



James Wayne Stroud

March 3, 1952 - April 21, 2021

James Wayne Stroud, 69, of Needville, Texas passed away on April 21, 2021 at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He was born on March 3, 1952 in Corpus Christi, Texas to Amel and Fern Stroud. Wayne retired as an Electrical Engineer with Halliburton after 35 years. Always willing to lend a helping hand, he volunteered with the Village of Pleak Fire Department, taught girl scouts camping and woodworking skills, and was a cofounder of the Saddle Drive Fourth of July Car & Tractor Parade. Wayne was the go to guy to fix anything and everything. He enjoyed restoring old tractors and cars. Wayne gravitated towards kids and was always ready to have fun, play games and make others have a good time. This loving husband, father, Paw Paw, brother, uncle and friend will truly be missed.

In addition to his parents, Wayne is preceded in death by his sister, Carolyn Marie Stroud.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Marie "Mitzi" Stroud; daughter, Jennifer Ponder and her husband Michael; granddaughters, Jillian Grace & Claire Olivia Ponder; siblings, Larry Ray Stroud and his wife Nettie, Dr. Robert Stroud and his wife Karen, Kathy Crabtree and her husband Jim, Kevin Stroud and his wife Gloria, and Karen Thieme and her husband Larry; along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

The family would like to thank all of the staff that have helped in Wayne's Journey over the last several years, especially Dr. Guiying Hu, Dr. Paolo Strati and Dr. Naval Daver.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life Service at a later time.

For those wishing, in lieu of flowers, please consider making either a monetary donation or a donation to the Blood Bank at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

A Celebration of Life will be on held on May 22, 2021 starting at 10 am at 4307 Saddle Drive Needville, TX. Those in attendance are encouraged to wear plaid shirts and/or funny t-shirts as this is a very casual outdoor event. Please bring a comfy seat and a sweet treat and join us in celebrating Wayne's life.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Previous Events

Service

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

The Stroud Residence
4307 Saddle Drive
Needville, TX 77461

Tribute Wall

JP

“ He was once going through our pantry to see what we could have for dinner, and he pulled out of abuelita hot chocolate mix. He pointed to the older woman on the can and said, ” This lady is hot!” Granny, who was in the next room over, said, ”I heard that!”

-Jillian “Bean” Ponder, granddaughter #1

Jillian Ponder - June 07, 2021 at 11:58 AM

MM

“ My limited encounters with Wayne gave me the impression that he was not formally a religious person. But his behavior of always being willing to share his knowledge and skills to help those around him betrayed a Christian attitude. He repeatedly helped us with electrical issues, appliance repairs, and lawn work.

At his celebration of life the testimonials continued to reflect his selfless sharing of his time, knowledge, and skills. In Jennifer’s obituary she made reference to a Gospel passage where the young Jesus got separated for a few days from Mary and Joseph. I being a retired theology teacher saw an interesting connection with Wayne. When Mary and Joseph found Jesus they questioned him about where he had been and what he was doing. He responded didn’t you know I was being about my father’s business. I thought of Wayne and his selfless acts as a reflection of “the father’s business” and how Christian he was.

This Gospel passage also reminded me of a joke I heard in a sermon. When Mary and Joseph finally found Jesus and asked what he had been up to and he gave his response we do not know what Mary said to the young man but we don’t hear from Jesus again until he is thirty years old.

mike melancon - May 25, 2021 at 09:18 AM

MS

“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Wayne and his family since I was a small child. Although I was not around them much in my adult life, I have many fond memories of the whole family from when I lived in Texas in the late 70's with Wayne's Aunt Mabel.

The world has lost a wonderfully positive, amazingly strong person. Every time I heard anything from or about him in recent times through my mother Barbara, he was always upbeat and positive. Whether he knew it or not, through his battle with cancer, he has been a very inspirational person for me, as I have faced my own battle with this horrible disease.

My heart goes out to his loved ones and I want them to know how much positivity Wayne had brought to my life and that he will always be remembered fondly.

