



Don't Be Sad For Me!

*Don't be sad for me my friend, please don't be sad for me.
I've gone home from whence I came, so don't be sad for me.
I've ascended high above the clouds, don't be sad for me.
I'm face to face with Jesus now, so don't be sad for me.*

*I'm holding the Master by his hand,
how can you be sad for me?*

*This was all part of His master plan, so don't be sad for me.
I heard the call and I ran to Him, please don't be sad for me.
Now my heart will never hurt again, so don't be sad for me.
Rejoice with me, for now I'm free, please don't be sad for me.*

*No more tears, pain, or shortness of breath,
so don't be sad for me.*

*Rejoice with me! This is my life's reward,
please don't be sad for me.*

*I've reached the mark I was pressing toward,
don't be sad for me.*

I'll see you all again, I'm sure, now don't be sad for me.

*And when I do, I'll give you a tour,
just come by and ask for me.*

*Just promise me you'll try your best, not to be sad for me,
and do all you can to pass life's test, and that is enough for me!*

I love you all, Harold.

Active Pallbearers

Fort Gordon Ceremonial Detachment

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons of Thankful Baptist Church
Prince Hall Masons

Flower Bearers

Friends of The Family

Ushers

Usher's Union of Georgia



~ Acknowledgements ~

We, the family of the late Harold K. Strickland are deeply grateful to our friends and relatives for the many acts of kindness and love shown to us during our time of bereavement. It is through your strength and the Grace of God that we have found comfort. May God enfold you in His arms and bless each of you with His love.



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Homegoing Service

In
Loving
Memory
of

**MSG (Retired)
Harold K. Strickland**



Saturday, February 28, 1998
1:00 p.m.
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
1260 Wrightsboro Road
Augusta, Georgia

Elder David S. Strickland, Officiating

Harold K. Strickland

A rose once grew where all could see, sheltered beside a garden wall, And, as the days passed swiftly by, it spread its branches, straight and tall . . . One day, a beam of light shown through a crevice that had opened wide . . . The rose bent gently toward its warmth, then passed through the other side. Just as a beautiful sunset closes out the brightness of the day, Harold's passing reassures us that he is happily on his way.

Harold, the youngest of 18 children, was born to Elder William Thomas and Hattie Stickland on March 5, 1940, in Siler City, NC. He was a devoted husband, incredible father, loving brother, and magnificent friend. His presence blessed everyone he met.

He received Christ at an early age and joined Holy Trinity United Holy Church in Siler City, NC. He served the church faithfully until he left home to serve in the military. After several tours in the US and overseas, he settled in Augusta, GA. Shortly after, he joined Tinkful Baptist Church in Blythe, GA, serving the church faithfully as the Minister of Music and Bible Study Instructor. His anointed Music Ministry and creative ability touched many lives!

Harold attended Chatham County Public Schools, and after high school, took further studies at the University of Maryland. He retired as Army Master Sergeant after 23 years of service. He was also Past Master of Bannaker Lodge No. 3, F&AM Prince Hall Masons, where he served as a member for 20 years. His devotion to his fellow man led him to volunteer for a number of years with the American Red Cross at Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

Survivors include his beautiful wife, Barbara; daughter, Denise Antoinette, and son, Harold Kinley, II; three sisters, Hattie Carter, Marguerite Moffitt-Rogers (Milton) of Siler City, NC, and Florence Rodgers (Benjamin) of Greensboro, NC; sister-in-law, Faye Sanford (Ken) of Columbus, GA; two brothers, Elder David S. Strickland (Rosetta), and Carnal Maloy Strickland (Cleo) of Siler City, NC; father-in-law, James T. Williams and family; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives, special friends, and best friend, Delores Grant. He richly blessed us all.

