

Chapter 16

Stanley Wigowsky

“Son of a Preacher Man”

Stanley Ivanovich Wigowsky

April 19, 1941 to March 25, 2021

Stanley was born in Ukraine, in a village named Ivanovka in the province of Kirovograd.

During World War II, the family was forced to relocate to Germany because Stanley's mother was of German heritage. In Germany, the family moved quite a few times: Behrendsdorf, Pfarkirchen, Tann, Munchen, Passau, Schleissheim, Berchtesgaden, and other places.

The family left Germany in 1952 – passenger list
[\(arriving from Bremerhaven, Germany in New York on April 26, 1952\)](#)

They lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for one year before moving to San Francisco, California in 1953.

Stanley moved with his wife and children to Oregon in 1972, where he lived the rest of his life.



[Reinhold \(Райнуш\) Wigowsky's funeral in Germany; son of Ivan & Olga](#)
<http://wigowsky.com/parents/Mikhlik.jpg> Stanley is on the left with his father Iwan
(Иван Наркизович Виговский) – 1947

<https://wigowsky.com/parents/USPassengerList.jpg>



Geary Street Church, San Francisco, 1950's @1954

Stanley is standing next to Ted Dubenko – top right (4th from the right from post)



Nida Lokteff and Stanley Wigowsky – before they got married (1962)



Lokteff and Wigowsky families in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco @ 1970 Stanley married Nida Lokteff and thus the 2 families had a bond. Joseph Lokteff created a choir at the Russian Gospel Temple in SF. Stanley (back row, 6th from left).



Stanley's Interview with German Relatives in Germany

In 1997, Stanley traveled with his mother Olga Wigowsky to visit her German relatives in Germany. Stanley conducted an interview with the relatives, Fedya Roda, Eduard Roda, and his mother. Stanley was interested in a timeline of their journey from Ukraine to Kazakhstan, and then the timeline of the birth of each of Olga's children (Stanley's siblings).



<http://wigowsky.com/songs/stan/GermanyTalk1.MP3>

<http://wigowsky.com/songs/stan/GermanyTalk2.MP3>

<http://wigowsky.com/songs/stan/GermanyTalk3.MP3>

<http://wigowsky.com/songs/stan/GermanyTalk4.MP3>

<http://wigowsky.com/songs/stan/GermanyTalk5.MP3>

During the interview, Fedya Roda and Eduard Roda helped Olga remember the places that they traveled through: Kokchetav (Кокчетав) in Kazakhstan, Ivanovka (Ивановка) in Korostenskiy Region (коростенский район), where Stanley was born; NovoUkrainka (Новоукраинка). Then travel through Poland to Germany (Behrendsdorf, Tann, Passau, Pfarkirchen, Munchen /Munich, Schleisheim, Ulm, Berchstengaden, Altenstat, Bremen). The years covered included 1936 to 1952. They left Germany at the port of Bremerhaven (as emigrants) and arrived in New York (Ellis Island) on April 26, 1952.

<https://wigowsky.com/songs/stan/GermanyTalk1.MP3> (10:02)

<https://wigowsky.com/songs/stan/GermanyTalk2.MP3> (9:35)

<https://wigowsky.com/songs/stan/GermanyTalk3.MP3> (9:59)

<https://wigowsky.com/songs/stan/GermanyTalk4.MP3> (9:45)



Ivanovka (is circled) – between Новоукраинка (left) + Кировоград (right)



Travel from Ukraine through Poland to Germany (1943).





My brother, Stanley, preached at this church in Cloppenburg, Germany in 1997, when he visited with his mother (Olga) to see the German relatives that were part of his heritage. Here is an audio of the sermon that he preached to the Russian-German congregation - he preached using Deuteronomy 28-30 as his main theme. An important verse that he emphasized was Deut. 30:5 -- "And the Lord thy God will bring you into the land which thy fathers possessed."

<https://wigowsky.com/songs/stan/StanSermon1.MP3> (transcript) (11:05)

<https://wigowsky.com/songs/stan/StanSermon2.MP3> (transcript) (7:04)

[Note: Church website <https://www.youtube.com/c/FECGCloppenburg> --streaming of church services is a technology that most contemporary churches use nowadays. I found this from the Cloppenburg church:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_aJmlhc3q68]



Cousin Anatoly Wigowsky at Stanley's house / church (Hubbard)

**In this photo, they are standing in front of the Russian Gospel Church in
Hubbard, Oregon**

2002-2003



Three brothers with a German mother in a German restaurant



Theological discussion with Sergey Kachan from Ukraine, 2007



<http://wigowsky.com/travels/israel/tour/pilgrims2.jpg> Pilgrim Tours group with tour guide Marian Garish (Stan and I are in the center with our Pilgrim Tours caps). 2011

<https://youtu.be/25tsKd07QRM> (Trail to Dan in the former Northern Kingdom of Israel) - following in the "footsteps of Stanley"

Post on Facebook (3-28-2021): Paul J. Wigowsky

My brother Stanley Wigowsky's pilgrimage on earth has ended. And what a time for him to make his "transition to the heavenly world" -- the Season of Passover, Palm Sunday, and Easter. We are all pilgrims on earth, and this post is dedicated to all the fine pilgrims who were with us on the Pilgrim Tours in Israel (the Holy Land) almost 10 years ago. I especially want to thank the folks who were concerned about Stanley's situation when they found out he was in the first stages of Alzheimer's. They watched over him, helping me make sure Stanley never got lost during the entire trip.

It's truly amazing that even though Stanley didn't receive the miracle I was hoping for him in the Holy Land, nevertheless he received the miracle 10 years later in the eternal "Promised Land."

Singing "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" with Stanley (baritone) and the group:

[Tour 27 – Audio file of Jordan River \(original site of baptism\); sing "Swing low, swing chariot"](#)

<http://wigowsky.com/RGT/Oregon/JordanR.MP3>

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - ISRAEL



PAUL J. & STANLEY WIGOWSKY

<http://wigowsky.com/travels/israel/tour/pilgrimage.htm>



Temple Mount, Jerusalem

<https://wigowsky.com/travels/israel/book/book.htm>



Garden Tomb, where supposedly the body of Jesus was buried (outside Old Jerusalem)



Inside the "Tomb".



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6Bi8yaLfDc> (8:06) June 1, 2013

This is my brother Stanley giving an impromptu speech in the backyard of our brother Adolf's house. I felt that this was my brother inspired to just talk to an invisible audience as if he was actually in a church setting. He was still coherent in this talk, although in essence he was on the verge of the early stages of Alzheimers.

Transcript

. . . he began to see the love of God and his desire to have a wonderful Fellowship so we could be here with each other like children and bring them peace and happiness like we would like to have him all know.

So, I just want to pass this on and ask you don't forget, just because we got some good teachers and other things that help others, but it's worse if we're not in the right neighborhood, I mean we look at the way the Earth or non-christians or others are going about these kinds of things and they just turn around and turn off the things they studied on and the power was not as big because the people could not put together what is it that the Lord wants from me.

I don't know what I can do for him, and little by little we began to understand that God has his ways, and he delights when the young, the older, grandparents, when they lean toward God and they tell God what they're going through, how difficult sometimes things are at home or at school or some other places, and when we start leaving it in the hands of the Father or Jesus, we begin to see the differences, how the Lord helps us to direct us in such a direction that we can just say a short prayer and the power of God comes

over them, about their children, but their friends, the next thing we've discovered that, and we say Lord forgive me because I could have had that which you desired in me but I didn't.

So, forgive me and guide me and make me stronger so I can do those things to help others also have that desire to be helpful, to bring those to the Lord that are seeking the Lord.

So my friends, I also desire that we understand each other, and because many things that we don't understand is the enemy throws them in so that he could break us up, he could do things to us that don't make any sense, and next thing you know instead of rejoicing in the Lord, we just talk against each other and don't have anything, you know, good to say, and the enemy just keeps stealing from us, and then it's beginning to be pretty hard for the Christians, and they have to pray and cry and all that, for the heavenly father to redeem him and his friends to do that which the friends and others that love the Lord wanted to pertain, and the closer we are to the Lord and are willing to be helpful and help Jesus find those things that please God.

