

When J. Stanley Kirk died on January 14, 1992, he left an irreplaceable void in the lives of many of us. He was a man who lived by the principles he believed in, thus setting an example, not only to his children, but his neighbors and friends as well.

Stanley was always willing to share his extraordinary knowledge with young people whom he felt had the potential to follow him in his field, and he was usually successful in his endeavors.

Stanley Kirk had more stamina than some half his age. He kept busy by working around his property, enjoying classical music, working with gem stones, creating intricate jewelry, giving slides shows at Chandler Hall of his and Marion's many trips, etc. He was not a person to wish he had done more with his life - he was continually working on living, and the enjoyment of it.

He spoke tenderly of his "blissful marriage" to Marion. He felt the most devastating time he had ever had to face was when he realized he could no longer care for his wife in her illness, but even then he maintained his quiet and gentle dignity.

Stanley's straightforward nature, mental and emotional strength, acute sense of humor, devotion to his family, appreciation of his friends, depict a man who lived an admirable and fruitful life. Those of us who were fortunate to be a part of his life will remember him with joy in our hearts.

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