



William Basil Stricklin Jr.

August 18, 1930 - May 18, 2019

William Basil Stricklin, Jr., a longtime resident of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, died Saturday evening, May 18, from complications of a stroke. He was 88 years old. Mr. Stricklin is survived by his wife of 33 years, Joyce Bankhead Stricklin. He is also survived by his sister, Ruby Busick; four children and step-children, Shelley Stricklin Wierick (husband, John) Scott Stricklin, Cindy Pramuk (husband, Al) and Ken McManus; as well as six grand-children: Rachel Wierick, Mason Wierick, Shelby Stricklin, Jennifer Pramuk, Alan Pramuk and Jason McManus. He was preceded in death by two children and one stepson, Lisa Stricklin Tolar (husband, Dan), William Basil Stricklin, Jr., and David McManus.

Mr. Stricklin grew up in Yazoo City, Mississippi where he attended Yazoo City High School and excelled in athletics, eventually earning a football scholarship to Mississippi State University. He was a starting offensive lineman and letterman at MSU, as well as a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. After graduating in 1952, Mr. Stricklin married Lillian Greer, also of Yazoo City, and the couple moved to Fort Benning, Georgia, where Mr. Stricklin was in the United States Army until 1954, playing football and serving as company paymaster. After being discharged, the couple returned to Jackson, Mississippi, where Mr. Stricklin began a twenty-plus year career with Caterpillar of Jackson, selling heavy construction equipment throughout the southeast. Several years after his wife died from Huntington's Disease, Mr.

Stricklin met and married Joyce McManus, and the couple settled in her hometown of Crystal Springs for the next 33 years, where Mr. Stricklin was active brokering residential real estate and land transactions until recently.

An avid hunter who loved horses and had a great affinity for the outdoors, "Basil" will be remembered by his friends and family as someone who never met a stranger. Gregarious by nature with a booming, joyful voice, he loved hearing and telling a good story. A mountain of a man but a teddy bear at heart, Basil will be greatly missed by all.

A celebration of Mr. Stricklin's life will be held 2pm Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs, where visitation will begin at 12:30pm. If you'd like to make a donation in Basil's memory, please consider a gift to the Huntington's Disease Society of America, www.hdsa.org, 505 Eighth Avenue, Suite 902, New York, New York, 10018. To share a tribute or leave a comment for the family, please visit the Stringer Family Funeral Services website.

Previous Events

Service

MAY **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stringer Family Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of William Basil Stricklin Jr.*



Stringer Family Funeral Service - May 20, 2019 at 05:16 PM

AL

SI always liked Basil, and it was a joy to see him. Keith and I are so sorry for your loss, Joyce. We're praying for you and your family.

Annette Lamar - May 21, 2019 at 02:05 AM



“ *William Basil Stricklin Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM

NB

“ *Joyce, we are so very sorry to hear of Basil's passing. He was a true Southern gentleman and you a dear Southern lady whom I've been privileged to count as my friend. We're holding you and your extended family in our heart and prayers as you come to terms with his loss. Much love Don & Nancy Beazley*

Nancy Beazley - May 30, 2019 at 10:17 PM

KF

“ Photo from 1950 Yazoo City High School yearbook. Basil recognized in 1946 as a National Athletic Scholarship Society member!



Keith Fulcher - May 21, 2019 at 10:25 AM

KF

“ My condolences to the Stricklin family on the loss of Basil Stricklin, Jr. I read the obituary in the Clarion Ledger and immediately recognized it as a name on my Yazoo County family tree in my Everett side from the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church area near Eden. My father, Hershel Fulcher, was a 1954 graduate of Yazoo City High School. I found numerous Stricklin photos in his 1950 Mingo Chito yearbook. He passed away a few years ago in Vicksburg. Basil's wonderfully written obituary convinced me that the Everett family produced some genuinely nice men! I am posting a few photos from the 1950 yearbook. I only saw a text reference to Basil. But did see a Buddy Stricklin that may be him. Again- my condolences are with you. I think about my father every day wanting to call him to brag about his grandchildren! Believe me they know all about their grandfather's explorations on Willis Creek, Grady Ave, and Grabal Road!



Keith Fulcher - May 20, 2019 at 07:50 PM

JP

“ basil was about the last of my special friends--teammate, fraternity brother long time buddy

john pace - May 20, 2019 at 07:10 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of William Basil Stricklin Jr..



May 20, 2019 at 04:09 PM



“ 78 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stringer Family Funeral Service - May 20, 2019 at 03:58 PM

HJ

“ Mr. Basil was one of the kindest men I have ever met. He was always smiling and could certainly brighten your day. Sending much love, hugs, prayers for peace and comfort during this time to Mrs. Joyce and family.

Heidi Jackson - May 20, 2019 at 06:41 AM

JK

“ Basil was a delightful, gregarious gentleman who brightened up the world around him. He'll be missed by the many friends he made in Crystal Springs, including this one.

Jim Kitchens - May 19, 2019 at 07:30 PM

JW

I am so sorry to hear this! He was such a sweet man! He will be missed! Prayers for Joyce and family!

Jeanie Walker - May 19, 2019 at 08:46 PM

JO

So sorry to hear this, prayers are with his family!

Joyceboleware - May 20, 2019 at 06:37 AM