



Willard Aubrey Sterling

January 25, 1940 - April 5, 2008

Willard Aubrey Sterling, 68 of Fifty-Six Ark passed into our Lords loving embrace Saturday April 5, 2008 after suffering crippling injuries sustained in an ATV accident November 9, 2007.

Willard was born January 25, 1940 the 11th of 14 children of Loan & Mae Sterling.

Willard worked many years for the Delmonte Canning Co in Mendota Ill before traveling North. He gained employment with General Motors in Flint MI.

Willard had a good work ethic and eventually retired form GM then followed his dream of returning home to his native Arkansas.

Willard was an active participant in his local Church and community. He loved to garden, hunt, fish and interact with others. Willard was known for his generosity. He kept area friends, church members, and loved ones supplied with fresh vegetable from his garden. Willard was loved and respected by many and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Willard leaves behind 7 children; Harold & Julia, Frankie Joe, Becky, Jeff & Tina, and JaRita Carol; 21 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 7 siblings.

Willard was proud of all his children and never missed an opportunity to share their accomplishments with others. He will be dearly missed by all, "we love you daddy".

Visitation will be 5-8pm Tuesday April 8, 2008 at Powell Funeral Home.

Funeral Serives will be 10am Wednesday April 9, at Powell funeral Home.

Burial will be at Fredonia Cemetery following the service.

A time of remembrance & fellowship will follow the grave site service at Berea Baptist Church in Judsonia Ark.

Tribute Wall



“Daddy, I will miss you so much and wanted so badly to have you up and about again, we all did.

I look around at your family and I see glimpses of you, your smile, your laugh, your sense of humor, your good looks, even your ears. Seriously, I can see you in us and I know you would be so proud of the women and men your children have become.

Your flowers and service were beautiful. Elvis sang and the family smiled and sang softly along, you would have been grinning ear to ear seeing us all in one place hanging onto to each other.

I know you and I will have many of our talks as the days progress, I may get even get a few more words in but, I know if I slow down I will hear you still being my daddy and helping me along the way.

I love you daddy, I never minded being the runt because you always made me feel special. I am and will always be my daddys little girl.

All my love daddy-Julia

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“ *I still miss you daddy, not a day passes that you do not cross my mind and wonder what if.....*

I try harder to take each day and live it to its fullest knowing you missed a chance at many of your days, too too many.

I comfort myself thinking you are up in Heaven looking down at me and helping me take the right steps, and probably threatening to spank my butt when I am goofing up.....thats a daddies job, I know this now.

Say hello to God for me and be good up there!

I love you so much, Julia

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“ *Words seems to fail me when I try to explain how much Uncle Willard will be missed. He loved to talk about God. He loved his church family. He often talked about how much all his family meant to him. I pray for all the family today that as time goes on we take a moment to make a call, share a hug, give a word of encouragement or just be there for each other. God bless and take care we love you all. Let us all meet on the other side with Jesus.*

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“ I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, love and friendship during this time. My father was in no way a perfect man, but then again, who of us are? He was a man however that we all learned from and have many memories of. He made an impression on many people's lives and can never be forgotten. As we start to re-acclimate ourselves back to our individual worlds this week, we find there is hole that seems so dark and dreary. It is filled with "what if", "why" and "if I would have just". We must remember that our goal here on earth is to one day be reunited with our Heavenly Father, and everything happens according to His plan and purpose. Daddy met this goal! For those of us left behind, let us remember the good times, the laughter and love. Cherish our family and friends. And most of all love unconditionally, without consequence or regrets. Daddy would definitely have been honored to know of the positive impact he made on the many lives he touched, and the fond memories he left behind. I love you daddy-

April 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Willard will surely be missed by so many, he was always ready to offer a hand to anyone who needed help. His beautiful smile touched many hearts, and he was always so considerate of others, always ready to help in any way he could. He was very proud of his children, and loved them all, he was wonderful with children and kind to older people always showing respect. I am so thankful most of all for Willard's love for the Lord and know he is enjoying the wonderful presence of our King Jesus, along with seeing his mother and other loved ones. I thank God for Willard and the good memories and times we shared, both my son's loved Willard and so appreciated many things he taught them. God Bless all of his loved ones and may the Lord be with you in the adjustment of the days to come, I pray God's very best for all of you always.

April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always think of Brother Willard he was so good to Brother Wilson and I He always asked ,Do you guys need anything? He took good care of Us (His Pastor and Wife) He loved to help others, We Loved him and Appreciated everything he did for us.Brother Wilson & I will cont. to pray for the Family. Sister Teresa Wilson (Pastor's wife)

April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sincere sympathy to all the family of Willard Sterling. We enjoyed the times we shared with him. He stopped by our farm several times and even rode in the combine with his brother, Dwayne. We will miss talking with him and having him come visit us. We know his suffering is over and he is with our Lord.

April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ A friend in need is a friend indeed. Willard has always been a helping hand to me over the fifteen years I have known him. He has been a very generous person to all he came in contact with. He attended and graduated from Agape Faith Bible Training Center and volunteered his services on the soundboard to record the classes for another three years. Upon his retirement and move to Arkansas, he purchases a new mixer for the recording department, which we still use today. Thanks for being a friend, Willard O Willard. I can still see your smile and the twinkle in your eyes. I will see you again in Heaven.

April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to all of the Sterling family and to my husband, Willards' oldest child, Harold Wayne. I know that this news broke his heart. I hope and pray that God will comfort my husband and his sister Julia, and all the other relatives grieving at this time. I wanted to be there to support my husbands' family, but unfortunately was unable to leave our home and kids at this time. I met Willard only one time while he visited our home one week in a summer a few years ago. I found him to be kind and generous and completely affable. I will miss the opportunity to get to know him better, and for our son Dakota to bond with his grandfather. His passing is very sad and painful for us all. God bless!!

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“ I knew Willard when he was in Michigan. He attended our deer camp for several years and was the camp cook and his cooking was a blessing to us all! (He was the cook by choice because he was the best cook in attendance! Willard always had an entertaining story to tell and was the life of the camp. I also made many trips to the Tippy dam in Manistee where he and I had many good memories of fishing for salmon together. I always enjoyed doing things with Willard and he was a very good listener who was always there! He also would give the shirt off of his back to anyone in need. My condolences to all of the Sterling family.

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“ When we received the news of our dear brother in the Lord passing our thoughts immediately went to the times he was part of our flock. Willard will always have a special place in our hearts when he was with us he attend our bible school and he was a very good student. I recall the day he graduate from school the BIG smile he had on his face and the glow on his face. His faithfulness to the Lord and to the church was miss when he decided to leave and retire (at least that what he said but I don't think so). He had such a love for God and a gentleman and had a hungry for the knowledge and the word of God. Our condolences to all the family, friends and know this your dad, grandfather, brother, uncle or friend whatever he meant to you he was truly loved by the AGAPE FAITH FELLOWSHIP family. Final words be encourage because he is in His Lord and Savior arms waiting for all of us to join him. Much love Pastor Joseph & Eva Rodriguez

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“ Willard was a good friend to us when he lived in Michigan. He was generous and always willing to help others. We will miss him, and extend our condolences to his family and friends everywhere. He has a home in Gloryland now. Our prayers will be with you as you say goodbye to him tomorrow.

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