



Senior Mas David Ray Strickland

March 8, 1942 - June 27, 2021

Senior Master Sergeant Retired David Ray Strickland, 79, of St. Albans, passed away on June 27, 2021.

He was born March 8, 1942 in Charleston, to the late Henry Ray and Lucy Keller Strickland. He is also preceded in death by his son David R. Strickland II.

David served his country retiring from the Air National Guard. He worked for many years as a loadmaster.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Patricia Strickland of St. Albans; daughter, Dawn Knight of Charleston; son, Mark Strickland (Laura) of Chesterfield, VA; 7 grandchildren, Stephanie Legg (Ben), Krystal Strickland, Nathan Strickland, Alexis Strickland, Caitlin Strickland, Allison Abrams and Ashley Abrams; 3 Great-grandchildren, Isaac Legg, Dylan Legg and Jackson Legg; and many other extended family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm Thursday, July 1, 2021 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, with Pastor Mike Long officiating. Burial will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans. You may visit with the family from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the funeral home.

You may visit David's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share condolences or memories with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Strickland family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4349

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

JUL 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WG

“ *Deepest condolences for the Strickland family. I always enjoyed flying with Dave. He was the best. W. Grimes*

William Grimes - July 01, 2021 at 11:50 AM

TM

“ *I have known Dave since the 7th. grade, we went to Midway Junior High and Dupont High School together and remained friends until he left this world. Always a good friend and someone who cared about the people that he grew up with. When I was treasurer of our alumni association and afterward, Dave would call me checking up on various members of our high school graduating class. To his family I extend my condolences for the loss of your husband, father and grandfather.*

Tom Muncy

Thomas Muncy - July 01, 2021 at 09:45 AM

JB

“ *I flew with Dave for many years. Whenever I found that he was on my crew, it inspired a level of confidence that our mission, whatever it was, would be accomplished professionally and efficiently. Dave was someone you could count on... top drawer. I am very sorry to learn of his passing. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Jeff Bubar - July 01, 2021 at 09:28 AM

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“ Dave was a very pleasant and professional Comrade. I 'm honored to have served with Him many years in the 130thAirlift Wing and on many deployments! Gods peace be With you.

Arnie Harrison SMS (ret) - July 01, 2021 at 09:27 AM

BP

Dave was a man of integrity and taught me so much throughout my career.
Prayers for Patty and family

brian pritt - July 01, 2021 at 11:01 AM

RW

David. It was always a good day when you called or answered my call. I'm going to miss those phone conversations so much!
You've always been a good cousin to us all.
From childhood, I have enjoyed your company and looked up to you, and I'll always remember the last time Mommy and I saw you. That was a good visit we shared that day.
My desire for you, Sgt. Strickland, is that you rest in peace.
Love,
Becky

Rebecca Walker Wright - July 10, 2021 at 12:06 AM

CB

“ I spent a lot of hours in the C-119's with Dave. He was always fun to fly with and a great Loadmaster. My condolences to the family, Rest in Peace Buddy.

Charlie Buck - July 01, 2021 at 08:26 AM



“ So sad to heard about the passing of Dave. He was a true professional who enjoyed his work. It was always my pleasure to see and talk with Dave when he came to Pope AFB. My condolence to his family. He will be missed by all who knew him. Slow Salute "Load Clear"

David Womble

David Womble - June 30, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ From a young boy I always looked up to David! A truly good man. I can remember as a young man him in his uniform! A hero to me! Go rest high! God bless Patty and your family!

steve connery - June 30, 2021 at 05:28 PM



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June 29, 2021 at 11:59 PM

SJ

“ Always enjoyed spending time with Dave whenever he showed up on the ramp at Pope AFB. A true professional. Proud to have served with him. Sorry for your loss.

Steve Johnson - June 29, 2021 at 10:12 PM

PG

“ A mentor and friend to me from Airman Basic through Lieutenant Colonel. An honorable and trusted friend. My heart goes out to his family and his extended Guard family. It was my honor to know him, learn from him and fly with him.

Paul Gardner - June 29, 2021 at 09:31 PM

EM

“ Great guy, excellent loadmaster. Flew with him on the C-119 and the C-130. Lots of great trips. I'm so sorry for your loss.
God Bless
Ed Moore

Edward Moore - June 29, 2021 at 07:01 PM

CC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave and his family. I flew with him many times and he was a true professional.

Chuck Cox - June 29, 2021 at 04:53 PM

JC

“ Dave was one of the best....he got along with everyone. Deepest sympathy to the family.

Joyce Cutlip - June 29, 2021 at 03:43 PM

BM

“ I had flown with David many time and crewed with him during Desert Storm, a true friend honest loyal and always did his part and more `and would give you the world ! I will truly miss you RIP my friend !

Ben Meadows

Ben Meadows - June 29, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Senior Mas David Ray Strickland.



June 29, 2021 at 01:45 PM

DW

“ Dave was one of the most honest and kind person I've known. He was a good friend and loved by many.

David M Weddington - June 29, 2021 at 01:11 PM

RH

I'm so sorry for your loss. Uncle David was a wonderful man and will be missed. Much love to Aunt Pat, Mark, Dawn and grandbabies.

Rachel Holstine - June 29, 2021 at 01:48 PM

BD

I remember so many trips around this world. He always treated our maintenance teams and personnel as one of the crew. Great man, he will be missed.

Buck Douglas - June 29, 2021 at 06:17 PM

DG

Dave was a friend of mine from the day I entered the unit until he retired. He was a great friend and a great Loadmaster. He was a credit to the Air Force.

Dale Goff - June 29, 2021 at 10:42 PM

PL

So sorry for loss. Thoughts and Prayers for family .Pat Lanham

Pat Lanham - June 30, 2021 at 09:51 PM