Michael Stensaa - May 20, 2021 at 04:01 PM

JH

“ Around 3 or 4 years ago I took my mother to San Antonio to visit all her Nephews and Nieces (and Sister-in-law). My mother was the last of the Stroud Siblings. Our cousin, Barbara, got a total of 55 together for a lunch get together. It was AWESOME! I HAD NOT SEEN MOST OF THEM IN DECADES. I knew Wayne right off. He was a lot taller but he had that same smile. I wish I could have known him better as I wish I could know the ones still with us. I know he had to be a great individual, from that meeting and all the things I've heard about him. RIP CUZ
YOUR MISSISSIPPI CUZ JESSEY

Jessey Higdon - May 18, 2021 at 08:48 PM

MB

“ Worked with Jim at Hwy 6 and North Belt and there was nothing mechanical or electrical he could not solve or fix. Absolutely one of the most talented individuals I ever had the pleasure of working with. He will be missed.

Mack Brown - May 16, 2021 at 06:27 PM

GK

“ Worked with Jim for almost 30 years. Good Man! The world needs more like him! He will be missed.

George King - May 15, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ Wayne was my cousin and friend. He was one of the kindest men I have ever known. He was so patient and always ready to go outside and play with the rest of us or entertain the younger kids. The last time i saw him he took me for a ride in his restored truck and showed me all of his tractors. He was one of those men who could fix anything. He will be greatly missed by me and everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Your cousin Barbara Giddens

Barbara Giddens - May 15, 2021 at 12:35 PM

JM

“ So I know him as Jim Stroud. He believed in me as we worked together.
He is a true friend. We had some folks come into the lab once and I told them no I couldn't do their test right now. They didn't like that response so I said NO LOUDER!
He got a big kick out of that and said "that's not the answer they want just say it louder I like that". We met up one time and had a bunch of fun with his classic truck, tractors and cars. A day I will never forget.
God Speed Jim my true friend.

james r mcgovern - May 12, 2021 at 05:22 PM

SN

“ I'm pretty sure Uncle Wayne was involved in that '50's dance and meet up! He got to follow the trail of shoes and clothes to his occupied couch. He played car wreck with Kat in her car seat. She played in his shoes. We became Friday night bums. BWayne kept Kat while you and I and Brent welcomed Alyssa to the world. I remember the girls sitting on the counter helping Uncle Wayne cook. Isaac only trusted Uncle Wayne for his swim team hair cut. Kat loved the ducks. Wayne taught Alyssa how to drive a stick. In middle school that child discovered y'all were not actually related. Sometimes the family we choose is closer than blood. Uncle Wayne will be missed!

Sabra Jones Noon - May 12, 2021 at 12:39 PM

NS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Wayne was a very good man. He was loved by a lot of people. I will miss him. Sincerely, Steve Stroud

Nelda Stroud - May 11, 2021 at 10:16 AM

NR

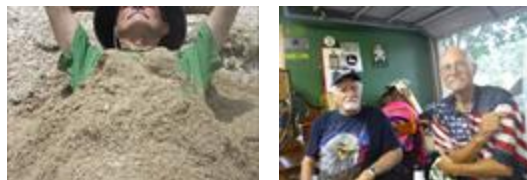
“ Wayne told Russ that he would call him every Sunday about 10, just as he had called Amol until he died. From the kitchen, I could hear Russ laugh and talk and be happy.

When there was something to fix, and Russ was stuck, he called Wayne who always patiently and correctly told him how to solve the problem. He was never too busy for anybody, child or adult. His smile and gentle kindness are part of memories I have of him.

Nelda Stroud (Mrs. Russ) - May 10, 2021 at 10:51 PM

MS

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Marie Stroud - April 29, 2021 at 09:31 AM

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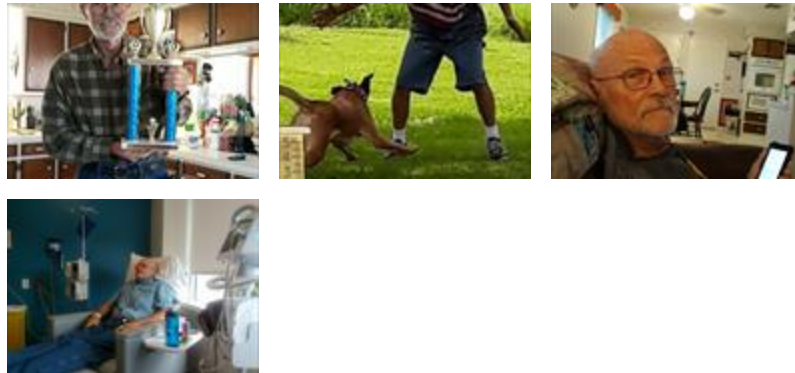
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Marie Stroud - April 28, 2021 at 09:32 PM

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Marie Stroud - April 28, 2021 at 07:38 PM

CD

“ *What a special kind of person Wayne was...he was good as gold...a true gift to family and to friends and neighbors. After reading all the previous comments, it is crystal clear that Wayne was an exceptional husband, father, PawPaw, brother, son, neighbor and friend.*

Our lives were definitely made much better by knowing him. He unselfishly shared his many talents, his gifts of humor and kindness and all the unlimited things he had learned in his lifetime...and most of the time with a genuine smile.

