



David Strickland

January 15, 1946 - October 18, 2011

A celebration of life service for David O. Strickland, 65, of Hideaway will be held on Friday, October 21, 2011 at 3:00 PM at Marvin United Methodist Church with Dr. John Robbins officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Strickland passed away, October 18, 2011 at Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler. David was born January 15, 1946 in Jacksonville, Florida to Odell and Nettie Strickland. He was raised and went to school in Kingsland, Georgia where he was the quarterback for the state champion football team. David graduated from Brigham Young University and then received his Masters degree in Physical Therapy from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Upon graduation, David opened a private practice in physical therapy and later a consulting business in general injury prevention. While in California, David married Darlene in 1992. They moved to the East Texas area in 1996 where David was the rehab supervisor for Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview as well as a physical therapist contractor for various home health agencies. David was a very athletic person who enjoyed playing organized adult baseball and ice hockey. He loved a good game of golf as well as hunting and being outdoors. David attended Marvin United Methodist Church and Hideaway Community Church on a regular basis. David is survived by his loving family including his wife of 19 years, Darlene Strickland of Hideaway; sons, Mark, David, Jonathan, and Steven Strickland; daughters, Sharilyn Evans, Michelle DeMille, Julia Thomas, Angela Jones, Tiffany Foulger and Bridgette Thompson; mother-in-law, Linda Hughes of

Tyler; sister-in-law, Debbie Hughes of Forney; niece, Brittany Ardito of Rockwall and nephew Nick Hughes of Forney. He is also survived by a sister and 33 grandchildren. Visitation will be from 12:00-3:00 PM, Friday, October 21 with the family present from 1:00 -2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., in Tyler. Memorials in honor of David Strickland may be given to Marvin United Methodist Church, 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, 75702. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

GL

“*David and I were tickled when we realized we were twin brothers of different mothers in our life history and our professional growth.*

We had an instant bond when we began discussing our business experiences and patientcare experiences. I would see him at Marvin and he'd tell me I'd have a patient evaluation coming my way... and sure enough, I'd receive a call from a company in the next day or so... usually to re-evaluate a disbelieving patient. When we compared our independent evaluations of the same patient conditions, we typically had verbatim findings as well as goals/ methods of intervention. We grew to trust each other's professional judgement... something that is VERY elusive these days!

I will miss his INSTANT smile(s), his warm enthusiasm for patientcare (his "give a damn"), his professional focus for business, as well as his compassionate caring mentality.

I expect he has a TON of jewels in his crown!

Gary Buster LPT

Gary C. Buster LPT - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ David was one of the finest men I have known. He always seemed to find the best in people and circumstances. His witt and humor were two of his most endearing qualities and his work ethic was remarkable. I find it amazing how many lives David has touched and the impact he has had on those lives. He provided therapy services to both of my parents and they truely loved him. He even took time out of his busy days to play the piano for them. What a treat. Each of the patients David treated for our home health agency has asked that I also extend thier most sincere sympathy to David's loved ones. I considered David not only a colleague but a friend as well. David will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Brenda Bryant - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ GOD BLESS YOU DARLENE AND FAMILY SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS DAVID WAS A GREAT FRINED AND MAN....

steven g mccullough - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Very shocked to hear of Davids passing today. What a great man he was! I have never worked with a more caring and honest individual. All of our pts loved him as did I. Our profession has lost a unique individual and I would like to express my deep sympathy to his family. My prayer is you will find comfort in the fact your father/husband never had a conversation with me that he did not speak of his love and pride for at least one of you. He loved his work but he obviously loved how his work provided for his family. The world has lost a great man, and heaven has found a true jewel. Blessings to each of you.

Angela Hullum - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I've known David for over 30 years and our relationship grew and blossomed involving our children's sports and activities along with scouting in the early to mid 80's. A matter-of-fact-man, I could always count on his "coaching" my children via telephone while mileage separated us. One of the best physical therapists ever, I recently enjoyed our time together in Oregon watching Steven run. My thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Michael Cain - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM