



## Shelton g. Stanfill

February 29, 1940 - September 23, 2017

Shelton g. Stanfill, a national leader in the arts and humanities for more than 40 years, died on Saturday, September 23, at home. He was 77. Most recently, he had been the CEO of Atlanta's Woodruff Arts Center, home of the High Museum of Art, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and Alliance Theatre Company, together the largest arts center in the South and third largest in the United States. Previously he led the Los Angeles Music Center, the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts in Virginia, and the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College.

Throughout his career, Stanfill was insistent upon extending arts education to children, and sought diversity in audiences and performances. His employees could count on him for support and a fair and equitable workplace. His love of film, which began in his childhood when his father ran a movie theatre, was well known. He was Co-Chair of the Atlanta Jewish Film festival, and never missed the Telluride Film Festival. He was a Councilor at the Carter Center, and a member of the board of the Midtown Alliance. With his quick wit, keen mind, and an easy laugh, Stanfill was liked by all who knew him. Shelton Stanfill was generous in spirit, had many friends, and loved his wife, Brigitte, and their children, and grandchildren.

Stanfill is survived by his wife of 50 years, Brigitte, son Shaun Stanfill (Jacqui) of Ft. Collins, CO, daughters Jacqueline Olsen (Jay) of Arlington, VA, and

Natasha Bullotta (Tom) of Vienna, VA, granddaughter Ingrid Olsen and grandsons Miles and Simon Bullotta.

There will be no formal service, per his wishes. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Brickworks (donations can be mailed to 6505 Rico Road, Chattahoochee Hills, GA 30268) or the Atlanta Community Food Bank ([acfb.org](http://acfb.org)).

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ *It's with great sadness we learnt that Shelton Stanfill, the Woodruff Arts Center's President and CEO from 1996 – 2006 passed away. We feel so honored to have known him, he will be certainly missed by everyone who had the same privilege. We wish to express our sincere sympathy to his wife Brigitte and the Stanfill family  
Our deepest condolences,*

*Renzo Piano, Shunji Ishida, Mark Carroll, Elisabetta Trezzani*

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**RENZO PIANO** - October 03, 2017 at 10:51 AM

AP

“ *Shelton and I met when he was in the Brookwood Group. He was a true mentor and guided me to become a Board member of the then Woodruff Children's program. I am so sorry for your loss and I know he will be missed by the many many he touched over the years. A great man!*

*Ann McKee Parker, Ph.D.*

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**ann m parker** - September 29, 2017 at 01:14 PM

PB

“ *Shelton and I shared a love of community building, including the importance of the role of the built environment. If I ever thought I was doing enough on the projects I did under his leadership he showed me how to do more. Cheerfully. Not only did I respect and admire him, I loved his humanity and his marvelous sense of humor. I will greatly miss his guidance.*

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**Phyllis Bleiweis** - September 27, 2017 at 09:49 PM

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“ Shelton was such a gift to our community of Chattahoochee Hills. We thank him for sharing his love of the arts.

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**Lauire Searle** - September 27, 2017 at 04:57 PM

JD

“ I will forever remember the joyful sight of Shelton riding his yellow scooter up and down Selborne Lane, and also sitting on his front porch, connecting with his Serenbe community, and of him listening carefully to a proposition being considered by the Serenbe Institute before offering his sage opinion, which, naturally, was spot on. Of course he led a tremendously purposeful life, but these are the visions I will carry with me.

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**Jim Durrett** - September 27, 2017 at 09:12 AM

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“ Our friend and neighbor Shelton was such an inspiration to me from the moment I met him. I learned so much from his leadership abilities, his love of family, his passion for art. his gusto for life. And he continued to be an inspiration during his illness, displaying a positive attitude and generous spirit. Our thoughts, love and support are with Bridgette and the family. We will miss Shelton. Sam Harrison

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**Sam Harrison** - September 27, 2017 at 09:11 AM