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## *Stan King A Prince of a Man*

**Safety-oriented, hardworking, company man, private-** all traits that described our own Stan King, Delivery Driver for Jennings-Dill for over thirteen years.

Stan was a homegrown gentleman, born at St. Francis Hospital in Greenville, SC. He attended Serrine Elementary, Hughes Middle, and Southside High School and resided in the upstate until his passing on November 14, 2023.

A conversation with Stan's mother and sister reveals a glimpse into Stan's simple, humble, and fulfilling life.

Stan's mother Jane King fondly remembers her son as a kind, dependable, family man. It was important to Stan to be at home each night to eat dinner with her. "He was an all-around good person, my only son," recalls Jane, "He was always there for his family."

"Stan was an avid reader," reminisces his sister Alta, "He read the *Greenville News* front to back each day and clipped coupons for Mom." Alta also notes that if Stan wasn't reading the paper and clipping coupons, he would have a book in his hand. He was especially captivated by thriller spy and crime fiction authors such as Tom Clancy and John Grisham.

Both Jane and Alta state that Stan liked his job and the people at Jennings-Dill. As Jane recalls, "Stan valued his work and found it exciting to do something different every day." Stan's colleagues at JD echo these sentiments.

Gary Duvall, Delivery, knew Stan as a "model employee who possessed great knowledge about the duties of his job." Gary reflects that Stan was never one "to stand around and was never bashful about helping others." Gary also shares that Stan, having grown up in Greenville, knew the town like the back of his hand; he took pride in figuring out the quickest route from place to place.

Ronald Chappell, Special Fab Foreman, says that Stan "stayed as busy a man as he has ever seen." He also fondly remembers Stan's wit. When asked a question he couldn't or didn't want to answer, Stan would remark, "I ain't authorized to answer that." Stan would also say, "Appreciate you taking what you can" in response to employees who would drop by the shop to pick up items; it meant fewer tools and materials that he had to load and deliver.

Speaking of loading, no one could load a truck as safely, efficiently, and compactly as Stan. According to Stacy Stone, JD Delivery Driver and one of Stan's closest colleagues, "When Stan loaded a truck, it had to be perfect. We all learned that Stan's way was the best way." Stacy also recalls that Stan loved his coffee and "ate QT pizza every day." Above all, Stacy remarks that Stan "took pride in his job and got along with everyone."

"The only way to hit the target every time is to aim for it," wrote Tom Clancy, one of Stan's favorite authors. In his personal life, Stan's target was to be a loyal, loving family man, and in his professional life, he aimed to be a dependable, upstanding coworker. While we mourn his loss, we rejoice that Stan King truly hit the mark!



# Paying it Forward

Yes, Work Based Learners are high school juniors and seniors who are tradesmen in training, but after a few months on job sites with our expert Foremen and their teams, Jennings-Dill WBLs are ready to share what they know with their peers who will soon become Work Based Learners themselves.



On November 9, 2023, and January 23, 2024, several of our recent and current Work Based Learners taught students from Enoree Career Center's Building Construction class and Donaldson Career Center's Welding class some of the skills necessary to be a Helper at Jennings-Dill. Students rotated from station to station learning about threading pipe, fitting pipe, sweating copper, and operating power tools.

Work Based Learners for stepping up as leaders and communicating the value of an education in the trades to our local school communities.



- Michael Hipps, Special Fabrication: Golden Strip Career Center
- Nick Hudgens, Piping: Donaldson Career Center
- Gabe Mason, Sheet Metal: Enoree Career Center
- Eduardo Velasco-Perez, Plumbing: Donaldson Career Center
- Ian Wasse, Special Fabrication: Enoree Career Center



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