



Ralph Theodor Stricker

September 10, 1943 - September 5, 2023

Ralph Theodor 'Ted' Stricker, 79, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, died peacefully on September 5, 2023, at his home. He was born on September 10, 1943, in Woodward, Oklahoma, to Ralph and Johanna Stricker.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Johanna.

Ted is survived by his wife, Graciela, of the home; son, Ralph Theodor 'Tad' Stricker and wife Valerie, of St. Louis, Missouri; grandson, Jaden Theodor Stricker, of St. Louis, Missouri; sister, Carol Whitlow, of Siloam Springs; brother Don Stricker and wife Connie of Topeka, KS; stepdaughter, Michelle Blackfox, of Fort Smith, Arkansas; stepson, Angel Esquivel Sosa, of the home.

Ted began his career as a teacher in Grand Junction, Colorado. He then taught at Mile High Academy in Denver, Colorado, for 7 years. After receiving his law degree at Oklahoma City University School of Law, he continued his journey of service to others as a lawyer. Ted is well-known as a personal injury attorney, helping people throughout Arkansas and greatly admired for his tireless efforts. His family can attest to his 24-hour availability for his clients.

Who was Ted's neighbor? Anyone who needed help. He devoted his resources and time to care for people. Recently, Ted volunteered at Compass Fellowship NWA making sandwiches for community kitchen ministry.

When Ted was not working as an attorney, he devoted his life to his family. He loved spending time with his son Tad and grandson Jaden going to St. Louis Cardinals baseball games. Though Ted left his farming days back in his youth,

he always felt most comfortable in the countryside of Arkansas at his home, which he affectionately called “The Ranch.” He always enjoyed stopping by his sister Carol’s farm to talk or play cards—avoiding any farm chores if possible. As kids, Ted always loved teasing his younger brother, Don, and playing pranks on him. As adults, he savored their friendship and respected Don’s thoughts on life. He appreciated his role as patriarch of the Stricker Family, and being near so many Strickers in Northwest Arkansas was a blessing to him.

Ted and Gracie first met 30 years ago and began an enduring friendship. They connected romantically four years ago and were married on March 26, 2023. Though their time together as husband and wife was shorter than they wanted, their union brought them a deep love and special friendship.

Ted’s dry wit and twinkle in his eye will be missed. His caring and loving spirit for his neighbor will serve as an inspiration for his family.

Service is scheduled for Saturday, September 16 at Compass Fellowship NWA (2307 US-412 W, Siloam Springs, Arkansas). Visitation begins at 3 pm, and funeral service begins at 4 pm. Graveside service immediately following. To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.wassonfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to Compass Fellowship NWA to benefit their community assistance fund at www.compassnwa.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 16. 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM (CT)

Compass Fellowship NWA
2307 Hwy 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Funeral Service

SEP 16. 4:00 PM (CT)

Compass Fellowship NWA
2307 Hwy 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Burial

SEP 16. 5:30 PM (CT)

Gentry Cemetery
Gentry Cemetery
Gentry, AR 72734

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Stricker Family members,

On behalf of (Jonesboro Seventh-day Adventist Church), we would like to express our sincere condolence to your family of the late Ted Stricker who left us during this time.

As a church, we were devastated by the news of his death, and we want to join through prayer, the Stricker family and friends affected by his death.

This note of condolence is to let you know that we are together during these sad moments. We pray that our heavenly Father will continue to comfort the family and give you all the strength and courage needed to withstand the blow brought about by the sudden death of Ted.

As a church, we stand with you. Ted was indeed a good neighbor (The State Farm's Ad embodies Ted's life). May Ted "Rest in Peace" and "Light Perpetual Shine." God be with you all. Ted is the embodiment of a life well lived.

Jonesboro SDA Church Family

Jonesboro SDA Church - September 15, 2023 at 07:33 PM

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“ *Mr. Ted Stricker is our neighbor and have proven to be the first best neighbor we acquired in the USA. On our family’s first visit to Arkansas Mr. Ted Stricker was our chaperone who picked us up from the Little Rock Airport, took us on our first and last tour of President Clinton Library, treated us to lunch and took us safely home to our sister-Professor Natalie Johnson-Leslie. He being so humble did not once mentioned to us that he was a Lawyer. When he accepted the invitation to be Gabriel Leslie’s godfather our family was and still is elated and we adored him. We love you Ted Stricker. Uncle Ted we all thought you would be here much longer but God have another plan for you as he deem it best for you to spend more time with Him in paradise. So long, goodbye and God bless you. Rest In Peace.*

Your adopted family: Gabrielle, Daniel, Larry, Steve, Natalie, Pamella, Pauline, Imogene Johnson (our mother)

Pamella Johnson - September 10, 2023 at 12:06 AM

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“ *My condolences to the Stricker family. You have lost a truly wonderful, giving man who loved you all dearly.*

Bettina Halpern

Bettina Halpern - September 09, 2023 at 08:45 PM

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“*TED was a good friend who could make me laugh at the dumb things that happened. He had a way of bringing joy to almost every situation.*

I will never forget the time, one Sabbath he was getting ready to leave for church an he heard this sound. He thought it was the air conditioner waking noises, so he went to check it out. It was not the air conditioners. He thought that it was someone coming to get him. Lol!!! He tried to get away from it so he went ahead and went to church. But the sound kept following him. He could not get away from it. Then he received a phone call. When he did, after he hung up. The sound stopped. Then he realized that the problem all along was his phone making the noise.

When he told me about it we laughed and laughed and laughed about it and how he felt with it.

I have and will miss him.

He was a dear friend....

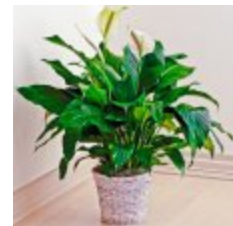
My condolences to Tad, Valerie, Jaden, and his brother, sister, sister-in-law, and cousins, and other extended family.

May God give you peace and comfort in this difficult time.

A friend - September 09, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“*Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ralph Theodor Stricker.*



September 09, 2023 at 12:39 AM