



Jimmy Strickland

July 16, 1944 - January 14, 2021

Jimmy Paul Strickland, 76, of Gladewater, Texas went to be with the Lord on January 14, 2021 after a brief illness. Jimmy was born July 16, 1944 in Henderson, Texas, to Paul and Lela Strickland.

Jimmy was the eldest of four children and grew up in Henderson where he played football and ran track in high school. He was a member of the Henderson High School class of 1962 and a lifetime resident of East Texas, residing in Henderson until graduating from high school. Jimmy proudly served his country in the Army National Guard from 1962 - 1969 and attended Kilgore College where he met the love of his life, Evelyn Krumm. They were married on February 5, 1965 and made their home for the next fifty-five years in Gladewater.

Jimmy worked for Texas Utilities Mining Company, acquiring multiple lifetime safety awards while maintaining locomotive train engines with expertise in welding for thirty-one years until retiring in 2006.

He faithfully attended the First Baptist Church of Gladewater where he served as a deacon and sang in the choir. He loved attending Sunday School and visiting with others about Jesus.

He was an avid sports fan and a PROUD Gladewater Bear, always eager to discuss the latest sporting event with anyone he encountered. Evenings he could be found parked on the top of the hill at Jack V. Murphy Stadium watching football practice, formulating plays, and reviewing stats on new players that he was sure to share with the coach if he ran into him.

Jimmy loved spending time with his grandchildren, never missing performances, games, or competitions. He was a jokester that loved to sing and dance. He enjoyed fishing in his flat bottom boat and went at any opportunity. He was the perfect example of kindness, selflessness, and never failed to lend a helping hand to friends and those in need.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Evelyn, two daughters and their spouses, Angela and Keith Denman of Bullard, Texas, Laura and Donnie Golden of Redwater, Texas; 7 grandchildren, Caitlin Denman, Abigail Denman, Cooper Golden, Hannah Golden, Jordan O'Rand, Samantha Golden, and Amanda Lawrence; 3 great-grandchildren, Dallis, Reese, Parker, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Lela Strickland.

Place of interment will be at Gray Cemetery in Gray, Texas. Visitation will be held Sunday afternoon, January 17th, at McWhorter Funeral Home in Gilmer, Texas. Graveside services will be Monday, January 18th at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the First Baptist Church of Gladewater Building Fund.

Please visit Jimmy's on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Gray Cemetery

150 FM 727
Gray, Marion County, TX

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 17. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home
1074 St. Hwy 300
Gilmer, TX 75645
(903) 734-7070
info@mcwhorterfh.com
<https://www.mcwhorterfh.com>

Graveside Services

JAN 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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150 FM 727
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Tribute Wall

DG

“ Evelyn, sincere condolences to you and your family. Jimmy and Mike were long time friends...prayers for you.

Debbie Gamble - January 19, 2021 at 11:58 PM

TC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jimmy. He was such a kind person and such a great personality. I know he will be missed by all that knew him. I am so sorry for your loss.

Toni Childress - January 19, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Jimmy Strickland.



January 17, 2021 at 05:06 PM

FD

“ From the Gray Family Ann, Judy, Nancy & Debi purchased the Peach, Orange & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Jimmy Strickland.



From the Gray Family Ann, Judy, Nancy & Debi - January 17, 2021 at 02:39 PM

PK

“ *Peggy Jones Keeling lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Strickland*



Peggy Jones Keeling - January 17, 2021 at 12:10 AM

BB

“ *One of the sweetest and kindness boy/man I have had the honor to know. In school he was always a gentleman and one knew he was a special person. He was a special friend whom I honor and will remember with thankfulness. God bless his family.*

Barbara Ballow Baker - January 17, 2021 at 12:01 AM

SS

“ *Sheron Smith lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Strickland*



Sheron Smith - January 16, 2021 at 10:21 PM

RS

“ *Ruth Strickland lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Strickland*



Ruth Strickland - January 16, 2021 at 09:09 PM

SR

“ I first met Jimmy when I went to work at Beckville mine. Come to find out he had went to school and graduated with my Uncle Roddy. I always enjoyed getting to work with and visit with Jimmy. I had not seen him since he was in Henderson for a funeral several years ago. My prayers are with all his family. He leaves fond memories with all us old coal miners who worked with him.

Stan Rodgers - January 16, 2021 at 07:25 PM

DG

Sincere condolences Evelyn to you and your family. Mike and Jimmy had lots of stories through the years...

Debbie Gamble - January 16, 2021 at 11:36 PM

DC

I thought a lot of Jimmy Paul Strickland or Strick as we called him. We went down many young roads together. We were class mates, and we worked together, played together and laughed together. I was the best man at his wedding, and that turned out to be a great life for him. His wonderful family is suffering a great loss i am looking through pictures and remembering a great friend and buddy. Rest In Peace Strick.

Don Craig - January 21, 2021 at 08:38 PM