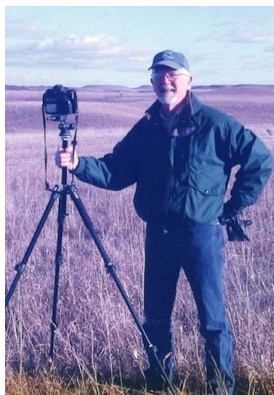


# Edward R. Sturr

November 8, 1937 - April 14,  
2026



Edward R. Sturr passed away on April 14, 2026. He was born on November 8, 1937 in Berwyn, Illinois to Tom and Estelle Sturr. Edward was a 1959 graduate of St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts. He went on to study at the IIT Institute of Design in Chicago, Illinois. He continued his education at Illinois State University College of Fine Arts in Normal, Illinois where he earned his Doctor of Education in 1973.

His teaching career included photography teacher at Morton East High School in Cicero, Illinois from 1962 - 1970. In 1973 Edward took a position at Kansas State University and taught art education and photography for 23 years and retired in 1997 as a full professor.

Edward's body of photographic work is well regarded as representative of the Chicago street scene of the 1960's. He expanded his repertoire of photographic images to capture the beauty of the Konza Prairie both through color, black and white, and hand-colored photographs.

Over the years he had group and solo exhibitions of his works, and his art in permanent collections (among others) at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Nelson-Atkins Museum in Kansas City, the George Eastman House, the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, Nebraska, and International Museums of Canada in Quebec.

Edward was proud to have served in the Illinois National Guard, was an avid runner, was a life-long gardener, and was fond of traveling with his wife and sons visiting state and national parks all over the United States.

Edward was united in marriage to the love of his life, Penny, on April 26, 1969. He is survived by his wife, Penny, two sons Noah, Kansas City, Missouri and Jonas, Manhattan, Kansas as well as two grandchildren, Charlie Sturr, St Louis, Missouri and Lucy Sturr, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his brother Tom and both his parents.

The family will greet friends during a visitation from 6:00 until 7:00p.m. Wednesday April 29, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Parish Vigil with the Rosary will be held at 7:00p.m. following the Vigil at the funeral home on Wednesday.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30a.m. Thursday April 30, at the Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Manhattan, with Father Leo Blasi as Celebrant. Inurnment will follow at the St. Patrick's Cemetery - Elbow Community in Manhattan.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to the Konza Prairie in Manhattan. Contributions may be sent in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com)