



## Stanley Theodore Koch

November 16, 1931 - July 31, 2024

Stanley Theodore Koch passed away peacefully on July 31, 2024 at age 92 with family by his side at his assisted living residence in Severna Park, MD.

Stanley was born on November 16, 1931 in Abington Township, PA to Charles and Marion Koch (née Dahl), the 3rd of 7 children. He grew up in the Wissahickon and Roxborough neighborhoods of Philadelphia and graduated from Roxborough HS in 1949. Stanley enlisted in the United States Army just prior to his 18th Birthday and was assigned to an infantry unit that ultimately embarked for duty in the Korean War. Injured in battle, he was awarded the Purple Heart. After 6 years of dedication including service in Korea and training at the Army Language School in Monterey, CA, he moved to Maryland to accept a position at the National Security Agency, where he would work for 20 years. Though a Philadelphian by birth, he fell in love with all things Baltimore-the town and its history, the people, his beloved Colts & Ravens, and the Orioles.

He met and married Dorothy Brigerman of Glen Burnie in 1959 and together they were blessed with 3 children: Gregory, Lisa and Dana, and they established a loving home in the Linthicum/Ferndale area.

While he enjoyed a successful career at the NSA, he recognized in mid-life he had a passion for teaching. At 44, he obtained his M.Ed. at Johns Hopkins University and became an award-winning teacher of adults. Though he taught in traditional settings, he also sought out positions in overlooked and underserved venues-city community centers, correctional facilities and mental health institutions. He also returned to Korea twice, to teach English there.

Beyond his professional achievements, Stanley was an avid world traveler, having toured extensively throughout Africa and Europe, Asia and South America. He was also a talented artist, and these pursuits brought him immense joy and fulfillment. His zest for life and enthusiasm for new experiences, languages and cultures were a source of inspiration to those around him.

Stanley is survived by his beloved children, Dana, Lisa, and Gregory; 3 loving sisters, Dorothy, Elaine and Carol; his cherished grandchildren, Sarah, Daniel, Carly, and Casey; and his beautiful great-grandchildren, Chloe, Noah, Finn, Violet, Daniel Jr., and Elliot; and many adored nieces and nephews. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A private interment of Stanley's ashes will take place at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville, MD. A Celebration of Life will be held at a date in the Fall, with details to be announced.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Fond memories of you teaching our class more than 30 years ago. You could read mandarin and was rmsso smart and dedicated. Thank you for all youce shared and taught us!!*

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“ *A patriot intellect and original. \nRest in peace Mr. Koch*

Gilbert Leidig - August 07, 2024 at 08:37 PM

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“ *Stanley Theodore Koch*

Anonymous - August 05, 2024 at 05:59 PM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Stanley Theodore Koch - August 05, 2024 at 01:56 PM