



Mr. Steve Strickland

April 26, 1950 - April 30, 2026

Mr. Edd Stephen “Steve” Strickland, 76, of Royston, GA passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at his home surrounded by his family.

Mr. Strickland was born in Royston, GA on April 26, 1950, son of the late Ike “I.W.” Strickland and the late Jeanette Campbell Strickland Ayers. He was the owner and operator of Triple S. Mufflers and was a United States Army Veteran. Steve was also a muscle car collector and enthusiast who enjoyed restoring and showing his antique cars. He was a faithful member of Royston Baptist Church, where serving others was his way of being the hands and feet of Jesus and loving those around him.

Steve was the definition of a local boy, having been born and raised in Royston, he knew everyone and everyone knew him. From cutting grass for people as a younger boy, then running a convenience store, to catching up with friends at the Royston Drive Inn in his later years; he loved Royston and everyone in it. More than anything, Steve loved his family fiercely. He enjoyed cooking, pranking, and spending days on the lake riding the boat with them and the American flag waving behind.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Jennifer Osteen; and grandson, Jacob Hanley.

Survivors include his wife, Vanessa Ann Bridges Strickland; sons, Burt Strickland of Royston, GA and Todd Strickland (Mary Elizabeth) of Bogart, GA and Craig Wright (Tavi) of Royston, GA; daughter, Cindy Carver of Royston, GA; son-in-law, Jared Osteen of Oak Wood, GA; brother, Stanley Strickland (Lori) of McDonough, GA; grandchildren, Andy Parten, Eric Parten, Anna Hanley, Brayden Strickland, Ashton Carver, Amelia Tye, Maddie Strickland and Bennett Strickland; and great granddaughter, Haley Parten.

Funeral services for Mr. Strickland will be held in the Royston Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2026, with Rev. Matt Law and Rev. Gary Osteen officiating. Interment will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Royston.

The family will receive friends at Royston Baptist Church from 1:00 p.m. until funeral hour on Monday afternoon. During other times, the family will be at the home.

Flowers are optional; memorials may be made to Royston Baptist Church at 767 Church Street Royston, GA 30662.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Burch Street
Royston, GA 30662

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Royston Baptist Church
767 Church Street
Royston, GA 30662
<http://www.roystonbaptistchurch.org>

Service

MAY 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pruitt Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Steve Strickland*



Pruitt Funeral Home - May 04 at 12:13 PM

GB

“ *Gary Bragg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Strickland*



Gary Bragg - May 07 at 08:21 PM



“ *74 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Pruitt Funeral Home - May 04 at 11:59 AM

WH

“ Praying for all the family & friends. Steve was a good man & will be missed by many...



Wanda Human - May 03 at 10:21 PM

AO

“ Audrie Osteen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Strickland



Audrie Osteen - May 03 at 02:39 PM

AO

A red candle in honor of Steve's military service. Thank you Steve for your service to our great country & all the fun times at the lake that you & Vanessa invited us to. You will be missed a lot & we will still love your family that has provided us with history as well. God be with Steve's family w peace & provision.

Audrie Osteen - May 03 at 02:44 PM

TH

“ Vanessa & family I am so sorry for your loss. Steve was always so friendly & kind. He will be missed

Terrie Holley - May 03 at 09:56 AM

MB

“ *Matthew Bowen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Strickland*



Matthew Bowen - May 03 at 09:17 AM

RO

“ *Steve will be missed by so many. He loved to pick on all of us at the Drive in. My deceased daughter Mary Ann loved to aggravate him . I loved to sit with him to just talk after I retired. I hope he's aggravating Mary Ann right now. Miss you Steve.*

rosie orr - May 03 at 06:52 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Bolton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Strickland*



Brenda Bolton - May 02 at 08:43 PM

TS

“ This family has been a part of us for many, many years. I, Teresa, grew up in Royston, same street as the Stricklands. I knew Steve but his brother, Stanley, was my buddy. Their mother, Jeanette, was so pretty. In 1972 when I met my future husband, he became buddies with Steve as they were each business owners in Royston. It has been a long friendship and one we cherish. Rest in peace, Steve. You made a difference and we are blessed to have known you. Teresa (Bennett) and Mike Shirley, Bowersville.

Teresa Shirley - May 02 at 08:40 PM

ME

“ Steve was definitely one of the “good guys”, always with a smile on his face.
Vanessa, we'll be thinking about you and your family.

*Dan & Martha Evans
Athens GA*

Martha Evans - May 02 at 10:20 AM

KL

“ Kay Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Strickland



Kay Lewis - May 02 at 08:57 AM

EC

“ Evelyn Cress lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Strickland



Evelyn Cress - May 01 at 11:26 PM

JB

“ Steve was a great man and always good to talk with. Met him many years ago when he had convenience store! Sorry to hear of his passing! Prayers for Gods blessings and comfort for family at this time and in the days to follow!



Johnny and Maggie Banister - May 01 at 09:54 PM

SS

“ Sherrie Bridges Stone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Strickland



Sherrie Bridges Stone - May 01 at 08:21 PM

TF

“ Sending prayers up for Bert and Todd and family work with Steve at Rocky Ridge and know him for many of years sending prayers up for his wife and family fly high Steve you be missed



Theresa @ Tony Fowler - May 01 at 03:46 PM



“ Geraldine Bruce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Strickland



Geraldine Bruce - May 01 at 03:17 PM



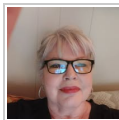
“ Steve was always so sweet & kind, everybody loved & respected him very much. To Vanessa & the entire family, my thoughts & prayers are with you. His beautiful mother was my Sunday School teacher as a child @ Royston Methodist. To Stanley, I've asked about you often over the years & I'm so sorry 🙏🙏 RIP sweet friend 🙏🙏

susan marie phillips - May 01 at 03:07 PM



Vanessa, Todd, Burt, Stanley and family
My deepest condolences for the loss of such a good man! He always had big smile and big heart.. the world has lost a lil shine without him.. keep telling his stories and jokes and he will live in your heart forever!
Deepest love and sympathy
Kathy Christmas-Evans

Kathy Evans - May 01 at 04:47 PM



Vanessa and family,

So sorry to hear this. I thought the world of Steve and have known him since childhood. The Bryant family sends our prayers and regards.

Barbara Bryant Wilson

Barbara Wilson - May 03 at 08:28 PM