

## Alvah W. Stanley, Jr., 56



ALVAH W. STANLEY, JR.

Alvah W. Stanley, Jr., 56 of Los Angeles, Calif., died Tuesday, August 6, 1996 at his home.

Funeral services were held August 10, 1996 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with Sean Stanley as speaker. Organist was Mrs. Kathleen Ramsey with music selection "A Time To Remember". Recorded selections were by Mrs. Vivien Ferrara-Stanley. Casket bearers were Soryl Stanley, Sara Stanley, Becky Bunn, Denise Cullum, Aldon Ferrara, Sean Stanley, Patricia Reed, Larry Reed, Jennifer Reed and Devin Ferrara. Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

Alvah was born July 6, 1940 in Montezuma, Iowa. He graduated from Montezuma Community High School in 1958. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Grinnell College, a masters degree from the University of South Dakota, doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota, Assistant Professor of Theater Arts at the University of Missouri at Kansas City

He was a charter member of the Guthrie Theater. While in Kansas City he was an artist in residence at U.M.K.C. where he was an actor and director in many Missouri Repertory Productions. Mr. Stanley was the Artistic Director of the first full equity company of the Resident Theater in Kansas City.

After living and working in New York, Alvah and his wife have made their home in Los Angeles for the last sixteen years. There he continued his theatrical career directing and acting in stage, television, and film productions. He also had a successful antique business, and participated in the development of several screen plays.

Most recently Alvah played the title role in the Euro-Disney production of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in Paris, France. Upon returning from France he and his sister Sara established SAVElectronics of Denver, Colo., and he was currently in preproduction for two films.

He was preceded in death by his father Alvah Willard Stanley, Sr.

Survivors include his wife Vivien Ferrara-Stanley and their daughter Alison Stanley, of Los Angeles, Calif.; one son, Sean Stanley and wife, Jackie, of Denver, Colo.; a daughter Soryl Stanley of Houston, Texas; his mother Arlene Stanley of Montezuma, Iowa; two sisters: Sara Stanley, Berthoud, Colo., and Patricia Reed and her husband, Larry, of Centerville, Iowa; granddaughter Kennedy Stanley, seven nieces and three nephews. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Juanita Ferrara of the home, sister-in-law Laurel Inferrera of Los Angeles, Calif., and brothers-in-law D. Aldon Ferrara and Mark Ferrara of Kansas City, Mo.

Memorials may be sent to Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

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