



Tony Lemuel Strickland

March 15, 1938 - February 3, 2016

Tony Lemuel Strickland passed away on February 3, 2016, in Tallahassee, Florida. Lemuel was born on March 15, 1938, to D.L. Strickland and Myrtice McKenzie Strickland on the same piece of land in Sopchoppy, Florida where he lived for his entire life. He graduated from Sopchoppy High School. Lemuel married Geraldine "Gerri" Strickland on January 1, 1959, and they had two daughters, Cynthia "Cindy" Kay and Debbie Lynn.

Lemuel was a fireman for the City of Tallahassee for 20 years until he left to pursue his passion for beekeeping with his father, D.L., with their company, Strickland Bees, for years. Beekeeping was followed by several years spent oystering and crabbing with one of his dear friends, Clyde Daughtry. At age 57, Lemuel returned to school and became a certified law enforcement officer. He went to work with the Wakulla County Sheriff's Department as a correctional officer for Sheriff David Harvey, one of the men that he most admired and respected. He spent the next 16 years at the Sheriff's Department in a career and with people that he truly loved and treasured. He retired at age 72 to care for his wife, Gerri, who predeceased him on March 25, 2014, after 55 years of marriage.

Lemuel is survived by his two daughters, Cindy Strickland Melzer (Warren) of Tallahassee and Debbie Strickland Chane of Sopchoppy; his four grandchildren: Joshua Lee Jordan of Tallahassee, FL; Shelby Elizabeth

Chane of Sopchoppy; Jacob Mitchell Chane of Sopchoppy; and Maggie Melzer Smith (Matt) of Panama City Beach, and one great grandson, Matthew Gray Smith.

Visitation will be held at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel at 3106 Crawfordville Highway in Crawfordville, Florida on Saturday, February 6, 2016, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. The funeral service will begin at 1:00 p.m., with burial to immediately follow at West Sopchoppy Cemetery. The family would welcome you to join them in a celebration of Lemuel's life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Heart Association, 2851 Remington Green, Suite C, Tallahassee, FL 32308 or The American Cancer Society, 2619 Centennial Blvd, Suite 101, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

David Conn of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville is assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333 or www.bevisfh.com).

Cemetery Details

West Sopchoppy Cemetery

Sopchoppy, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville
5 Shadeville Rd.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
(850) 926-3333

Service

FEB 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ He loved his family, his friends, and neighbors. He loved fishing and loved the City of Sopchoppy Florida. It was an honor for me to know such a great man. I will never forget him.

Bill

Bill Poole - February 11, 2016 at 04:30 PM

BA

“ Lemuel gave me the first fresh fig I had ever tasted. Every year he would tell me to come get what I wanted. He always left the lower ones for me so I wouldn't have to climb the ladder. I found the recipe for a fig cake and he loved it. I miss his wonderful smile and beautiful face. I also have sweet memories of when Lemuel and Gerri and I loved and shared the care of that rascal, Toby. Please know that Jack and I really feel blessed to have known Lemuel. And Gerri, too.
With love, Barbara



Barbara - February 11, 2016 at 11:11 AM

KD

“ Karen & Bill Day purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Tony Lemuel Strickland.



Karen & Bill Day - February 06, 2016 at 09:41 AM

KD

“ *Mr. Strick will always be a beautiful memory in my heart, he worked with my Dad at the Fire Dept., and then He and I worked together at the Sheriff's Office for many years. We never passed one another without stopping for a quick hug or holding hands to see how each one were doing. Sweet man, God has received a hard working family loving angel. May your hearts be filled with many memories, God bless you girls..*

Karen Day - February 06, 2016 at 08:54 AM