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

II CORINTHIANS 5:6-10 (NIV)

Order of Service

Processional Minister and Family

Presiding Minister Rev. Donald Long

Opening Selection New Hope Sanctuary Choir

Scriptures

Old Testament Rev. Peter Parker
Psalm 23

New Testament Rev. Betty McElroy
St. John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort Rev. A. Maurice Booker

Solo Minister Byron Cage

Memorial Tribute (2-3 minutes, please)

Rev. Walter Booker
As A Church Member - Dea. Willie Battle
As A Mason - Past Grand Master Neal A McQueen

Solo Rev. Delbert Nero

Acknowledgements & Condolences Mrs. Madine Cummings

Obituary Read Silently

Selection New Hope Sanctuary Choir

Eulogy Elder David S. Strickland

Parting View

Recessional

~ Interment ~

Hillcrest Memorial Park

More Than My Hero

One night I was up late thinking and you were heavy on my mind,
and now since this is your shining hour I think this is
the perfect time, to tell you that you're my mentor
and how much you've influenced me
and how by watching you I've learned how real men ought to be.

You've set for me an example;
guidelines by which to pattern my life:
Love, Caring, and Understanding, but most important . . .
Reverence for Christ !! !

It was you who instilled manhood and courage deep within me,
and you always looked on the bright side when even I lost faith in me.
You exemplify the meaning of "Fatherhood",
at least in my book that's true, but then again
everyone who knew you felt the same way I do.
You went above and beyond to provide for your family
and Jesus Christ was the head of your life;
two traits rarely found in a father, but let's not forget your wife!
A strong and beautiful black woman
YES, God gave you the perfect mate.

For 32 years you've built and shared a life that has surely been great!

And even in the times when you were sick
and we had to be strong for you,
you still remained my pillar of strength, 'cause I looked up to you.

WOW! That was 15 years ago, my goodness how time flies
but that's just proof that God's GRACE is sufficient
and Satan is full of LIES!!

When some doctors had given up on you, and others had their doubts,
there was really no reason to worry,
my God had already worked things out!
He established his plan for your life
long before the dawning of time,
and in the fulfillment of his plan,
I know his ways are truly divine.

And even though I don't fully understand why you left me on that day,
I'll trust in God, who holds my tomorrow, and say Hallelujah anyway!
I wish I could have just one more day to smile and laugh with you,
but since I can't, in my heart you'll stay, till all my days are through.

I'm not saying good-bye, I'm kissing you goodnight.
I know you'll have a peaceful rest.
And I can't wait to see you on the other side
when I'm finished taking life's test.

Love, Your Son,
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R E G I O N

GUILFORD

BOYLES, Catharine	Greensboro
FITZGERALD, Wallace	Greensboro
HALL, Barry	Greensboro
HANELINE, Doris	Greensboro
HINKLE, James	High Point
MARSHALL, Flora	High Point
McCOLLUM, James	Greensboro
MITCHELL, Maggie	Greensboro
NEAVES, Alma	High Point
SMITH, Millard	Greensboro
STEWART, Mary	Greensboro

ELSEWHERE

BECK, Ernest	Lexington
DICKSON, Kayla (Infant)	Lexington
GROGAN, Grace	Eden
HALL, Mabel	Ocean View, Del.
JONES, Barbara	Denton
JONES, Henrietta	West End
MACY, James	Kernersville
MARTIN, Jesse	Ruffin
MCCLURE, Mattie	Thomasville
MOORE, Virginia	Lexington
NIFONG, Rhonda	Lexington
O'NEILL, Frederick	Tampa, Fla.
STRICKLAND, Harold	Atlanta, Ga.

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HAROLD K. STRICKLAND

ATLANTA, GA. — MSG-Ret. Harold Kinley Strickland of 2567 Granda Place, died Monday, Feb. 23, 1998, at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 1998, at Mt. Calvary baptist Church, 1260 Wrightsboro Rd., Augusta, Ga., with David S. Strickland officiating.

Mr. Strickland, a native of Siler City, was the Minister of Music and Bible Study Instructor at Thankful Baptist Church, Blythe, Ga. He served for 23 years in the U.S. Army and was a 20 year member of Bannaker Lodge No. 3, F&AM Prince Hall Masons. For a number of years he served as a Red Cross volunteer at Eisenhower Army Medical Center. Harold was also a long time member of Twilight Mixed Doubles Bowling League of Fort Gordon, Ga.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara McKelvin Strickland; daughter, Denise Antoinette; son, Harold Kinley, II; three sisters, Hattie Carter; Marguerite Moffitt Rogers of Siler City; and Florence Rodgers of Greensboro; two brothers, Elder David S. Strickland and Camal Maloy Strickland of Siler City.

Notice how close in time their deaths were. Both died on Monday.