



## David B. Stratton

February 19, 1948 - July 24, 2020

David was born in Los Angeles, CA to parents Frank & Dorothy Stratton and grew up with brother Steven and sisters Judy & Teri. He attended Westchester High School.

David served in the US Army as a Combat Engineer from 1967-1969; He was wounded in combat on May 12th, 1969 & was awarded two Purple Hearts, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, & the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Upon returning home from Vietnam, he fell in love and married his beautiful wife of 49 years, Judy, and they had a son Matthew.

David accepted Jesus Christ into his heart at a young age. At times growing up, he had very few worldly possessions but was always rich in his faith in Christ. Later in his life, he and his wife were baptized at the Lucerne Valley Community Church, where David served on the worship team for over 10 years.

He had both a very creative and analytical mind. He was a very talented harmonicist (which he played in church) & guitar player. David also had many hobbies such as: reading, studying history, Lionel trains, model ships + cars, stamps, and coins.

He shared many of his passions with his family as well. David was a tremendous baseball & football player in his youth and loved to play catch with his son Matthew every day after work. He loved to watch the Los Angeles Rams play on Sunday and never passed up on watching any game with his son and grandsons. He and his wife Judy loved to buy and sell at collectible shows. David also shared a love of the Wizard of Oz with his daughter-in-law Amy.

A man who lived a life of service, David always gave to others, especially those who had less. He served his country, his family, and his church. He believed that a man's word was his bond and he taught his son and grandsons to live with that integrity. He was a quick witted, hilarious man who brought a smile to everyone's face and a laugh along with it. In

his final days he was comforted by knowing that he would soon be in heaven, waiting for his family there.

David is survived by his wife Judy, son Matthew, daughter-in-law Amy, and grandsons Eric and Daniel.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

forever.

Psalm 23:1-6

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free

I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard him call;

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;  
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

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# Events

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**JUL**   **Memorial Service**                      11:00AM  
**30**

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Victor Valley Memorial Park and Mortuary  
15609 11th Street, Victorville, CA, US, 92392

# Comments

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“ I will miss your stories the most and you had so many. Even after all these years, you still had some that I had never heard. You knew how to put a twist on anything to make it funny and I already miss your laugh. There is so much of you in Matthew and you will live on through him and Daniel. You were such a loving and generous man. You welcomed me into the family from the day I met you and you loved to tell everyone that I was your daughter in law. I have so many memories that I will hold in my heart. You will be missed by all of us so much and I know you are up there saving a place for us. We love you and will see you soon.  
Amy

**Amy Stratton** - August 01, 2020 at 11:26 AM

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“ RIP Dad. I fear the world doesn't have enough honorable, loyal, empathetic, strong, measured, committed men/husbands/fathers like you left anymore. Keep a place for all of us ready and we'll see you down the line. Love your Son, Matthew

**Matthew** - July 31, 2020 at 04:59 PM

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“ Dave has such a huge impact on my life. I dont even remember how old I was when I met him at church but I do know he and Judy were a constant in my life when their was a lot of change. I would listen to his stories and watch him play the harmonica in awe.

**Acacia** - July 29, 2020 at 11:47 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David B. Stratton.



July 29, 2020 at 11:11 PM

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“ Grandpa Dave had a huge impact on my life. I loved him very much and always felt immensely loved by him. I will miss him and his laugh. I am praying for you all. Love,  
Judy Picco

Judy Picco - July 29, 2020 at 08:12 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David B. Stratton.



July 29, 2020 at 05:08 PM