

A portrait of Stanley A. Cropper, III, a man with a beard and a shaved head, wearing a dark hoodie. The background is a blue, starry, bokeh effect.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Stanley A.
CROPPER, III

Sunrise

October 10, 1981

Sunset

April 27, 2024

Service of Love

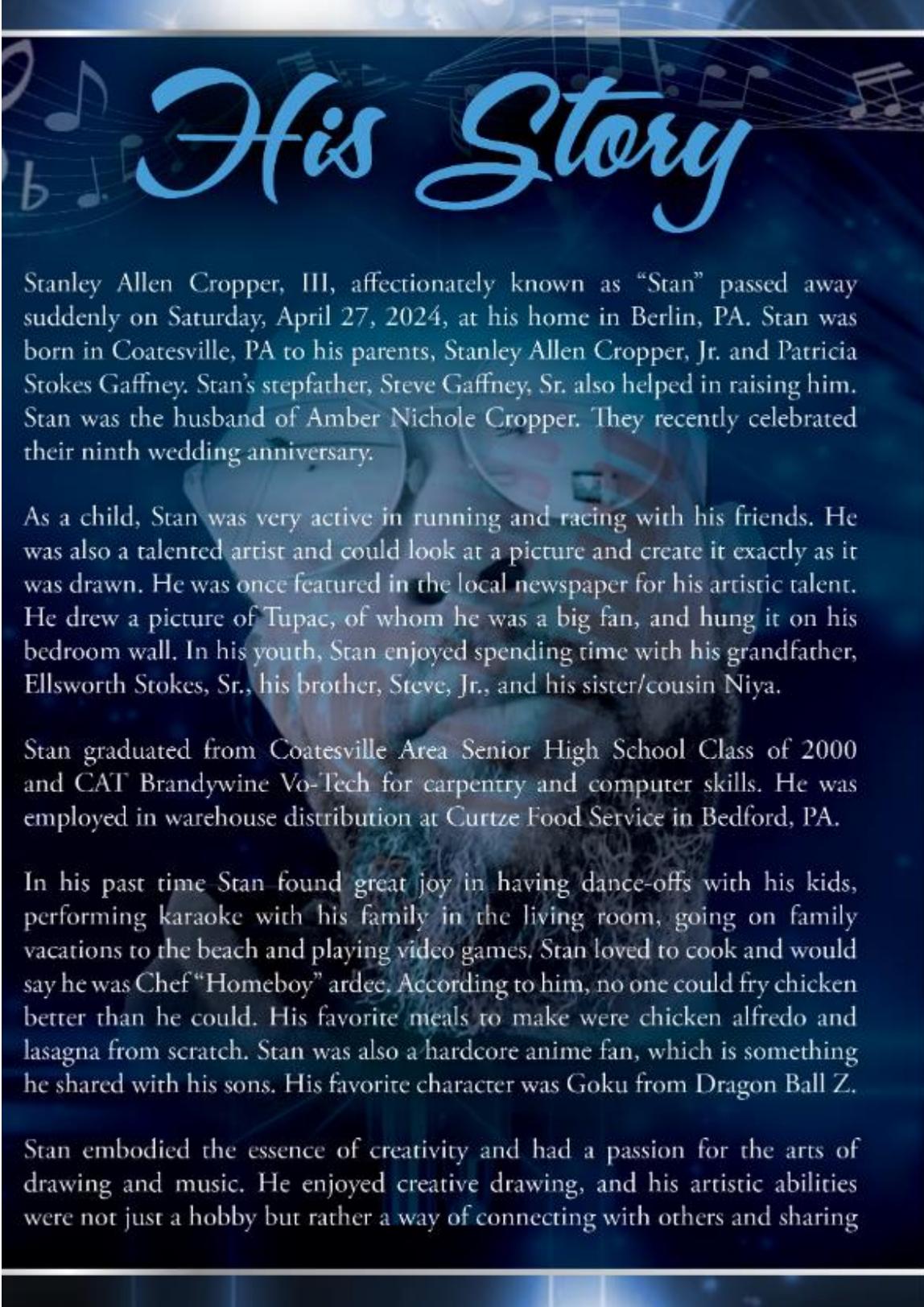
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

VIEWING 9:00 AM | SERVICE 11:00 AM

SECOND BAPTIST WORSHIP CENTER

857 LUMBER STREET | COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 19320

REV. DR. JAMES L. SMITH, PASTOR



His Story

Stanley Allen Cropper, III, affectionately known as “Stan” passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at his home in Berlin, PA. Stan was born in Coatesville, PA to his parents, Stanley Allen Cropper, Jr. and Patricia Stokes Gaffney. Stan’s stepfather, Steve Gaffney, Sr. also helped in raising him. Stan was the husband of Amber Nichole Cropper. They recently celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary.

