

Lee Strickland

July 30, 1948 - August 24, 2020

Lee Barton Strickland was born on July 30, 1948 and went home to our Heavenly Father on August 24, 2020. Lee was born in Greenville TX and raised in Tahoka TX on a dry cotton farm and then Lamesa TX. Lee graduated from Lamesa High School and then served our country that he loved so much, with the US Army achieving the rank of SP5 (Sargent). He was deployed to Vietnam from 1966-1968. He was Honorably discharged from the US Army after being recruited by the Dallas Police Department. He served the citizens of Dallas from 1968-1983. He also served from 1968-1972 in the Army Reserves. Lee retired in December of 2019 from the State of Texas where he worked as an officer for Terrell State Hospital in Terrell TX. While in Vietnam and with DPD, Lee studied for his college degrees. He received his Associate of Arts degree from Abilene Christian University and his Bachelor of Science degree from Sam Houston State University. During his time with the US Army, Lee received the following awards. GCM Good Conduct Medal, ARCOM, Vietnam Service Medal RVFCM W/60 Device, VSM Vietnam Service Medal, NDSM National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Bar & The Army Commendation Medal. During his time with DPD, he proudly served at the Northeast Station as a Patrolman, Sargent, and Lieutenant; Old City Jail Sargent and Lieutenant; Old City Hall Legal Liaison Lieutenant to Chief Billy D. Prince. Lee completed the Terrorism Program, School of Police Supervision, Field Training Officer Course, 18th Command and Management School, Contemporary Issues in Police Administration, & General Police

Science. He was awarded Expert Marksmanship Award, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Advanced Certificate. During his time with Terrell State Hospital, he received a Dedicated Service Award for over 10 years of service and was the Finalist for the You Be The Change Award. In January 2019, Lee was accepted into The American Legion. Lee was a member of the Rockwall & Brin Church of Christ in Terrell TX. Lee was previously a member at Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas TX where he also served in the Prison Ministry for death row inmates in Huntsville TX. He loved spreading the Word of God and his favorite verse was Romans 8:28. He loved spending time with his family & friends, especially with the love of his life, his fiery redhead of 44 years. He loved gardening, traveling, fishing, working on his land, storytelling, writing, riding motorcycles, CCR and Roger Williams' music, playing guitar and making sure all who were around him were laughing and having fun. Lee always gave sound advice and was the life of every gathering. He never met a stranger. Lee is survived by his wife, Tressie Ellen Strickland of Terrell TX. His daughters, Tressie Lee-Ann Strickland Nichols & husband Robert of Groves TX & Leslee Paige Strickland Berry & husband Andy of Shreveport LA. Grandchildren are Zane Nichols of Groves TX, Autrey Nichols of Groves TX, Abigail Poovey of Groves TX, Harrison Berry of Shreveport LA, Maverick Nichols of Groves TX & Tressie Kaylani Nichols of Groves TX. Mother-In-Law, Tressie Shiflet of Groves TX. Sister-In-Law, Billie Strickland Reynolds of Brownfield TX. Niece, LaNita Huth of Las Vegas NV, Nephew, Randy Strickland of Seminole OK, Niece, Tara Shiflet of Groves TX and Nephew, Troy Shiflet of Groves TX and many other nieces, nephews and cousins. Lee loved so selflessly that he "adopted" a few of his daughter's friends & later their children, as his own. He is also survived by Stacey Vargas Milligan & daughter, Cheyenne, Brian & Kim Terry, Emily Parker Holmes, Kimberly Petre Pike, Chrissy Bryson, Chrystal Hafertepe, Slate Lemieux, Marcey Seebaran, Mark Seebaran, Marlon Seebaran Jesus & Lulu Jurado & children, William, Stephanie & Max and many more we may not even know. Lee is also survived by many of his dear & closest friends that he

considered family. Lee is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Newton Strickland & Ruth Ann Strickland. Sisters, Tula Fern Roberts & Dorothy Jane Strickland & Brothers, Welby Reid Parish, Horace Owen Strickland & Victor Lynn Strickland, Father-In-Law, Ralph Shiflet, Brother-In-Law, Autrey Shiflet, "Adopted" by love son, Ryan Wilson, and many other extended family members. Dear and close friends, Jim Brown, Larry Zimmerman, Phyllis Parker, Dan Kelly & close friend and Blue Brother from DPD, John T. McCarthy and many other Military & Blue Brothers. On behalf of Lee's family, we send a heartfelt Thank You to Vernon & Barbara Seebaran, David & Cindy Micheau, Norma Brown & Stacey Milligan for being by their side during this time.

