



Strafford Grady

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Service for Reverend Strafford Grady, 62, Lufkin, is scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the First Baptist Church Lufkin, 106 E. Bremond Ave. Burial will follow in the Davis Memorial Garden.

Strafford Eugene Grady was Grady to most who knew him. To his wife, he was affectionately known as

"Fluff'/. Strafford was the eldest son born to the late Freddie Ayres and Barbara Stegall Grady Ayres on June 30, 1960, in Lufkin, Texas. Strafford professed Christ at an early age, was saved by God's grace and baptized into the fellowship of Christ in 1964. His church affiliations include Long Chapel CME Church, Church of The Living God PGT, (Pillar Ground and Truth) and Church of The Living God, CWFF (Christian Workers for Fellowship) in Lufkin, Texas. Strafford attended public school in Lufkin, Texas. He would graduate; then pursue higher learning at Sam Houston State University.

Strafford later married Cedric Hunt Grady. To this union of 32 years were born a son, Kendall Jordan Grady, and Jasmine Nicole Grady. Strafford was a kind and loving partner to his wife Cedric, as well as an amazing father to his daughter's Brittany, and Jasmine, and to his son Kendall. Most memorable is his unconditional love for his family. He will be remembered for his admonishment to all to always use kind". That is exactly how he chose to live his life. Just like he dealt with all experiences in life, Strafford managed his challenges with strength, grace, and integrity. He wanted to spend as much time with his loved ones as possible. On his final day, he was surrounded by family, who he adored more than anything else in life.

Strafford was unselfish with his gift and was always willing and ready to offer his gift to the masses whenever asked. He seldom said no.

In 1996, while a member of Church of The Living God, CWFF, Strafford was



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appointed, and ordained as deacon by Elder Earl Whitaker, Pastor. He surrendered to God's call into the Ministry in 2015 and was licensed by the Church of The Living God, CWFF (Christian Workers for Fellowship) in 1996 under the Pastorage of Ricky Peterson. He served as Deacon, Trustee and Music Ministry President for more than 15 years. In 2017, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, Reverend Grady and his family united with the Goodwill Baptist Church. In March of 2018, he would elevate and preach his initial sermon becoming licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. At his demise, Reverend Grady and his family were still united with Goodwill Baptist Church, under the Pastorage of Bishop ME Lyons, Senior Pastor.

Community choir affiliations include Church of The Living God, CWFF, Lufkin Interdenominational

Choir, The Majestics, The Spiritual Silverstone's, The Lawrence Kirksey Crusaders, Goodwill Baptist Church Choir, The East Texas Chapter of The Gospel Music Workshop of America, Robert Ayers and The Voices of Christ, Temple #1 Church of The Living God, Gregg Garcia and the Family Circle, Reverend B.J. Fears choir of Lufkin, He was lead on Lufkin ICs live recording at New Zion Baptist Church with the late Charles Tyrone to name a few.

Stafford leaves to cherish his wife Cedric Hunt Grady; Son, Kendall Jordan Grady; Daughters Brittany

Cheri Grady Smith, and Jasmine Nicole Grady; Grandchildren Elijah Smith, Isaiah Smith, Leslie Smith.

Brothers Calvin Ayres (Susan); Baron Ayres (Cedrick); Nieces Ashley Nicole Ayres; Teronda Brown; Katrina Ayres; Nephews Ashford Ayres (Latawnya); Ryan Blake Malone (Lindsay) and De'Metrius Dirden; along with a host of other beloved friends and family.

Stafford was proceeded in death by his parents Freddie and Barbara Ayres; Brothers Ronald Ayres and Kendall Wade Kelley; and Grandmother Leona Brown.



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KP

Kathie Williams-Parks sent a virtual gift in honor of Stafford.

March 17 at 10:56 PM



PC

Phyllis A Chatmon lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

March 12 at 1:18 PM



EB

Ella Booker sent a virtual gift in honor of Stafford.

When I see Jesus...Amen! No more sickness or suffering when I see Jesus its Amen, Amen. Lifting the Grady family in prayer. Sending love and condolences to Cedric Grady and her children.

February 26 at 7:39 AM



LF

Lavenia Fenley lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 25 at 9:00 PM



AB

Annette Barnes sent a virtual gift in honor of Stafford.

Praying for the family ❤️

February 25 at 4:25 PM



JB

Justina Coutee Bogany lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 25 at 10:52 AM





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DR

Danny L Roundtree lit a candle in honor of Stafford.



February 25 at 8:46 AM

VF

Vicki R. Foster (Bennie Johnson Family) posted:

Dear Grady family, We are so grateful to have had the privilege to meet Stafford during my Aunt Bennie Ruth Johnson's home-going service. She had so much respect and regard for him. I pray God's strength for you all during this time of transition.

February 25 at 8:03 AM

KS

Kathy Stein posted:

Sending my sincere condolences to the family 🙏

February 25 at 6:59 AM

AS

Angela (Royal) Simmons lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

May God comfort your family



February 24 at 6:04 PM

KF

Keith Ford lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

My condolences to the Grady Family.