So my friends, there's so much that can be said, but it starts from the youth; you know if we don't in earliest years, if we don't show that we care for the heavenly father, that we care for a mother for brother for sister and down the roads there's so many that are asking and desiring for the Father in heaven; they just learn and say help me Jesus, and when Jesus comes and starts helping them there is a big difference in their hearts and they're able to pray, they are able to encourage the younger ones, and then they're able to live them uh you know for a short place where they can maybe talk a little more and ask God their brothers and sisters how it is about having a close relationship with the heavenly father; and before, we couldn't do it, but now all of a sudden we sense that the holy spirit is in us, and all we want to say is Jesus, help me guide me give me strength to do the right thing, to be a blessing and not doing something that could hurt my brother my sister my mother and many that have a walk of good desire for the Holy Spirit.

So my friends, find a certain amount of time for those who come to the service, those that sing together, those that pray together, and even those that are asking the Lord for direction for help and the Lord sees their hearts and he says yes I gotta do that; I gotta help my brothers, my mother, my father, and I believe that holy Jesus heard me and that he will redeem me, he will straighten out all differences and give me wisdom how to work with our younger people that love the Lord just as we love, but they need a little bit of encouragement, and maybe one or two more things that will strengthen them.

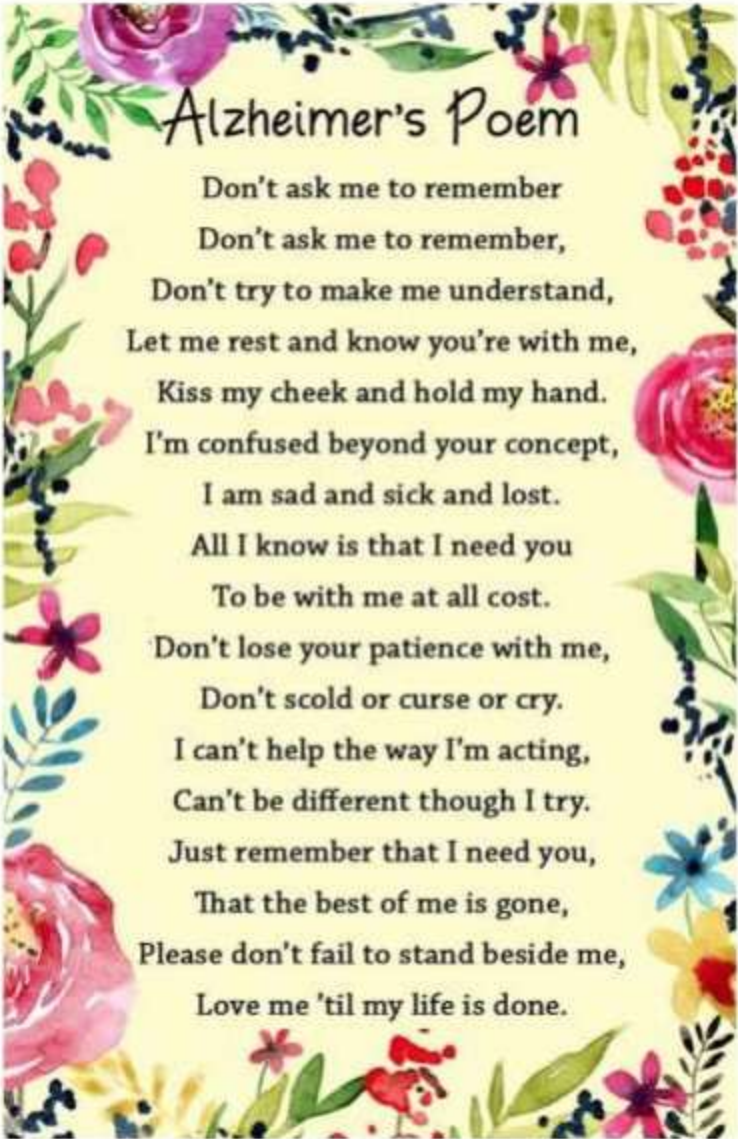
So that's what our desire today, this evening, is for the Lord to take us close to him and bring . . .

