



## Mr. Samuel Matthew Strickland

May 17, 1985 - August 28, 2016

Samuel Matthew (Matt) Strickland, 31, died August 28, 2016, in Albany, GA. Funeral services will be held Friday, September 2, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Albany, Georgia. Reverends Thad Haygood and Scott Stanfill will officiate. Interment will follow at Harmony Cemetery in Richland, Georgia at 3:00 PM. Strickland was a life-long member of Albany First United Methodist Church. The family asks that remembrances be made to Albany FUMC at 306 Flint Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31701 or Young Life Albany at PO Box 70053, Albany, Georgia 31708.

He was the son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Leon Strickland, born May 17, 1985, in Albany, Georgia. A 2004 graduate of Deerfield Windsor School in Albany, Strickland continued his education at Auburn University where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Auburn University in 2008 and a Masters of Health Care Administration from Georgia Southern University in 2014. A member of the Foundation of the American College of Health Care Executives, Strickland served in administration at Southwest Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

He is survived by his parents, Willette and Sam Strickland of Albany; sister Catherine Strickland Evans and her husband Hunter, nephews Henry Wall Lauck and Mial Hunter Evans of Atlanta; grandmother Lorine Olliff Hendricks of Metter; aunts and uncles: Kay and Waldo Meeks of Statesboro, Catherine

and Jerry Croxton of Richland and Margaret and Adolph McLendon of Richland; Cousins: Huff Croxton and his wife Beth of Cumming; Tag Croxton and his wife Amy of Midland; Jason Gibbs and his wife Lisa of Lexington, SC; Scott Gibbs of Rome; and Alex Hendricks of Charleston, SC.

To share your thoughts with the Strickland family you may visit our website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
307 Flint Ave  
Albany, GA 31701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Samuel Matthew Strickland*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Samuel Matthew Strickland*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Samuel Matthew Strickland*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Sam and your family,  
We are saddened to hear of the death of your son. Our memories of Aunt Kat and Uncle Willis sharing stories of you and, later, of you, Willett, and your children.  
May the peace of our Lord be with you and give you peace.  
Jim and Libby Coffin*

**Libby Coffin** - March 02, 2017 at 06:40 PM



“ *Sam and Willett,  
Pam and I are so sincerely sorry for the loss of your son. We had no idea until we received your card. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Love you both,  
Pam and Jerry Smaha*



**Jerry Joseph Smaha, M.D.** - December 19, 2016 at 01:55 PM

AD

“ Sam and family,  
I just wanted you to know that I, along with so many others, grieve with you. May God steady you and sustain you through this most difficult time.

Annette Heymann Dixon

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**Annette Heymann Dixon** - September 06, 2016 at 09:57 AM

IA

“ Sam and family,

My heart breaks for your family in the passing of your son Matt. Please know that all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers as you walk this difficult journey. May the Lord hold you close and bring you the peace that passes all understanding.

Iris Miller Archer  
Macon, GA.

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**Iris Miller Archer** - September 03, 2016 at 04:30 PM

SA

“ Dr. Strickland, This is Shirley Manning Armstrong. I worked with you in CT and then as an instructor for Rad. Tech. program. I am deeply saddened for you loss, but know God had a purpose and a plan for this time in your life and the life of your son. Judging from the comments shared, my thoughts are confirmed. I will continue to pray for strength during these days, but weeping endures for a night and joy will surely come in the morning.

Much Love for you! Shirley

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**Shirley Armstrong** - September 02, 2016 at 10:49 AM

CS

“ *Carol Stark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Matthew Strickland*



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**Carol Stark** - September 02, 2016 at 08:59 AM

CS

*Lifting prayers*

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**Carol Stark** - September 02, 2016 at 09:00 AM

DM

“ *Willette, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son, Matt. I am sending prayers your way on this day and in the days to come.*

*Donna Hoffmeister Miller, class of 1974, MCG*

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**Donna Miller** - September 02, 2016 at 08:00 AM

MS

“ *Remembering our backstage antics. Matt making me laugh and turning around to get the job done on those scene changes. Always dependable. Always in my heart. God keep you and lift your family today and in the days to come.*



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**Milli Sample** - September 02, 2016 at 07:30 AM

CA

*We had so much fun hunting and fishing out @ the farm & in Auburn I love you my friend*

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**Cole Allen** - September 02, 2016 at 09:23 AM

TC

“ Tom Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Matthew Strickland



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**Tom Cox** - September 01, 2016 at 07:21 PM



“ Oh, Sam, my heart is broken for you and your wife. He looks just like you. Praying for your family.

