



## Martin Stella

September 25, 1943 - December 24, 2020

Martin Anthony Stella, age 77, of Utica (previously of Macomb Township), passed away December 24, 2020.

Loving brother of Jordan (Jeanne) Stella and Richard Stella. Predeceased by his sister, Mary Cortese; his brother, Robert Stella; and his parents, Anthony and Mary Stella.

Martin graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree, where he performed as a member of the marching band. He subsequently obtained a Master's Degree from Wayne State University. He then returned to U of M to obtain his Doctoral of Musical Arts, with the clarinet as his focus instrument.

Martin taught Music for forty-nine years at Macomb Community College, Center Campus. He was also the Band Director at the Metropolitan Symphonic Band and played the clarinet at Meadowbrook during summer festivals. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing the piano.

Visitation will take place on Wednesday, December 30, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd., Utica (3 blocks east of Van Dyke). Graveside service to follow that same day, 2:00 p.m., at Resurrection Cemetery, 18201 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America are appreciated.

Share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery  
18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Tribute Wall

PL

“ God, he was so funny, so such a warm guy, and I will never forget him.

Peter Litvin - February 23, 2024 at 01:54 PM

DS

“ I ran across this the other day. I was a student at MCC back in the 70's. Dr. Stella had a dry but wicked sense of humor that I will always remember. I enjoyed my classes with him.

D. Schneider - July 21, 2023 at 11:48 AM

SM

“ I just found out about the passing of Martin. Marty and I attended U of M together long ago in the 60's. We had many good times together at the school and around campus. Unfortunately, we lost track of each other some years back. He was a wonderful musician and had a great sense of humor. He is gone much too soon. My condolences to the Stella family.

Steve McKenzie - January 08, 2021 at 02:37 PM

JB

“ Dr. Stella I will miss you. I learned so much from you during my time as your assistant with the Metropolitan Band. You made a huge impact on the music students at Macomb Community College. Thank you for all the music.

JoDee Baker - January 02, 2021 at 11:58 AM

DO

“ Please accept our sincere condolences. Martin was a tremendous musician, not only as a performer on clarinet but as the founder and conductor of the Metropolitan Band. Dan accompanied Martin on his doctorate recital at U. of M. As happens with time, we were all busy and lost touch over the years. He was a thoughtful, caring person, and may God speed his travels to his heavenly home. Most sincerely,  
Daniel and Delphine Olson

Ddaniel Olson - January 01, 2021 at 04:31 PM

JN

“ I am so grateful for the opportunities I had as a student of Dr Stella at MCCC and as a member of the Metro Band. Great times. Thank you Dr Stella



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**Joyce Nieman** - January 01, 2021 at 12:07 AM

WF

“ Martin was a wonderful musician with an inquisitive nature and a superb work ethic.

*Some of my cherished memories of Martin include:*

*Performing "Rhapsody in Blue" with the Metropolitan Concert Band, Martin conducting.*

*Hanging out with his brother, Rick at their family home in Eastpointe where Martin would stop by Rick's room and we'd have the opportunity to discuss music, careers, politics etc. Rick & I were high school students and Martin was the awesome Michigan man. Too cool.*

*Sharing with my friend, Dave Levine, about Dave and Martin's high school years at Cass Tech where Dave and Martin were well known orchestra players at one of the nation's premier school of the arts.*

*I miss all of the Stella family and their caring, loving regard for others.*

*Martin, you live on in the many, many students who crossed your path - even for generations to come.*

*Wes Fishwick*

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**Wes Fishwick** - December 31, 2020 at 12:50 PM

MM

“ My condolences to the family. I was so sorry to hear this. I loved playing in the Metropolitan Symphonic Band: it was a wonderful opportunity that he created for all of us through the years.

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**Maria Maniaci** - December 31, 2020 at 12:42 PM

DS

“ *I'll always cherish watching you conduct the orchestra at your holiday symphonies and our run of Super Bowl parties for almost 20 years. I'm going to miss you a lot.*

*Godspeed on your journey to heaven, Uncle Martin. Be good.*

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**David Stella** - December 30, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin Stella.*



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December 28, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martin Stella.*



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December 28, 2020 at 01:47 PM

TC

“ *Martin and I served as the cornerstones of music at Macomb College for almost half a century, we had great students and made great memories with so many of them. All who knew him will be saddened to hear of his too soon passing.*

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**Thomas Cook** - December 27, 2020 at 05:20 PM

NC

*Martin & I would discuss the Stock Market and the rates of return on his investments at various gatherings. I will miss those conversations. Norman Cure*

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**Norman Cure** - December 31, 2020 at 11:32 AM

KB

“ Our condolences to Dr. Stella's family. I was one of many former MCC students who had the privilege of learning from the master teacher. May God grant His peace to you all.

*Blessings,*

*Kathleen Bard*

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**Kathleen Bard** - December 27, 2020 at 04:15 PM

AL

“ He was a wonderful teacher, conductor and inspiration to this young music student (MCC 83-84). May he rest peacefully. Prayers offered for his family and friends.

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**Andrew Langlands** - December 27, 2020 at 03:43 PM

DI

“ Missing you Uncle Martin. My favorite memory as a kid was going to Macomb Center for the Performing Arts to watch your concerts. My love of classical music comes from you!

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**Diane** - December 26, 2020 at 04:54 PM