



Virgil Fred Sterling

April 15, 1934 - December 30, 2016

Virgil Fred Sterling, received his wings at the gates of heaven on Friday, December 30, 2016. He left this Earth peacefully, comforted by his wife and family. He was 82 years old.

Virgil was born in Riverside, TX on April 15, 1934 to the late Fred Callie Sterling and Ella Lee Sterling. He attended public school and graduated from Huntsville High School, Class of 1952. Upon graduating high school, in July of 1952, Virgil enlisted in the United States Navy where he served his country in the Navy during the Korean War. Upon completing his service, he returned to Walker County and attended Sam Houston State University and graduated with a degree in accounting.

Virgil married his wife of 58 years, Janice Faye Horne Sterling on November 1, 1958. In 1959 they welcomed their first child, Sharon Lee Sterling Reynolds and five years later, their family was complete with the birth of their second daughter, Carolyn Sterling Ivey Flores. After working for trucking companies early on in his marriage, the family found themselves moving state to state, but in 1969, Virgil settled the family back in Walker County. After dabbling with different career opportunities, he went to work for Champion International where he later retired.

Virgil and Janice's favorite thing to do, during their retirement, was to travel

the United States and Canada. With Virgil behind the wheel and Janice navigating, they saw the most beautiful sites together.

Virgil will be deeply missed by his family and those closest to him. His love for hunting, fishing, and traveling have been handed down to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Virgil was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Callie Sterling and Ella Lee Sterling, his daughter, Carolyn Sterling Ivey Flores and son-in-law, Manny Flores.

His survivors include his beloved wife of 58 years, Janice Faye Horne Sterling, his daughter, Sharon Lee Sterling Reynolds, son-in-law, James Carroll (Buddy) Reynolds, goddaughter, Rebekah Steely Brooker, sisters Anna Lee Sterling Cooley, Rebecca Carolyn Sterling Steely, and Lois Sterling Brown, grandchildren James Carroll Reynolds, II, Murphy Milton Reynolds, Annie Lee Reynolds, Aaron Ivey, and Justin Ivey, and great grandchildren Paislee Love Reynolds, James Carroll "Trace" Reynolds III, and Milton McCoy Reynolds, as well many other family, extended family, and close friends.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Services will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at Northside Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery

800 Martin Luther King BLVD.
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfmh.com

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

Northside Baptist Church
1207 FM 980
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil Fred Sterling*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies Janice and family. What a kind and gentle man to have as a husband and father for your children.*



Earl & Sherry Carter - January 04, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ *Dear Janice and family, My prayers are with you as your journey of grief continues. The gift of Resurrection Hope tells us that Virgil is free of the uncertainty and chaos of this world; he is walking upright and rejoicing in the presence of the Lord of Resurrection Life. So it is with joy that we remember where he is, but it is with tears that we know that we can no longer reach out to hug him or listen for the reassurance of his step in our world. I pray that your memories will comfort you as you and all who love him laugh and cry together. I pray that every hug, flower, card, offering of food will touch your hearts with love and bring you peace. Love to you -- I know Tom is welcoming Virgil with a huge hug -- one good man to another!*
Sharon Hart



Sharon T Hart - January 04, 2017 at 03:08 AM

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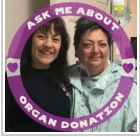
“ *When I was young, I was over at the Sterlings' house a lot visiting my good friend, Carolyn. Mr. Sterling was like a second father to me during those days. I loved him so much.*

Susan McGilberry - January 03, 2017 at 04:00 PM

SG

“ *This memory is being added on behalf of my Daddy, Robert Warren. Virgil was the Best Man in my Daddy and Late Mother's Wedding. He was a member of Daddy's Sunday School Class, and was thought very highly of by our entire Family. His Mother, Daddy, and Sister's are valued Family Friends of the Warren Family. Virgil will be missed by many, but we have assurance that one day we will see Virgil again, until then he, along with so many others, will live on in our memories and in our heart's. Our prayers and love for Janice and the entire Family.*

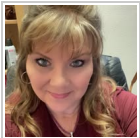
Sandy Gutierrez - January 03, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ Mr Sterling was the best of what a husband, father, brother, son, Grandpa and friend should be! I have so many wonderful memories of growing up at their house! I am sure there were so many times he would tire of those "Ellisor brats" but, he was NEVER rude or say GO HOME! And that was just the type of person he strived for his daughters to be, also! I am sad for Mrs Sterling losing her life soulmate, for they were just the perfect choice for each other! Sharon, I don't think there is anything harder than losing a parent, especially a Dad... and you & Carolyn were both "Daddy's girls" !! I had so many e-mail conversations with Carolyn before she passed away...she had such an inner strength that was hard to mimic. I know she is truly at peace now with her Daddy beside her. I pray for your family at this hard time & have found that keeping all the funny memories of my Dad close kept me happy knowing he was not in pain any longer. I'll always love your family!! Hugs & much love, Jamie & Don Brinegar



Jamie Sue Brinegar - January 03, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ We are so saddened to hear of the passing away of our dear customer Virgil Sterling. He has been such a joy over the years and he will be missed. We hope that wonderful memories will be a comfort to you during this difficult time.

*Mike & Tammie Nokes
McGilberry Mechanical Heating & Cooling, Inc.*

Tammie Nokes - January 03, 2017 at 09:17 AM

JR

“ *Judy Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Virgil Fred Sterling*



Judy Reynolds - January 02, 2017 at 01:00 PM

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“ *Everyday when Mr. Sterling came home from work, I was probably visiting, and he would come in kitchen and always kiss Twice to Mrs. Sterling! I always heard two kisses.... So sweet!!!!!!*
Penny

Don & Penny Fowler - January 01, 2017 at 03:24 PM

DF

“ *Don & Penny Fowler sent a virtual gift in memory of Virgil Fred Sterling*



Don & Penny Fowler - January 01, 2017 at 03:10 PM

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“ *What a sweetheart he was! I have so many memories of how much he loved his family and what a gentleman Mr. Sterling was. I will miss seeing his warm , beautiful smile! Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mrs. Sterling, Sharon, Lois, and all family. Don is saddened and will miss his plumbing calls! We are lifting you all up on prayers!*
Don, Penny & Scarlett

Don & Penny Fowler - January 01, 2017 at 02:43 PM