



Stan Kotzen

September 16, 2021

Stan Kotzen age 86, of Moorestown, NJ, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 16, 2021, after a battle with prostate cancer. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Mr. Kotzen was a graduate of Central High School and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He served in the US Army. He was a devoted teacher at Fort Lee, NJ, Golden, Colorado and notably at Pennsauken High School. Throughout his teaching career he coached football and baseball and led theater programs. He later served as principal at Moorestown High School and Lower Cape May Regional High School and Riverside High School. Mr. Kotzen was always known for his commitment to mentoring his students. Throughout his career Mr. Kotzen was always an artist(painter). After retiring, Mr. Kotzen began painting full time as a second career. He is a renown sports artist and his work can be found on display across the country. He loved spending his summers in Cape May, NJ and the jersey shore and was known to swim at least a mile a day right up through this year. Survivors include his children Michael Kotzen (Lisa) of Cary, NC and Josh Kotzen (Jennifer) of Cherry Hill, NJ; five grandchildren, Alicia, Megan, Emma, Lee and Aliza; and five great grandchildren, Justin, Vincent, Dominic, AJ and Nate. Mr. Kotzen will be remembered for his love of life, his unflagging optimism, his strength, and his courage. Mr. Kotzen was the definition of authenticity and was always driven to do what he thought was right. He will be greatly missed.

Private service and interment will be held .

In honor of the passing of Stan Kotzen, there will be a celebration of his art and his life.

An art exhibition will be held at:Perkins Center for the Arts
395 Kings Highway, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Monday, November 22, 2021 through Wednesday, November 24, 2021 from
10:00AM until 3:00PM

A public tribute to honor Stan will be held Tuesday, November 23, 2021 from
6:00PM until 8:00pm

Stan's artwork will be available with proceeds benefiting Samaritan Hospice.

If preferred, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to
Samaritan Hospice,C/O Samaritan Gift Processing Center PO Box 71425,
Philadelphia, PA 19176-1425.

<https://samaritannj.org/giving/>

Previous Events

An art exhibition will be held at

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Perkins Center for the Arts
395 Kings Highway
Moorestown, NJ 08057

An art exhibition will be held at

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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A Tribute

NOV **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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An art exhibition will be held at

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I guess several years have gone by now, and I was just thinking about Mr. Kotzen and googled him and found this. I was a student in Lower Cape May Regional in 1985 and 1986 when he was principal. I was a new student as a Junior in 1985 and I remember him welcoming me to the school and always being a solid positive presence. He was always fair and likable and was always willing to listen to your side of things.LCMR was a very positive experience when I went to school there and I think his presence and leadership played a large part in creating such a positive atmosphere. I am sad to hear of his passing and I wasn't aware of his art background. I wish I would have known as I was an artist and sports fan, and would have loved to have picked his brain.As the sign said on the plane we hired at graduation "Hey Stanley, it's Miller time!" Now it's your turn! Thank you for making a positive impact on my life.

Andrew Yevish - December 23, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ *Stan Kotzen*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Stan Kotzen*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

JB

“ Mr. Kotzen was my teacher in a Sociology class in Pennsauken High School. Having him as a teacher was like getting a breath of fresh air in a stuffy room. One of my regrets was not accepting his offer to direct a student-created video, which was set to music. The music video that resulted was probably the first to be created by a group of high school students in the United States. The music selected for the video was "Nature's Way" by Spirit. He was definitely one of the best teachers I ever had. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends. - Joe Bordonaro, PHS, Class of '72

Joe Bordonaro - October 12, 2021 at 07:06 AM

JT

“ I was a Fellow teacher in Pennsauken and I played the trumpet in the Pit Band during every one of his Summer Theater productions! His was a masterful director and all around a calm cool person. Loved the man! Jack Thomas

Jack Thomas - September 23, 2021 at 09:03 PM

JS

“ Mr. Kotzen taught me Humanities and about humanity. I was a member of the cast of Fiddler on the Roof that he directed. Mr. Kotzen shared with his students the personal connection he had to this play. We gained so much knowledge from him of it's deeper meaning. I will always remember how affected I was by his openness with his students.. Dr. Joyce M. Scholz PHS Class of 1972

JOYCE M SCHOLZ - September 23, 2021 at 06:23 PM

IB

Stan was a mentor at Moorestown while he was in administration. We met often at the shore as he moved to Lower Twp. Close neighbors in Moorestown, I was sorry to see he had moved to Florida. He painted a memorable picture of my daughter Colleen in many sports. He carries a special place in my heart.

