

## OBITUARY

David Matthew Strickland was born on March 22, 1962 to Juanell and Omar "Butch" Strickland in Wichita Falls, Texas. He graduated from Wichita Falls High School in 1980. He married Stacey on July 7, 2007. David was a committed son, husband, father, step-father, grandfather, great-grandfather, church deacon, friend and handyman. He had just retired from Midwestern State University on January 31, 2021 after serving as an Electronic Technician for 22 years. He had planned on working part time as a handyman, and spending the rest of his time doing the things he loved the most: being with his family and friends and working on building projects for his church.

David leaves behind to celebrate his life his wife, Stacey, and his father, Butch. His children include: daughter Sarah Johnson and her husband Jim of Wichita Falls, Texas; son Matt Strickland and his wife Marissa of Windthorst, Texas; step-son Darrell Stewart and his wife Robin of Iowa Park, Texas; daughter Emily Villegas and her husband Albert of Stephenville, Texas; step-daughter Kathleen Stewart and her partner Patricia of Burkburnett, Texas; step-daughter Ashley Warton and her husband Brandon of Wichita Falls, Texas. His grandkids are Jacob Johnson, Allie, Blake, Charlie, and Alice Stewart, Abraham and Elizabeth Villegas, Lena, Jacob and David Barron, and Wesson, Grayson, Liam and Alek Warton. His three great-grandkids are Lila and Laveya Buckalew and Galileo Hernandez. He is also survived by his brothers Kenneth and Michael Don.

David was always ready to lend his skills to anyone who needed them. Whether you had a carpentry, electric, auto or math problem, he either knew how to fix it himself or knew where to go to solve it. His children learned quickly to never ask for his help on math questions unless all other avenues had been tried as they were in for a thorough lesson using scrap paper and his special pen. He loved imparting his knowledge on these things to his kids and their spouses, wanting to pass on his skills to the next generation. All of his kids knew how to change a tire and drive a standard. He spent a lot of time serving with the Disciples Men's groups in building churches and gathering areas for their congregations all over the state of Texas. In April of 2017, he was awarded Layman of the Year by the Disciples Men. He was always traveling for mission trips, sporting events, Boy Scouts, and stock shows with and for his kids. He also enjoyed going on fun adventures with his family.

If you ever needed to find David and he wasn't answering his phone, he was likely at Parkway Grill. He was known for his signature style of overalls, work boots, and collared shirt with a pocket; he had to be specifically told at each wedding that he was NOT allowed to wear overalls.

The service celebrating David's life will be on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 2 pm at First Christian Church. Visitation will be on Sunday, February 21, 2021 from 3-5pm. Flowers may be sent to Hampton Vaughn Funeral Home in Wichita Falls. Monetary donations can be made in David's name to First Christian Church Wichita Falls.

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## IN LOVING MEMORY



*David Matthew Strickland*

*March 22, 1962 - February 16, 2021*

## Footprints In The Sand

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it: "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me. "The LORD replied: "My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Author: Carolyn Joyce Carty

### **Visitation**

Sunday, February 21, 2021

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Hampton Vaughan Crestview Funeral Home

### **Funeral Service**

Monday, February 22, 2021

2:00 P.M.

First Christian Church



## David Strickland Funeral Service

### Order of Worship

*We're glad you are here. As an expression of love for your sisters and brothers in Christ, we ask that you please wear your mask for the entire service and while inside the building.*

Prelude Debbie Watson

\*Seating of the Family

\*Call to Worship Dr. Mark Bender

\*Opening Hymn *In the Garden* (vs. 1) No. 227

\*Opening Prayer Dr. Mark Bender

Remembrance Dr. David Hartman

Special Reading *Footprints* Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Special Music *Go Rest High On That Mountain* (Vince Gill)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Scripture Readings

2 Timothy 4:6-8 Claire Baer

Romans 8:31-39 Rev. Josh deSteiguer

John 14:1-6 Claire Baer

Reflection *An Elaborate Plan* (Psalm 127) Dr. Mark Bender

\*Closing Hymn *Amazing Grace* (vs. 1 & 3) No. 546

\*Benediction Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude Debbie Watson

\*Please stand if able