Stanley spent the last 5 years of his life in the Reliance Adult Care Home, where Adolf and I would visit him and sing songs to him. The first three years, we were able to walk with him down the street or in the back yard. However, the last two years became very difficult for Stanley to walk without assistance, holding his hand or arm. He shuffled his feet slowly, and he felt more at ease in the house. Here are a few of the videos I took when we visited him – every two weeks. <http://wigowsky.com/songs/stan/videos.htm>



Adolf sings to Stan, 2019

Arleta Reyes - Philippines
Owen - "Blessed Assurance"
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Alzheimer's Poem

Don't ask me to remember
Don't ask me to remember,
Don't try to make me understand,
Let me rest and know you're with me,
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
I'm confused beyond your concept,
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you
To be with me at all cost.
Don't lose your patience with me,
Don't scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting,
Can't be different though I try.
Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone,
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me 'til my life is done.



Paul J. Wigowsky

March 25 at 9:15 PM · 🌐

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Remembering my brother Stanley Wigowsky, who passed away about 8pm on March 25, 2021. May the Kingdom of Heaven be His -- a Ukrainian blessing. My brother and I sang a "Going Home" song for him a day before. (Споминая нашего брата Станислава, который ушел в Вечность 25го марта в 8 часов. Пусть ему будет Царство Небесное)



YOUTUBE.COM

Stan's Song -- The Pilgrim - "Ты Куда Идешь Скажи Мне"

Video by Stan's son, Danny, during hospice care. March 24, 2021

<https://youtu.be/VSFehc6gYOw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSFehc6gYOw> (4:19)

Паломник

— Ты куда идёшь, скажи мне,
Странник, с посохом в руке?
— Дивной милостью Господней
К лучшей я иду стране.
Через горы и долины,
Через степи и поля,
Чрез леса и чрез равнины
Я иду домой, друзья.
2 Странник, в чём твоя надежда
Во стране твоей родной?
— Белоснежная одежда
И венец весь золотой;
Там источники живые
И небесные цветы,

THE PILGRIM

1a. Where are you going, tell me,
Pilgrim, with the staff in your hand?
By the wondrous Grace of God
I'm going to a better land.
1b. Through mountains and valleys
Through the steppes and the fields
Through the forests and the plains
I am going home, my friends.
2a. Pilgrim, in what is your hope
As you travel to your land?
A snow-white garment
And a crown of gold.
2b. There are springs of living water
And heavenly flowers

<p>Я иду за Иисусом Через жгучие пески. 3 — Страх и ужас не знакомы Разве на пути тебе? — Ах, Господни легионы Охранят меня везде! Иисус Христос со мною, Он направит Сам меня Неуклонною тропею Прямо, прямо в небеса. 4 — Так возьми ж меня с собою, Где чудесная страна. — Да, мой друг, пойдём со мною, Вот тебе моя рука. Недалёко уж родная И желанная страна. Вера чистая, живая Нас введёт с тобой туда.</p>	<p>I am following Jesus Through the burning sands. 3a. Fear and horror are unknown On the path for you? Ah, the Lord's many legions Protect me everywhere. 3b. Christ Jesus is with me He'll direct me by Himself On a firm and sure footpath Straight up to heaven's realm. 4a. Won't you take me with you Where the wondrous land exists? Yes, my friend, come with me Here, take me by the hand. 4b. Not far off is our homeland And the awaited shore Faith pure and living Will direct us over there.</p>
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Paul J. Wigowsky

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Thanks to Danny Wigowsky, Stanley's son, for making a great video in Memorial to his Dad. The video includes several songs Adolf and I sang for Stanley in the Care Home the day before he passed away (into Eternity). The video is actually a Memorial Service for Stanley Wigowsky --- may the Kingdom of Heaven be his, and may he rest in peace in the arms of his Lord.



<https://youtu.be/ZnfcN902A4I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnfcN902A4I> (39:08)

[Adolf and I sang songs to and with Stanley every two weeks during the five years he spent in the Care Home. In this video, we sing his favorite songs, including “Blessed Assurance” 8:14-21:21]

“This weekend's service was dedicated to my dad, Stanley, who after a decade+ of battling dementia, went home to be with Jesus on Thursday evening, March 25, 2021. Combining two separate days (both before and after his passing), we sing some of my dad's favorites, including a blend of gospel classics led by my uncle Paul, and uncle Adolf, with appearances from a caregiver (Owen), a patient, and others! Please join us for this unique visual and audio experience. And may you be blessed, as I have been.”
~danny



Stanley (age 10) and his brother Paul (age 6)