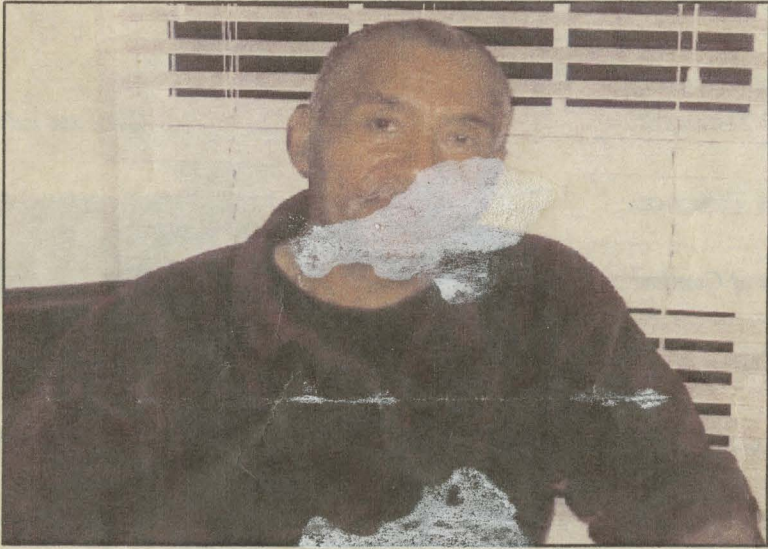


*I have fought a good fight
I have finished the race
I kept the faith
(II Timothy 4:7)*



*Wesley Elbert Strickland
May 16, 1941 ~ October 2, 2011*

Funeral Service
Saturday, October 8, 2011
1:00 p.m.
New Day Church
21 Hemric Rd.
Jonesville, North Carolina
Pastor Alvin Harris - Officiating

Order of Celebration

Musical Prelude

Processional

Song Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Clarence Edwards

New Testament

Ansel Brown

Prayer of Comfort

Bishop Charles Hask

Song Selection

Nieces and Nephews

Reflections

Tony Strickland

Reading of the Obituary

Camilla Edwards

Song Selection

Nieces and Nephews

Eulogy

Romans Verse

Pastor Alvin Harris

Family Recessional

Musical Postlude

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Service of Interment

Jonesville Community Cemetery

Mineral Springs Road

Jonesville, North Carolina

*Ephraim
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Repat: Will follow at the Elkin National Guard Armory 1775 N. Bridge St.

Obituary

Wesley Elbert Strickland, of Jonesville went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 2, 2011. Wesley was born on May 16, 1941 to the late Willie Nathan and Luddie Strickland. Wesley attended J J Jones High School in Mt. Airy, NC where he studied masonry, and exhibited exceptional skills on the football field. After High School he married Shelby Sales and had five children. Wesley later moved to Hartford Connecticut where he resided for approximately twenty years. Upon returning to Jonesville, NC he began employment with Vaughn Bassett Furniture where he worked fifteen years.

Wesley was preceded in death by siblings, Myrtle Edwards, Frances Hurt and Willie Dexter Strickland.

He leaves behind his children, Kenneth Strickland and Anita Hampton of Missouri, Daphne Strickland of Florida, April (Levi) Gregg of Boonville, NC and Timothy Strickland of Ohio, ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Also left behind to cherish his loving memories: brothers & sisters, Albert (Julia) Strickland, Billy (Kay) Strickland, Bobby (Kathy) Strickland all of Connecticut, Wayne Strickland, Roxie Hudson and Nellie Harris all of Jonesville, NC, Juanita (Joe) Cockerham of Little Richmond, NC, Betty Fearington of Hamptonville, NC, Barbara (Leander) Pigford, and Sharon (Cleveland) Walker of Winston-Salem, NC, Sister-In Law, Jacqueline Strickland and a host of nieces and nephews.

He will be remembered for his many God given gifts, masonry, auto mechanics, gardening, and his excellent wood working skills that he took great pride in. More importantly he utilized these gifts and skills to bless others in the community

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Wesley, we believe the desires of your heart have been met and you are finally there with your Lord and savior Jesus Christ as well as with your mother and father. We love you and will never forget the message you left with us, telling us "to love each other, forgive one another and it's never too late."

"We will never forget our loving brother"

Your Brothers and Sisters

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The Family wishes to express our sincere thanks for your prayers and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

"The War is over....The battle you won...."

*Oh what a day when I can finally see;
what God has waiting, especially for me
The struggles and the strains of life here on earth
we will all have to endure right after birth
God gives us His weapons, strength and faith to
make it thru
Whether we choose to take them and except it is
totally up to you
A man at war can only win the fight, with the
weapons from above
And when it's over you'll find yourself soaring
like a dove.*

*Uncle Wesley is a blessing our family has
been given
He showed us he had the strength and
kept the faith till the very end.
His strength and his courage lightened our darkest days.
The doctors never could explain the reasons
for the delays.*

*But we all know that God is the
One, with the final say.
So choose your weapons wisely
Keep the faith and on your knees
you pray
And when it's all said and done
you'll be with God because your
war is over and your battle you have won*

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To my family with Love
Melody

Spencer Funeral Home
Mt. Airy, North Carolina

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