He will truly be missed by many!

Jimmie & Cindi Dean

Cindi Dean - April 28, 2021 at 07:01 PM

MF

“ I worked with Jim for many years both at our Hwy 6 Welex facility and then in more recent years when he supervised the MTL at North Belt. Jim was very talented and such an honest and wonderful person to work with. I am very sad to hear about his passing. Mike Finke

Mike Finke - April 26, 2021 at 10:22 AM

 Kathy Henson

“ David and I are so grateful that Uncle Wayne was a part of our lives! My favorite memory was being in Concan with the Stroud family for the first time roughly 12 years ago and me and Britta had little bitties and Uncle Wayne spent hours catching Reed and Bailey jumping off of a rock giving us moms a break and showing those two the ropes of what Concan is all about!! My other memories are just knowing a kind human being who you could tell just loved his family blood or not to the core and I feel incredibly honored that I was able to get to know him over the years!!! Mitzi, Jen and the rest of this beautiful family we are deeply sorry for your loss and we can only be hopeful for some peace! We love you guys❤️

Kathy Henson - April 26, 2021 at 10:20 AM

JS

“ I remember a a quiet and thoughtful man with an open hart for his family, one trip to Kentucky he brought a Honda Odyssey Buggy for Doug and I to ride and on a trip to see him and Mitzi, him walking with an out of shape Jason around his neighbor hood.

Jason Stroud - April 25, 2021 at 08:29 PM

JT

“ So many memories for freeze tag, Bombadeer, croquet, games on his old apple computer...and those were the younger days for me...such as smart man that I was proud to call my uncle...he fixed so many things and offered help to soooooo many family members and peers.....his knowledge is unmatchedsuch a great role model and someone I pride myself for sharing part of my name with him...gone but never forgotten...see you down the road uncle Wayne

Johnny Thieme - April 25, 2021 at 12:08 AM

 Damon Kuhn

“ A great friend and neighbor- always willing to help anybody- he will be greatly missed

Damon Kuhn - April 24, 2021 at 11:15 PM

LB

“ Wayne was a great brother. He never had anything to say bad about someone. Not many people are like that any more. Words ` cannot express all the good things that Wayne share with everyone. Wayne was a great Stroud.

Larry Stroud Brother - April 24, 2021 at 10:13 PM

CA

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carrie - April 24, 2021 at 04:47 PM

MT

“ Uncle Wayne is the reason I like to wake up early on trips. I never wanted to miss a good story or trick out on the porch that no other kid would get to see, or a special taco in the “Waynabago”.

Uncle Wayne did something good for everyone and didn't ask for anything in return. I don't think there is a single cousin of my generation who don't feel special because Uncle Wayne made or did something that was only meant for us. My double barrel rubber band gun that he made and named “double trouble” is something that I'll never forget....nor will my brothers who were shot by it.

When describing a mechanical problem to Uncle Wayne, he would think for a short bit, maybe ask a question or two and start off the diagnosis by saying- “I suspect...” This was followed by the answer to your problem or the exact troubleshooting steps that were needed to get the right answer. I often wondered how he pictured things in his head so clearly. He had an amazing talent.

This list of ways he and Aunt Mitzi helped me personally over the years is a long one- I'm thankful for having both of you. He was good in so many ways-he was good to me.

“I suspect...” that we are all better people for knowing him.

