



Jasper Ray Strode

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It is with great sadness that the family of Jasper Ray Strode announces his passing after a long struggle with cancer, on September 19, 2019 at the age of 89 years at the Imboden Nursing Home in Decatur, Illinois.

Born on January 22, 1930 and raised in Kentucky. He was 19 years old when he married Betty McClellan. They were married in Kentucky, then moved to Decatur, Illinois. There he fathered and raised 4 children.

Jasper was an automobile mechanic by trade. Later he developed a passion for wood working. He made lots of different things; baby cradles, small Christmas trees with built in lights, paper plate holders, back scratchers, twirly birds, etc. He gave them away as gifts. He also loved tending his vegetable garden. He was a very generous and loving person.

He leaves his wife of 69 years, Betty (McClellan) Strode; his sons, Lonnie Strode of Springfield Missouri and John Strode of Flagler Beach Florida; his daughters, Kathy (Strode) Spaulding of Katy Texas, and Sheryl (Strode) Moore of Decatur Illinois. His grandchildren, Christopher Strode, Kevin Strode, Joshua Blair, Kimberly Sanders, Blake Strode, Anthony Strode, Kyle Strode, Aaron Kraft, Chelsea Kraft, and Michael Moore. He has 14 Great Grand Children and 4 Great-Great Grand Children. He is survived by many other family members and close friends.

His memorial will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019 at West Decatur Church of God, 4500 W. Main ST., Decatur IL. Visitation will be from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Celebration of life will start at 11:00 am.

Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com



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GM

Gregg Moore posted:

Chelsea, Sheryl and Family, Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. The Patriarch of a family is the cornerstone of what helps the family grow, and prosper through the years. Only knowing the two of you, and your character speaks volumes about Jasper. Please let warm memories of him wrap around, and keep you strong in the days and weeks ahead.

September 26 at 6:20 AM

JD

Jeff Delaurentis posted:

Sheryl and Family, My heartfelt condolences to you all. I had a chance to meet him a couple of times here and there. It was always a pleasure. Best Regards, Jeff

September 23 at 3:06 AM

SA

Sally posted:

One day I was outside and I saw Betty slowly coming out of the house. I figured I better watch her because she was walking hunched over and looked like she was having trouble walking. She slowly made her way to the workshop, where Jasper was working, and he didn't see her coming. She walked up behind him and pinched him on the bottom. He jumped about two feet off the ground. There was nothing wrong with her, she was just being sneaky. I had to run in the house and laugh. Funniest and cutest thing I had seen. They were good neighbors and he liked to share the vegetables from his garden. He will be missed. So sorry for your loss.

September 22 at 4:23 PM

CB

Connie Beckham Blair posted:

Betty, Lonnie, Kathy, Johnny and Sheryl, I'm sorry for the passing of your dad, but this is not the end but the beginning of his life, he can now whittle a piece of wood with steady hands, climb into a engine and come out thru the bottom, he is pain free and living life, he waits for you, we shall all be with him again, let Jesus take your hand and go for a walk, talk with him, ask questions of him, then let him wrap all of you in his mighty arms of comfort, be still and just let him embrace you!!!

September 22 at 4:32 AM



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LO

Loretta posted:

Wayne and I are so sorry for you and your families loss. Cherish the memories.Loretta DoyleWayne Piontek

September 22 at 3:58 AM

CW

Cinda Armstrong-Williams posted:

After the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. I cannot tell you how sorry I was to hear about your Father. Please extend my sympathy to your Mother and the rest of your family.

September 21 at 2:28 PM

SC

Sharon Carter posted:

Jasper was a sweet, gentle, 2nd Dad to many of us. You never entered or left his house without hugs. He lived everyone and never met a stranger. They dont make me like that any more! He will be dearly missed and never forgotten. Xoxo, Sharon Carter

September 21 at 6:57 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jasper by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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