On Friday, September 11, 2020, The Patriot Guard will be escorting us from Rockwall & Brin Church of Christ, 407 N. Rockwall St., Terrell TX at 9:00 AM to the DFW National Veterans Cemetery, service is at 11:00 AM. Words of remembrance will be provided by Randy Strickland, Vernon Seebaran & Tressie Nichols, prayer by Scott Dagen. All motorcycle riders who would like to join us &/or ride with the procession are welcome. Riders will ride behind The Patriot Guard. Please be at the church no later than 9:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, and on behalf of Lee, our family requests donations to Dallas TX Ronald McDonald House or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin." 1 Peter 4:1 KJV

Cemetery Details

Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lee Strickland*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Lee- thank you for every lesson, every memory, every hug, every scold, every story that captivated our attention. Thank you for being you.*

Julie - February 16, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lee Strickland.*



September 13, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *LEE was one of the DPD Good Guys. He was respected as a Police Officer, Supervisor, and Commander by his peers. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, and his many, many friends. He was a man of Service to his Country, and to the citizens of the City of Dallas, and the people of the State of Texas. Most of all he was a good Family man, and a servant of His Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May Godspeed my Brother in Blue and may he RIP. John R. Allen, Retired DPD, and Retired Alvarado PD*

John R. Allen, Retired DPD - September 09, 2020 at 11:59 PM

TS

Thank you for your wonderful comments. I will hold them close to my heart, Ellen

Tressie Ellen Shiflet Strickland - September 18, 2020 at 12:02 AM

MR

“ *Ellen this breaks my heart to find out. I cannot imagine this loss sweetie. My memories of Lee in our business were that he was such a gentleman with a great sense of humor, and he always had a smile on his face. I loved being with the two of you. I celebrate his life and the service he gave in this world in so many ways! I send love and hugs to you and am thankful Lee is in the arms of God. - Melanie Rummel*

Melanie Rummel - September 03, 2020 at 12:08 AM



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September 02, 2020 at 01:32 PM

RS

“ I joined Lee in the old Dallas City Jail when I was first promoted in the Dallas Police Department . We were on late nights as Sergeants together and grew to be the kind of friends that only a brief time in a hell hole assignment like the Jail could forge. He was the classic gentleman among all the chaos and never rocked the boat, like some of us did on a regular basis to keep our sanity. Our Captain once asked me "Why can't you be more like Sergeant Strickland?" A great question for which I never had an answer. Some day we will meet again on the other side my friend and share 3:00 a.m.bologna sandwiches and another pitcher of cherry kool-aide in the Officer's Mess. God bless you!

Rick Stone
Dallas P.D. Badge #3442

Rick Stone - September 01, 2020 at 09:50 PM

LS

Thank you for your sweet words Mr. Stone
Leslee Strickland-Berry

Leslee Strickland-Berry - September 05, 2020 at 04:06 PM

SG

Sending warm condolences to the family, your in my every prayer.


In times of tears, remember the laughter.
In times of sadness, remember the smiles.
In times of loneliness, remember all that you have shared.

God be with you, and Comfort you at this time.

~Susan Guinn

Susan Guinn - September 05, 2020 at 10:04 PM

TS

Thank you all for the wonderful words and memories. Rick , I remember the stories Lee would tell of the old city jail. I remember you and thank you for the memories and the smiles 


Tressie Ellen Strickland - September 07, 2020 at 11:49 PM

JN

“ *Such a precious man, praying for your family.*
Julie Nichols



Julie Nichols - September 01, 2020 at 05:03 PM

TS

Thank you, Julie. It was wonderful seeing you. Thank you for coming  Ellen

Tressie Ellen Shiflet Strickland - September 18, 2020 at 12:06 AM

SZ

“ *Lee was a wonderful friend to Larry and I. I knew when Larry passed away that Lee was the only one that I wanted to do his eulogy. It was the most beautiful heartfelt service that I could have imagined for Larry. He will be missed by so many! Go rest high on that mountain.  *

Sandy Zimmerman - September 01, 2020 at 04:16 PM

TS

You feel honored the eulogy for Larry. They must be having a pretty good time up there now. He loved the you both

Tressie Ellen Strickland - September 07, 2020 at 11:58 PM

VD

“ *So sorry for your loss. What a great heritage he leaves for all. God bless. Tom and Virginia DeLong*

Virginia DeLong - September 01, 2020 at 04:07 PM

NH

So very sorry for your loss, please know we have been praying for you to remember your good times together and to hold on to sweet memories. Love you Bob and Norma Holt

Norma and Bob Holt - September 02, 2020 at 12:42 AM

RW

*Such precious memories from our times on Cliffwood! Heaven is sweeter with Lee Strickland in it! His legacy lives on in his beautiful family. Much love and heartfelt prayers for all of you.
Steve and a Ronna Whalen*

Ronna Whalen - September 02, 2020 at 08:02 AM

TS

Thank you, it was wonderful seeing you both and Jonathan. Love y'all. We have sweet memories.

Tressie Ellen Shiflet Strickland - September 18, 2020 at 12:09 AM