



Stephen Lewis Stroughter

March 15, 1952 - March 6, 2018

Stephen Lewis Stroughter, 65, of Visalia, California, passed away March 6, 2018 in Fresno, California. He was born on March 15, 1952 to Lewis and Mildred Stroughter. He spent his childhood on the north side of Visalia. As a child Stephen fell in love with the game of baseball and he played on the champion little league teams. He graduated from Redwood High School in 1970. He excelled in baseball, football and basketball, He was the first African-American student body president at Redwood High School.

In 1971, Stephen was drafted by the San Francisco Giants. He ended his career in 1982 with the Seattle Mariners. Stephen then played most of a full season in Japan with the Hashin Tigers in 1983. His love of baseball continued as he coached high school baseball as well as giving private hitting lessons when he returned to Visalia, During his baseball career he was known as the Wonder Man and was said to have had a beautiful left hand swing, Stephen loved all kinds of music but his favorite was Earth, Wind and Fire.

Stephen is survived by his wife Isabelle, his son Michael (Ruby) Helsley of Fresno, Ca. His sister Sandra King of Fresno, Ca. stepdaughters DeeAnna (Gerald) Hurd of San Leandro, Ca. Tiffany Hamilton of Tulare, Ca. Anneka Hamilton of Modesto, Ca. Three granddaughters, 2 step granddaughters, a step grandson and 2 step great-granddaughters.

Stephen also leaves to cherish his memory a host of family and friends, He

was proceeded in death by his parents Lewis and Mildred Stroughter and his brother Jimmy West.

A memorial service will be held in his honor on April 21, 2018 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel.

Condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

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You've got one life

You've got one glove

You've got one game

You've got one love

You've got one chance

You're just one man

So play the game as hard as you can

Previous Events

Memorial

APR 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 East Caldwell
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Lewis Stroughter*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - April 21, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Stephen Lewis Stroughter*



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DS

“ I played with Stevie for a full season on the 1975 Fresno Giants baseball club in the California League. He was truly a special soul. He would be the first to cheer you up if you were in a low mood, and the loudest to celebrate you when you were hot. I told George Genovese who signed me, that Stevie was the best hitter that I played an extended time with. Watching him hit was to see a real talent as well as to steal some of that special style for oneself. One dark early morning that year in Reno, NV, I was pacing around in the parking lot pondering a slump I couldn't seem to shake and I hear a voice say, "Hey Stab, are you okay?" I looked up and saw Stevie out of his room on the walkway railing. He just laughed at me, told me to go back to bed saying "we need your bat rested for tonight." Those were definitely enchanted times in our young guy lives, more so because of someone like Stevie Stroughter. Rest in Peace.

Dave Stabelfeldt
Long Beach, CA

Dave Stabelfeldt - February 25, 2019 at 01:57 PM

CH

“ I went to high school with Steve and walked next to him into "The Bowl" at graduation! He was well liked and much admired. Sincere condolences to his family.

Colleen Smith Heller

Colleen Heller - April 25, 2018 at 09:50 AM

PJ

“ I’m sorry for you loss, I just learned of Stephen’s passing. I enjoyed his assistance with the annual APBPA dinner. We miss him dearly.

Patty and Jennifer Joost



patty joost - April 24, 2018 at 01:28 AM

TP

*“ THE WALTON FAMILY
REGGIE,KATHY,MORGAN & PRESTON
purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of
Stephen Lewis Stroughter.*



**THE WALTON FAMILY REGGIE,KATHY,MORGAN &
PRESTON** - April 20, 2018 at 10:23 PM

MA

*“ Thank you for showing such heart to my son Kayden and loving him as your own. All the over night stays baseball lessons we wresting and hanging with you max and Harley well forever imprinted in his heart. My favorite memory of you is taking all us girls to go see Earth Wind and Fire at the Fresno fair. I will never forget the smile on your face for the joy you felt to share something you loved. You will be forever thought of and missed. We love you to all Steve family my deepest condolences always missed never forgotten.
Love Marisa Kayden Noah and Natalya*

marisa - March 15, 2018 at 11:18 PM

SH

“ I send kind thoughts to Steve's family. We knew him through his baseball world.

Hugs, Sue Holt, and the late Bert Holt, Visalia

Sue Holt - March 14, 2018 at 10:30 AM

TP

“ My dad, John Price, coached Steve in basketball and baseball at Redwood in the late '60's. As a 10 year-old, I recall watching in awe as Steve practiced and played in games. I always aspired to play as legendary as he did. Steve was very much liked and admired by so many. His dad was just as kind and amazing as well, and I remember speaking with him so fondly about his son as he drove his Orange Belt bus to Wolverton Ski Slopes. Thank you, Stroughter family, for all the wonderful memories, kindness, and inspiration.

Tom Price 1977 Redwood grad

Tom Price - March 13, 2018 at 09:30 PM

JM

“ Like so many Stephen and I were friends from Carrie Barnett. The fact that I think of us as special friends speaks volumes of this man. Even if it had been years since we spoke when we did see each other Stephen had a way of making me feel like we were best friends. I can only pray I made him feel the same. Knowing and growing up with Stephen has made me a better man. The world has lost a special soul, but Heaven has gained a special angel. I pray Stephens family may find peace. I will miss you Stephen.

Jim Martzen - March 13, 2018 at 01:21 PM

BW

“ Steve was a good friend and we went to high school together. I was always proud of his baseball success. I recently had seen him at the movies where he introduced me to his new wife. He seemed so happy, I am saddened by his passing. Barbara Washington (Watters)

Barbara Washington - March 12, 2018 at 12:23 PM

SH

“ To the family of 'Steve Stroughter - We knew him in our baseball world and send our thoughts to all of the family. I have not seen Steve in quite some time, but he was always special to us.

Sue Holt and the late Bert Holt

Sue Holt - March 12, 2018 at 12:46 AM

JG

“ To the brother I grew up with. It hurts to hear the news of your passing. I wish our adult lives would have been able to keep us closer. I still remember us growing up together and I will always have those memories. Good bye, my Brother. Jesse

Jesse Gutierrez - March 11, 2018 at 12:22 PM

DE

“ I KNOW THEY SAY PRINCE CHARMING IS ONLY IN FAIRY TALES BUT I KNOW ONE NAMED STEVE HE MARRIED MY MOM ISABELLE. I'M GOING TO MISS YOU . HE LOVED THE CARROT CAKES I MADE.

DeeAnna - March 10, 2018 at 02:32 PM

LE

“ So sorry for your loss. Stephen was sound of reason when I needed someone to listen and understand. His friendship was special and he'll be dearly missed.

leann - March 09, 2018 at 09:58 AM