As a child, Stan was very active in running and racing with his friends. He was also a talented artist and could look at a picture and create it exactly as it was drawn. He was once featured in the local newspaper for his artistic talent. He drew a picture of Tupac, of whom he was a big fan, and hung it on his bedroom wall. In his youth, Stan enjoyed spending time with his grandfather, Ellsworth Stokes, Sr., his brother, Steve, Jr., and his sister/cousin Niya.

Stan graduated from Coatesville Area Senior High School Class of 2000 and CAT Brandywine Vo-Tech for carpentry and computer skills. He was employed in warehouse distribution at Curtze Food Service in Bedford, PA.

In his past time Stan found great joy in having dance-offs with his kids, performing karaoke with his family in the living room, going on family vacations to the beach and playing video games. Stan loved to cook and would say he was Chef “Homeboy” ardee. According to him, no one could fry chicken better than he could. His favorite meals to make were chicken alfredo and lasagna from scratch. Stan was also a hardcore anime fan, which is something he shared with his sons. His favorite character was Goku from Dragon Ball Z.

Stan embodied the essence of creativity and had a passion for the arts of drawing and music. He enjoyed creative drawing, and his artistic abilities were not just a hobby but rather a way of connecting with others and sharing

stories. He found great joy in the simple act of putting pencil to paper.

In addition to drawing, Stan enjoyed listening to rap music. He used his musical intelligence to write rap songs. Stan had a deep passion for the art of rap. He even had a rap name, Absolute Karnage or "AK". With his raps he was able to fully express himself and inspire those around him. He always aspired to be at the top of the charts.

Beyond his artistic talents, Stan was a loving husband and father, whose greatest masterpiece was the life he built with his beloved family. Stan will be deeply missed but never forgotten. As we say goodbye, we take comfort in knowing that his legacy will live on, not only through his art but through his children and the lives of those he touched.

Stan will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Amber Cropper, and children, Destiney, Taliyah, Zaire, Quinland, Amir, Marquinn, Evan, Gianna, Syncere, Taylor, Baby Stan, and Zara. His mother, Patricia Gaffney; Father, Stanley Allen Cropper, Jr.; Grandmother, Madeline Stokes; siblings, Martina Thompson, Clayton Martin (Jane), Steve Gaffney, Jr. (Stephanie), Arielle Cropper, Mannie Cropper, Madelyn Cropper, Mason Cropper, David Cropper, Percy Bell, Patee Bell; aunts, Agnes Stokes, Betty Dickinson, and Alice V. Stokes; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Stan was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Ellsworth G. Stokes, Sr. and Bertha Stokes, Uncles, James R. Stokes and Ellsworth Stokes, Jr and his Aunt, Sandra Stokes.

*Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family*





Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL Clergy and Family

FINAL VIEWING

OFFICIATING CLERGY Rev. Sondra Taylor

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

New Testament

PRAYER OF COMFORT Evangelist Cynthia Jones

SOLO Randell Bowman

READING OF CARDS,

CONDOLENCES & THE OBITUARY Becky Austin-Dry

REFLECTIONS (2 Minutes)..... Fernando Marrero

Evan Rashan Turner

Jared Stokes

Niya Grenevich

WORDS OF COMFORT Rev. Dr. James L. Smith

SELECTION Randell Bowman

EULOGY Rev. Rashad D Grove, MDiv. MA

REMARKS..... Ventnor T. Wright, Funeral Director

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Interment
PRIVATE CREMATION



Pallbearers

*Jared Stokes
Marcus Stokes*

*Jon Dickinson
Steve Gaffney, Jr.*

*Justin Broadwater
Christian Brison*

Honorary Pallbearer

Evan Kashan Turner

Flower Bearers

*Niya Grenevich
Ashley Broadwater*

*Erin Fountain
Nichelle Barnett*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me Free!*

Acknowledgement

Thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown during our time of bereavement. We appreciate your love, prayers and support. May God bless you.

Sincerely, The Family

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