



Richard Davis "Dick" Stroud

March 31, 1944 - September 30, 2023

Richard Davis "Dick" Stroud, age 79 of Cedar Hill, Tennessee, joined our Savior Lord on September 30th, 2023. He is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Ola Davis Stroud, brothers; Clarence Stroud, Jr., and Robert "Bobby" Stroud. Mr. Stroud is survived by step-daughter Melonie Roberts Carideo, son-in-law Paul James Carideo; granddaughters, Bethany Elaine Carideo and Taylor Noel Klippel; sisters, Betty Stroud Griffin and Patsy Stroud Walker; as well as many loved and adored nieces and nephews.

Dick graduated from Jo Byrns High School where he lettered in Varsity Football. After high school, Dick enlisted in the US Marine Corp. A proud Vietnam Veteran, he served in the infantry and as an artillery gunner. He was employed at Oscar Mayer and Reddy Ice in Nashville, Tennessee and was a member of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church.

He coached women's slow pitch softball for over 30 years – including The Flames and Nashville Express and also enjoyed bowling and canoeing. Dick spent his last years of retirement in Athens, Tennessee attending local sporting event, walking, attending services at the Athens First Baptist church and cheering on his family and lifelong friends of the Marine 1/12th Whiskey Battery.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, October 7th, 2023, at 2 p.m. CST at Springfield Memorial Gardens, 400 Memorial Blvd., Springfield, Tennessee with Pastor Eric Taylor officiating and music provided by nephew Bob Stroud. Active pallbearers will be Josh Jackson, Jacob Fuqua, Michael Stroud, Matthew Jackson, Jaylen Barnette, Cody Stroud and Bob Stroud.

Visitation with the family will be Saturday, October 7th from 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m. at Austin & Bell Funeral Home, 509 Walnut Street, Springfield, Tennessee.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Springfield Memorial Gardens Mausoleum
Memorial Blvd
Springfield, TN 37172

Tribute Wall



“ *A proud Marine!* ”

Elaine Stroud - October 12, 2023 at 01:27 PM

“ My heart is broken. How do you summarize nearly 27 years of life together? Memories of family and friends working together at Oscar Mayer Foods, where we met. Sharing work times and fun times together with co-workers on picnics, bowling leagues, card games, Nascar races, camping trips and canoe trips!

Family times sharing holidays, birthdays, and reunions with both sides of the family. All those vacations in Gatlinburg and Panama City Beach.

Then came softball, coaching and playing for so many years in so many leagues. ASA league play at Shelby and Cedar Hill Parks in Metro Nashville. USSSA play in district, state and world championship play in many cities throughout Tennessee and out-of-state. Memories of all the wins and losses in all types of weather!

So many Vanderbilt basketball and football games (crazy Section N gang). Season tickets for 30 years with family. Yelling so much that we had laryngitis the next day. Too many cheeseburgers before the games at Rotier's Restaurant.

Of course, with me came Melonie: Raising Melonie through learning baton twirling, cheerleading and track in high school; acting in college and singing and dancing at Dollywood! Dick was the best father and so proud of her. The countless trips to seven-eleven store for Icees can attest to that!

Then came Bethany: Dick moved from Nashville to Athens, TN to support her during her last high school days and college at West Point, University of Denver and New England School of Law. Talk about proud, Bethany was the light of his life, simply the icing on the cake!

We both loved live music and Nashville was the place to be! When we were young, during the 70's and 80's, we went to all the Hot Spot Clubs in town and yes, We Danced!

Always in my heart, Elaine

Elaine Stroud - October 12, 2023 at 10:19 AM

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“ *Richard Davis "Dick" Stroud*

Funeral Home Owner - October 07, 2023 at 08:12 AM

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“ *Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.*

Chris and Tracie Morton - October 06, 2023 at 09:54 AM

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“ *Melonie, So sorry for your loss! But you can be assured he is resting with our sweet Jesus! Big hugs, love, & prayers! Your Johnson City Family*

Anonymous - October 04, 2023 at 07:15 PM

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“ *To family of Dick Stroud. I went all thru school with Dick, graduating in 1962 and always thought so much of him. The last time we saw each other was at Springfield Memorial Gardens when they had The Wall there, honoring our Fallen Military. He always talked about his family proudly. We also saw each other at the Oscar Mayer Picnics since he and Aubrey worked there. I hate that I cannot attend the Memorial because we are leaving at 6:30 AM with our church group for a day trip, but I share your sorrow. Faye Carter Ellis*

Faye Ellis - October 03, 2023 at 07:03 PM