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**Margie Hartsfield Staggs** - September 01, 2016 at 08:29 AM

JC

“ My most vivid memories of Matt are also some of the best memories of my life... It seemed like from the day I was born, our families were more like one big family while the Corr kids and Strickland kids were growing up. We did so many things together and this included at least 1 beach trip every Summer for many years. Thinking back on those trips, they all blend together - timelines that were worry-free, joyful, always fun, and definitely full of togetherness and the love of family & friendship. Our parents gave us a special gift with those beach retreat bubbles of happiness. We were very lucky, also because a big part of what makes any trip great, is the people you do it with, and besides being like family, Matt and Kate were some of the most enjoyable kids we knew. While the adults would do their thing, we would do ours, and even though Matt was the little brother of my best friend (Kate), he and I would find ourselves buddying up quite a lot. He was so much fun to be around, always with a genuine smile on his face and a great attitude. Matt was the type of guy that you would have a hard time being sad around because he just had that kind of light in him. He was a kind, never cruel, fun-loving empathetic person who had an inherent sense of right and wrong in him and wanted everyone to be happy and enjoyed making everyone happy. Ha, his favorite thing about the time he and I dropped water balloons on Mom was when she got back at him later with a bucket of water. He loved that!.. You can associate at least one negative memory with almost anyone that you have spent a significant amount of time with in your life, especially in childhood; but would you believe that he is the Only regular of every beach trip that I have zero negative memories of?! Ha, he might have some of me, but I certainly don't of him and that has to be rare. I'll always remember him as a bright spot in making those trips as wonderful as they were. And now that I'm a handicapped bed jockey, memories mean more to me than ever. Knowing him was a gift and even though we all grew up and grew apart, going down our own separate paths, whenever I'd hear his name, I'd see his face with that big life-loving smile on it, ha, and find myself smiling too... I regret not getting to know the man Matt had become, but I really feel blessed to have known him.

*I can't begin to imagine what you're all going through... I hate it and wish there was something that I could do... I'm just so sorry... Y'all are in my thoughts.*

*Love,  
JP*

*PS: I'm going to try my best to make it to the service Friday.*



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**JP Corr** - August 31, 2016 at 11:18 PM

CT

“ *Dr Strickland, I have such wonderful memories of being in your reading room sharing stories about our Matt's. I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. Praying for peace and comfort for you, Mrs Wilette and your entire family during this heartbreaking time.*  
*Claire (Gleaton) Taliaferro*

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**Claire Taliaferro** - August 31, 2016 at 09:46 PM

GD

“ *Will always remember walking outside of the party in college to pop your tailgate and listen to the live Jimmy Buffett concerts from your XM radio. Thanks for all the good times brother, until next time...*  
*-1224-*

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**Gray Davis** - August 31, 2016 at 08:49 PM

CF

“ I will always remember Matt as a little boy and being so disappointed that I didn't get him in my class. He was such a sweet little kid and everyone at Deerfield was crazy about him. I had run into him recently and had a chance to reminisce a little. Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers. My heart is breaking for you for this devastating loss. Wishing you comfort and strength as you go through this very sad time in your life. Love and prayers, Connie Finnicum

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**Connie Finnicum** - August 31, 2016 at 06:54 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Matthew Strickland.



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August 31, 2016 at 04:09 PM

BM

“ Saddened by the loss of a good friend Matt Strickland. The one year at Auburn that he was my roommate we shared a lot of fun times and memories that I will remember for a lifetime. He had a zest for life and could always put a smile on my face and make me laugh. He was truly a character and great friend. Keep cheering for the Tigers Strick and War Eagle buddy.

Sincerely,  
Brad Milstead

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**Brad Milstead** - August 31, 2016 at 02:18 PM

BO

“ *Beth C. Odom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Matthew Strickland*



**Beth C. Odom** - August 31, 2016 at 01:58 PM

BO

*Your family is in my thoughts and prayers as you face each new day.*

**Beth C. Odom** - August 31, 2016 at 01:59 PM

LL

*Willette and Sam you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you peace and comfort. Linda Howell Lee*

**linda Howell Lee** - August 31, 2016 at 05:21 PM

TP

*Willette and family, know that you are in my prayers, Teresa Poitevint*

**Teresa Poitevint** - September 01, 2016 at 07:59 AM

TC

*Willette, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers for you and family.*

**Tom Cox** - September 01, 2016 at 07:17 PM

DB

“ *David Buescher purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Samuel Matthew Strickland.*



**David Buescher** - August 31, 2016 at 12:48 PM

BO

“ Beth C. Odom purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Samuel Matthew Strickland.



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**Beth C. Odom** - August 31, 2016 at 10:58 AM

MB

“ Leonard and I are filled with sorrow at losing dear Matt. We will continue to lift the family in prayer knowing that your closeness with each other and friends will bring you some comfort.  
Margaret

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**margaret brannan** - August 31, 2016 at 09:09 AM

RA

“ Sam and Willette, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family.

*Russ Allen*

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**Russ Allen** - August 31, 2016 at 07:40 AM