, US, 48176

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**Graveside Service**

12:00PM - 12:30PM

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Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave, Saline, MI, US, 48176

# Comments

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“ Stan and Doris were a few of the people who drew me to the SUMC many years ago when we were new to town. They both still remain very close to my thoughts even these many years later. Stan was always happy and funny and, in turn, made me happy just to chat, even for a minute or two. A life well lived. My heart is with Doris during this time.

**Anita Clos** - August 08 at 03:08 PM

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“ Serenity Home Care & Rehab Services purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Stanley J. Sekerka.



**Serenity Home Care & Rehab Services** - August 07 at 09:53 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of being Stan's stand partner in the Dexter Community Orchestra for several years. He was a talented player and helped me through many difficult pieces. He was always quick with a joke and really loved playing the violin. I really enjoyed knowing Stan and having him as my colleague in the orchestra. My condolences to his family.

**Ed Winfield** - August 05 at 03:15 PM

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“ Mary Frances and Leigha purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Stanley J. Sekerka.



**Mary Frances and Leigha** - August 05 at 09:30 AM

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“ Stan came to me for violin lessons after he'd been working on his own for awhile. His determination was already evident in that he had bought, and was working on, the nastiest exercise books I know of. He continued with that same determination! He played in my summer groups, the orchestra at my church (First Presbyterian, Ann Arbor), and in several other groups. I was also a member of the viola section in the Dexter Community Orchestra while he was there as a hard-working violinist! He was an example to all of us.

**Linda Speck** - June 26 at 10:31 AM

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“ Stan was a valuable member of the second violin section in the Dexter Community Orchestra while I was seated principal second violinist. I miss his fearless playing, his sense of humor, and his kind heart. Please accept my deepest condolences. -Regan Knapp

**Regan Knapp** - June 25 at 05:02 PM

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“ What a wonderful couple Stan will be missed Dean And Myra Chriscinske from Kentucky

**Dean R Chriscinske** - June 24 at 07:13 PM

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“ Dear Doris and family,  
What a good, long life Stan lived. Stan was one of my favorite people when I was working at Saline Schools so long ago. Glad he had so many years of enjoyable retirement. God's blessings on your family.

Kay Guenther

**Kay Guenther** - June 23 at 02:42 PM

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“ Stan and Doris have contributed much to Saline. Kathy Kise and I were fortunate to play our violins for Stan on his 100th birthday - a wonderful time and warm memory for all of us.

**Nancy Miller** - June 23 at 09:41 AM

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“ Stan and Doris were a lovely couple which Saline was fortunate to have in our community. They both contributed greatly with Doris supporting all of Stan's many activities. He will be greatly missed.

**David Rhoads** - June 23 at 08:02 AM

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“ Dear Doris and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Stan's passing. What a wonderful life and well lived. You will always have a special place in our hearts as. Our son Joseph's second grade teacher and a good friend to my mom. God bless and comfort you all.  
Sue (Carter) Mulka

**Sue Mulka** - June 22 at 07:58 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Stephen Robison** - June 21 at 09:43 PM