Michael Thieme - April 24, 2021 at 01:24 PM

RS

“ Even when you think that you are prepared for a loss like this of course one never is. It still comes like a painful shock to the heart. Wayne will be greatly missed because he was greatly loved. I loved my brother bu...t there was that time I thought I had squashed him in the yard. Dad had put a old cook stove in the backyard. I was on top and little Wayne age 3 or 4 has below standing on the ground when I started to rocking. Over it went on top of Wayne. In my mind I thought it was all over for both of us. Wayne was fine and I got the ass spanking I deserved. I loved my brother bu..t there was the time big brother Larry and I concocted a prank to pull off on little brother Wayne. Again Wayne was about 4. We gave Wayne a big bowl of mayonnaise telling him in was ice cream. As any normal kid would he took a huge bite and was thereafter scarred for life. As far as I know he never had mayonnaise again. We had many good times. One that sticks out was at Christmas time we had driven now from Minnesota to Corpus Christi to visit. Wayne and most of our brothers and sisters were there. We went outside to play volleyball on a sunny warm day. I am sure most of us had had a few beers at some point because off came our shirts and our sisters made like a plank. We brothers hoisted them one by one heavenward. Wayne had the biggest grin on his face that day. The stories could go on for hours. I loved my brother. He had what scripture describes as the heart of a servant modeled after Christ himself. The last meal we shared was breakfast at his house. Torchy's Tacos claims to have a damn good taco. They have nothing on Wayne's breakfast tacos. They were damn good tacos. He was always willing to help and was a brilliant engineer as well as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Thanks Wayne for everything. Indeed you will be greatly missed. I loved my brother. Robert Stroud

Robert Stroud - April 24, 2021 at 11:37 AM



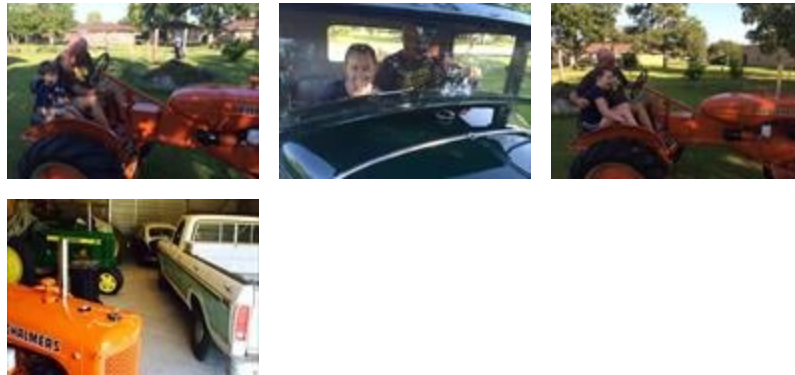
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Wayne Stroud.*



April 24, 2021 at 05:22 AM



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Michael Thieme - April 23, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ *Wayne Stroud was a true friend & Brother-in -Law .He could fix anything... I will miss you But someday we will meet up in Heaven But now god has a new Mr. Fixit man in heaven for repairing anything that needs fixin Larry Doyle Thieme*

Larry Thieme - April 23, 2021 at 09:43 PM

KT

“ Wayne is one of my brothers he will be miss all of us .Wayne was one of a kind if you ask him for help sometimes you didn't have he would call say he was on his way. We will always because we have a hold in my heart. But now with mom ,dad and Carolyn will be our hearts for ever and miss for ever. Till we each other again . Love Forever Karen Thieme

karen Thieme - April 23, 2021 at 06:44 PM

PC

“ My favorite memories of my fun uncle were when he and my Aunt would babysit for me. He was the only person ever to “enjoy” my Easy Bake Oven creations. We would play games, music, and eat cardboard crust pizza! (inside joke). My Uncle Wayne always had a smile on his face. He was the handiest man I will ever know. He showered my Aunt with comfort and love since they met. One of the best things they created is my sweet cousin Jennifer. I will miss him dearly and remember him always.

Pam Carter - April 23, 2021 at 02:16 PM

JL

“ We are honored and blessed to have known your Jim (Jim for the Co-Worker and Wayne for family) for almost 40 years. And as of yet to find a problem he wouldn't tackle. He was truly a blessing and inspiration in my life, and we will miss him as you well know. I hope God has a back-log of repairs to be done... God Speed Jim!

Our condolences,
Lance Family

Joe & Dot Lance - April 23, 2021 at 01:17 PM

MS

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Marie Stroud - April 23, 2021 at 01:00 PM

JT

“The Flash” in the background...memories like these that he will always be a part of ...miss ya

Johnny Thieme - April 23, 2021 at 11:07 PM



This was a great trip and am honored to have been there ☐

Kathy Henson - April 26, 2021 at 10:21 AM

ST

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Stacey - April 23, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ I miss my special buddy. I'll think of Wayne every time I use my dog gate. I hope God has lots of projects and cars for Wayne to work-on.

Ann Melancon - April 23, 2021 at 09:51 AM