Inger Begley - October 11, 2021 at 06:19 PM

JP

“ He was a very respected and talented teacher. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched. Rest in peace dear friend to all. 🙏❤️👍



Janet Shuts Parks - September 20, 2021 at 04:34 PM

JP

“ At the beginning of his career Stan brought a breath of fresh air and contagious energy to my senior English class at Golden High School in Colorado. He made us love Shakespeare and Melville and produced our school’s very first musical, a memorable “Guys and Dolls”. During my own teaching career he was a constant inspiration. He was a dynamic and creative force and will be long remembered by all those his spirit touched.
Joe Parker, GHS Class of 1961.

Joe R. Parker - September 20, 2021 at 02:30 PM

BB

“ Very sad to hear Stan passed away. In the summer of 1985 I got a phone call from someone named Mr Kotzen, introducing himself as our new HS Principal at Lower Cape May. He was asking me to join him for a lunch at the Kiwanis Club as I was in the student council President. I thought that was odd, only time I ever heard of a Principal was if you're in trouble. He made our school and senior year special. Fought for us, was stern when needed but had love in his heart and helped make a positive influence in our lives. Over the years he would call me out of the blue, I sure wish I went to dinner when he asked but I always seemed “busy”. He was a main of character, charisma and full of love. He helped make a difference in my life and I'm grateful for that. #RIPSTAN, many of us have the opportunity to make a difference and we strike out doing so. Stan stared down the pitch and never was afraid to swing. I'll miss you Mr Kotzen, Stan, Principal and mentor. Your love and passion for what you did made a difference in my life and many others. Sad day, one to celebrate as well.

Brady Bonner - September 18, 2021 at 10:40 PM

LK

Stan Kotzen was a super great human being. He knew what was important and he was straight as an arrow. He was so full of knowledge in every category. Watching jeopardy with him was amazing. He knew every answer ! Our family will miss his humor and knowledge, his advice and friendship. Rest In Peace, dear Stan

Lynne Kupperman - September 20, 2021 at 06:25 PM

FR

Dear Michael and Josh, on behalf of my wife and I, we extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family on the passing of your father. I enjoyed the years with him at Pennsauken High and also the years we spent coaching together. Every day we remember your dad when we look at the art work he did for me when I was inducted into the South Jersey Basketball Hall of Fame. Hope these fond memories of your dad brings you and your families comfort, knowing he was so well thought of. Frank and Judy Del Rossi

Frank Del Rossi - September 23, 2021 at 03:11 PM

RS

I did not know Mr. Kotzen, but he sounds like a wonderful person. However, I am leaving a comment because he was remembered at the Merchantville Music Festival yesterday. A fellow named Mike Evans, (I think that was his name), who leads his own band, was speaking from the stage and paying tribute to Mr. Kotzen as someone who encouraged him to follow his musical passions, while he was at Pennsauken High. It was a nice tribute, my condolences to Mr. Kotzen's family.

Rich Sexton

Rich Sexton - September 26, 2021 at 04:33 PM

JD

Mike and Lisa so sorry to hear of your loss, Joe DiDomenico

Joe DiDomenico - September 28, 2021 at 02:37 PM

BR

I was very sorry to learn of Stan's passing. He was my favorite high school teacher by far, and I learned much from him not only academically but practically. He attended my high school class's 50th year reunion in 2013, traveling from the East to Golden, CO at his own expense. It was a great experience to see him again and reconnect after 5 decades. A print of his Golden Demon painting hangs in a place of honor in my house. Like many of my classmates, I will always remember him.

*Bill Rumbaugh
Golden High School Class of '63*

Bill Rumbaugh - October 18, 2021 at 01:48 PM