



John E. Sturdivant

March 11, 2009 - March 7, 2009

John Edward Sturdivant. Age 66, of Madison, died Saturday, March 7, 2009 at his home. He was preceded in death by parents, Lathan and Elizabeth Sturdivant. Survived by wife, Sue Wright Sturdivant; sons, John, Jr., and David (Dianne); daughter, Stephanie; brothers, L.A. and Tom; grandchildren, Angeleah Rose, Daniel, Kristen, John Edward, III, Elijah Moon; devoted son-in-law to Johnnie Wright and Kitty Wells. Mr. Sturdivant was a retired music industry executive. He began his music career in high school playing baritone saxophone in Top 40 rock bands- The Monarchs, Charlie McCoy and the Escorts, The Kapers, and The Nocturnes. Served as Vice President/ Southeastern Manager of Record World magazine. Also held positions with; Gibson Guitar; Music City News; ASCAP; RUBOCA Records; Tree International. Involvements and board memberships included the Country Music Association, Academy of Country Music, Nashville Chapter of NARAS and Past National Vice Chairman of NARAS, Leadership Music- Class of '92, Madison Children's Home & Domestic Violence Shelter Board, Southern Gospel Music, Gospel Music Association and was on the committee that created the selection procedure for the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, helped organize the first Nashville telethon for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital while serving on its Board, served on the Grammy Awards TV committee. Funeral services will be conducted Tues., March 10, 2PM, at the Madison Church of Christ with Bro. Dan Dozier and Bro. Israel Brooks officiating. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery with pallbearers Don Cusic, Neil Pond, Wayne Moss,

Jim Overstreet, Bobby Wright, Larry Stephenson, Marshall Cranford, and Charlie McCoy. Honorary pallbearers will be Charlie Monk, Ken Rice, Clayton Gholson, Dr. Robert Pilkinton, Dr. James Rollins, Bill Denny, and John Denny. Visitation will be held at Madison Church of Christ on Monday 11-2pm and 4-8pm and again on Tues. 12noon until the time of service. Austin & Bell Funeral Home is in charge of these arrangements. AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL- Springfield (615) 384-1000

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“ *Angeleah, Am so sorry to learn of your Grandfather's passing. I have missed seeing you. I will have you and your family in my prayers.
May you be comforted at this sad time by the Love of the Lord and family. Hope to see you soon.
I love you, Anne*

Anne Archer - March 09, 2009 at 11:36 PM

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“ *To Stephanie and Family, Our deepest sorrows. May your Father and Husband be at peace.*

Kevin Brem & Kevin Kirkley - March 09, 2009 at 09:51 PM