



Tommy Strader

April 28, 1920 - February 23, 2017

William Thomas “Tommy” Strader, Jr ,76, of Ringgold, Va. was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on February 23, 2017, after a sudden decline in health.

He was born on April 28, 1940, a son of Ruth Gillie Strader and William Thomas Strader, Sr. , both deceased. He had three brothers, Henry Eugene Strader, James Cleo Strader, and Walter Wayne Strader all who preceded him in death. He moved from Rockingham County, NC at age 6 months and lived in Pittsylvania County, VA for the remainder of his life.

He graduated from Dan River High School in 1959. After high school graduation, he worked for Howard Campbell Construction, later earning a Journeyman Plumber's Certificate through apprenticeship at TC Dameron Heating and Plumbing in 1961. Tommy served in the United States Army from 1963-1965 as a PFC. His boot camp was at Fort Jackson, SC and then he was transferred to Fort Knox, Kentucky for Armored/Tank training. He completed his service at Anchorage, Alaska. He continued working at T.C. Dameron until 1971. His 30 year career at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company began in 1972, where he worked in the Maintenance Department as a Pipe Fitter and he retired in 2002. Tommy started Strader Landscaping Service in 1988. Many places in the area have been touched by his expertise in landscaping. He always took pride in his work and always strove for

perfection.

He was a member of Ringgold Baptist Church in Ringgold, VA where he served as Deacon, choir member, member of the Pastor Search Committee, Handy-man Team, and Building and Grounds Committee.

Some of his favorite pastimes included visiting with family and friends, working on his tractor plus building and working in his shops, building birdhouses, yard work, small construction and home improvement projects, and watching Westerns on T.V.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Kellison Robertson Strader, whom he married on July 9, 2011, after 20 years of courtship. Also surviving are his two daughters, Teresa Kayla Herndon (Ron), Cindy Jean Stevens, and stepson, David Brooks Robertson (Jenny); five grandchildren, Joshua R. Stevens (Josie), Nicholas A. Herndon, Kayla A. Herndon, Noah B. Herndon and Stella R. Robertson. Tommy will always be remembered as a loving, faithful Husband, Father, and "Papa".

The family would like to extend appreciation to the members of Ringgold Baptist Church for their prayers and loving support the doctors and nursing staff on the 5th floor and ICU of Danville Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, February 26, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at Ringgold Baptist Church by Pastor Duane Caldwell. Visitation will be held at Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel on Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 7:00-8:30pm. At other times family will be at the residence.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Ringgold Baptist Church.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Strader Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel
703 North Main Street
Danville, VA 24540
(434) 793-5511
info@wrenn-yeatts.com
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ringgold Baptist Church
4594 Ringgold Church Road
Ringgold, VA 24586

Burial

FEB **26** (ET)

Danville Memorial Gardens
510 Church Avenue
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Janet Hullender lit a candle in memory of Tommy Strader



Janet Hullender - March 07, 2017 at 12:48 AM

JH

Praying for you and your family.

Janet Hullender - March 07, 2017 at 12:50 AM

KL

“ Its with sadness that i hear of Tommy's passing! Tommy was a dear friend for many years! Tommy did all the plumbing and landscaping to my home when it was built in 1975. He was one of a kind and will be dearly missed! Ken & Leigh Latchum Raleigh NC

Ken & Leigh Latchum - March 03, 2017 at 09:52 PM

PA

“ Teresa and family. Just found out about Tommy. Sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you. Love you! George and Phyllis

Phyllis Allen - February 27, 2017 at 10:38 AM

CD

“ Sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers during this trying time.

Claire Duncan - February 27, 2017 at 08:49 AM

BC

“ *Big Tommy, as we always called him, was one of our favorite cousins. My brother, the younger of the two, was Little Tommy. My younger brother, Danny, the two Tommies, and Big Tommy's brother, Wayne, and yes, sometimes me, were quite the crew. Many summers were spent with Aunt Ruth and Uncle William. Big Tommy played guitar and sang lots of Johnny Cash and even radio jingles. I still remember Tommy singing about Harry's Place on the North Main Extention! That seemed to be his favorite! Big Tommy had a great sense of humor, as well. Those wonderful years of our young lives were spent doing fun, crazy stuff and lots of laughs. I can still recall the image of this tall, lanky figure with boney shoulders clowning around at the tip of the diving board before jumping, not diving, into the water! So many have now passed on but those left behind have all these beautiful memories they have left for us to cherish. Brenda Strader Conrad*

Brenda Strader Conrad - February 26, 2017 at 07:51 PM

GE

“ *Sending condolences to the Strader family at this time of loss. May you find the peace of mind and the strength to cope that God offers through prayer (Philippians 4:6, 7, 13). Please know many caring thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Georgia - February 25, 2017 at 11:40 AM

AF

“ *Praying for family.rip Mr.strader.god be with the family.*

Angela & scooter Harville & family - February 24, 2017 at 08:59 PM

MK

“ *Mike And Karen Kuchinski lit a candle in memory of Tommy Strader*



Mike and Karen Kuchinski - February 24, 2017 at 06:09 PM