



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 hometown at a later date.

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

One

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

Comments



“ 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 - 5 hours ago



“ 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 - Yesterday at 12:23 PM



“ 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 - Yesterday at 12:46 AM



“ 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 at 12:22 PM



“ 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 at 02:32 PM



“ 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 at 09:58 AM