



*A Celebration  
of Life  
for*

*Lester G. Strickland*

*Sunrise*

*May 5, 1934*

*Sunset*

*December 18, 2014*

*Service*

*Wednesday, December 31, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.*

***Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church***

*230 Chancellor Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07112*

***Reverend Tony Stephens, Officiating***

# Obituary

**Lester Gray Strickland** was born May 5, 1934 in Wilson, NC to the late Paul and Delphia Strickland. He attended Nash County Training School.

**Lester** served in the Korean War where he received an Honorable Discharge.

**Lester** then moved to Newark, NJ in 1956. He married his best friend, Annie Harriet Strickland, in 1958. Their family was made complete as they raised their three children, Harry, Deborah and Donald.

**Lester** was employed by Roadtech Rubber, Champs Garage, Newark Dodge and Wild Bill Chrysler where he retired.

**Lester** was a member of the band Five Flats & a Sharp and the Newark Knights Motorcycle Club.

**Daddy** was a man that loved his family very much. He took great pride in going to work every day. He would often say, "I believe that a man should have a job and take care of his family." He spent a lot of time taking us fishing, teaching us how to make repairs to cars and things around the house. Daddy enjoyed taking us for rides on his motorcycle. That same love was showered on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gramps kept on top of the education and whereabouts of them all. He loved them with all of his heart and was extremely proud of them. Gramps would ask about them EVERY DAY without fail. The smile on his face when they would walk in the house was a sight to behold.

**Lester's** hobbies were fishing, riding his motorcycle, reading the encyclopedia and newspaper, listening to music, watching the news and western movies, talking on the CB, playing the guitar and making things in his famous tool room. Daddy loved going to Englishtown Raceway and the Entenmann's Bakery with his brother, John, and spending Christmas with his sisters, Dot and Doris. His favorite sport was baseball. He was known as "Mr. Met".

**Lester** was affectionately known as: "Daddy, Ol' man, Gramps, Pops, Les, Doc, Unc, B-29 and Purple Honda".

**Lester** was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Delphia, wife, Rev. Annie Harriet, son, Harry Gene, brothers, Jimmy D and William and sister, Thelma Jean.

**Lester's** memory will be cherished by: his daughter, Deborah; son, Donald; grandchildren, Steven, Michael and Charles; granddaughters-in-law, Gena and Erica; great-grandchildren, Courtnee, Serenity, Levi, Joshua and Paige; brother, John (Mildred); sisters, Dorothy and Doris; sisters-in-law, Earline, Peggy, Ernestine, Brenda, Lillie and Felisha; adopted grandsons, Lydelle King and Wayne Porterfield; best friends, Joe Bell and Spencer Matthews; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - *Psalm 122:1-8*.....Minister Dean Porterfield  
(*favorite scripture*)

New Testament - *John 12:1-3*.....Minister Roderick McCathern

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Cleveland Blash, Jr.

Selection.....Mr. Andre Davis

Acknowledgments.....Minister Gloria McCathern

Obituary.....Ms. Deborah Lindsey

Remarks.....Mr. Donald Strickland (son)  
Mr. Michael Lindsey (grandson)  
Minister Elizabeth Strickland (sister-in-law)

Selection.....Mr. Steven Strickland (grandson)

Eulogy.....Reverend Tony Stephens, Executive Pastor  
*Simmons Memorial Sounds of Praise Christian Fellowship Ministries,  
East Orange, NJ*

Final Glance.....(Immediate Family)

Recessional

## Interment

Hollywood Memorial Cemetery  
Union, New Jersey

## Pall Bearers

Wayne Porterfield      Andre Crudup  
Karim Arnold          Travon Fingall

*God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not  
to be. So He put His arms around you, and  
whispered, "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we  
watched you, and saw you pass away. Although  
we love you dearly, we could not make you stay.  
A Golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands  
at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.*

*It's lonesome here without you  
We miss you so each day.  
Our lives just are not the same  
Ever since you went away.  
Each time we see your picture  
You seem to smile and say,  
"Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping,  
We'll meet again someday".*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family of **Lester G. Strickland** would like to express our  
heartfelt appreciation for the many comforting messages,  
expressions of love and encouragement, and above all the  
prayers and concerns during the passing of our loved one.  
We could not get through this difficult time without you.*

*May the Lord bless you.*

*The Strickland Family*

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