February 24 at 4:43 PM

LM

Latrell Myers lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

Condolences to the family. Sending Love, Prayers, & Hugs. 🙏🙏🙏



February 24 at 4:31 PM



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Lesa Ayers Johnson lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 24 at 4:09 PM



Angela Parks lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 24 at 3:22 PM



Ramona Logan lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 24 at 8:10 AM



Katherine Blackburn lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 24 at 4:41 AM



Sylvia Kirkwood sent a virtual gift in honor of Stafford.

February 23 at 4:45 PM



Wilria Crain Monmouth lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 22 at 6:48 PM





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BC

Bobbie Cudjoe lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 22 at 3:55 PM



TJ

Thaniel&Robbie Jenkins lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 22 at 2:00 PM



PH

Pearl Harden lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 22 at 1:52 PM



PP

Peggy Pool lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

Jimmy an Peggy pool an family lit a candle in memory of Stafford Grady.

February 22 at 1:43 PM



YM

Yvonne Mccalister lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 22 at 11:26 AM



SB

Sherron Benton posted:

My Deepest Condolences to The Family

February 22 at 10:43 AM



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SB

Sherron Benton lit a candle in honor of Strafford.

February 22 at 10:42 AM



VH

Vickie Howard posted:

To The Family Of Strafford Grady. Derrick and I are sorry for your loss. You guys are in our thoughts and prayers. We met Strafford many years ago as we sung in various choirs together. Strafford even sung in our wedding on August 1993. We found him to be a very talented, kind and soft spoken gentleman whom we considered as a friend. More importantly, he was our Brother in Christ. Derrick and I are sorry that we will not be able to attend Strafford's homecoming service. However, we will keep you guys in our prayers. Just remember, you will always have an angel watching over you guys until you meet again. God Bless, Sister Vickie and Brother Derrick Howard, Alumin Members of Nacogdoches IYC and Rev. B J Fears and Life Choir of Lufkin.

February 21 at 11:49 PM

CL

Charylone Lampkin lit a candle in honor of Strafford.

February 21 at 8:33 PM



CB

Caroline Beard lit a candle in honor of Strafford.

February 21 at 8:02 PM





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Caroline Beard sent a virtual gift in honor of Strafford.



February 21 at 8:01 PM



Vickie Howard February 21 at 11:28 PM

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Vickie Howard February 21 at 11:12 PM

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Nedra Larue lit a candle in honor of Strafford.



February 21 at 4:43 PM



Kenneth And Joanne Perry sent a virtual gift in honor of Strafford.

Prayers for peace, comfort and strength for this beautiful family



February 21 at 1:36 PM



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TH

Teresia Tims Harris lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 21 at 11:32 AM



VG

Virginia Garrett lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 21 at 11:03 AM



MJ

Minnie Jones lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 21 at 9:19 AM



DT

Debra Tatum lit a candle in honor of Stafford.

February 21 at 6:05 AM



DM Deda Jones McAfee February 22 at 6:10 AM
Without a doubt - Calvin Jackson & Stafford are holding down the tenor section in the Heavenly Choir as we make this adjustment... absent from the body PRESENT with the Lord! Prayers and Strength to Stafford's friends and love ones. Deda Jones McAfee

DT Debra Tatum February 21 at 6:06 AM
To the family you have my Deepest Condolence

WW

Winifred & Betty Watts sent a virtual gift in honor of Stafford.

February 21 at 4:15 AM





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TF

Teresa Freeman lit a candle in honor of Strafford.
My deepest sympathy to the family,he will be missed.

February 21 at 3:07 AM



HC

Howard J & Miriam Coleman lit a candle in honor of Strafford.

February 20 at 11:47 PM



JD

Janice Doggett sent a virtual gift in honor of Strafford.

February 20 at 9:13 PM



SK

Sylvia Kirkwood sent a virtual gift in honor of Strafford.

February 20 at 8:23 PM



ID

Irma D posted:

He was such a mild mannered sweet spirited person who loved the Lord, he will be missed dearly by all, rest easy!

February 20 at 8:10 PM

KC

Kathy A Coutee lit a candle in honor of Strafford.

February 20 at 8:02 PM





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JS

Jurlene Sparks lit a candle in honor of Strafford.

February 20 at 5:43 PM



PA

Patricia Austin lit a candle in honor of Strafford.

February 20 at 5:01 PM



AC

Annie Cole lit a candle in honor of Strafford.

February 20 at 3:07 PM



AD

Anita Darks sent a virtual gift in honor of Strafford.

February 20 at 1:48 PM



JR

Jimmie Riviere sent a virtual gift in honor of Strafford.

February 20 at 11:55 AM



OW

Odessa L Wright sent a virtual gift in honor of Strafford.

February 20 at 11:28 AM





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Arleen Maxie Woodson lit a candle in honor of Strafford.
Condolences to your family. My Grady was always positive and had kind word.

February 20 at 11:27 AM



Arleen Maxie Woodson lit a candle in honor of Strafford.

February 20 at 11:25 AM



Rose M Hadnot lit a candle in honor of Strafford.

February 20 at 11:25 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Strafford by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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