

Stan Motschenbacher Nomination

I would like to nominate my father-in-law Stan Motschenbacher for this year's Good Guy Award. To me, Stan has always been the true Good Guy. I have known Stan both as a student and now as a daughter-in-law. Stan was a guidance counselor for many years at Forest Lake Senior High. During that time I had the privilege to have him as my counselor. Stan was always the bright smiling face who greeted me with "Hello Sunshine" every time I saw him. Stan was always there to give support and encouragement to all his many students.

Stan was also a coach for many years. "Coach Motch" was always a firm but fair coach that his players all wanted to perform their best for. Even after Stan hung up his official coaching hat, he volunteered to help out as a scout for the team for years after.

Stan and his wife Shirley have been members of St. Peters Catholic Church for many years. Stan and Shirley have served on numerous committees in the church. Stan has a golden tenor voice, which can be heard in the church choir and schola choir at St. Peter's. Stan has graced many people by singing at hundreds of weddings and funerals.

But, I guess most importantly, Stan is a man that you can always count on when the chips are down. My family went through some very hard times several years back. My parents went through a painful divorce, which left my mom alone after 28 years of marriage. Stan was the person at my mom's door when the furnace broke down. Stan was the man who always included my mom with the Motschenbacher's during those first holiday celebrations that would have been so lonely. Stan was there with his sons to help my mom pack up her belongings and move. Stan was always there with a hug and a kind word for my mom and me. Stan has been there for a lot of his family and neighbors.

Stan is an awesome grandfather to his 11 grand children. If you ask any of his grandchildren what they like most about their grandpa, they would say many things, but the most common thread that he has sown through each of them is their love for the outdoors. Each grandchild has spent numerous hours at the "Big M Ranch" with grandpa. The Big M Ranch is a cabin near Garrison that Stan and his boys have built and spent many happy times at.

I could go on and on about the wonderful things that Stan has done. You could ask anyone in the town of Forest Lake who is over 20 years old and they will know who he is!! He has touched many, many people with his kindness, his hugs, his smile and his wonderful sense of humor.

It is for these reasons that I believe that Stan Motschenbacher is now, and will always be MY GOOD GUY!

Respectfully,
Lori Motschenbacher