



Mr. Sam Watley Strong

July 29, 1944 - September 29, 2022

Funeral service for Mr. Sam Strong, 78 of Carthage, will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jerry Anderson officiating. A time of visitation will be held from 11:00 – 12:00 prior to the service. Burial will follow in the Rosewood Park Cemetery in Longview under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mr. Sam Watley Strong was born on Saturday, July 29, 1944, in Carthage to Watley and Mildred Strong. He passed this life on Thursday morning, September 29, 2022, at his home in Carthage.

He was a 1962 graduate of Carthage High School. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1968-1969 where he earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He worked for Otis Engineering for 15 years, working overseas for approximately six years in Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Nigeria. In 1979, Sam founded Strong Services where he employed numerous Carthage area citizens for a span of forty years.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 26 years, Janis Boyett Strong, brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and JoAnn Strong, brother-in-law, Travis Wall, sisters-in-law, Nancy Duncan Graves, Billie Moss, and Rosella, and husband Rock Myers. Nieces and nephews, CSM Tony Duncan, Dr. Kriss Myers and wife Rhona, Mark Myers and wife Trina, Kelly Gramier, and husband Keith, Kurt Wall and wife Germaine, Karen Nelson, and Carla McGrath. A host of friends also survive Mr. Strong.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Tunnels 2 Towers

(a fund for disabled veterans) 2361 Stanton Island, New York 10306.

Cemetery Details

Rosewood Park Cemetery

1884 FM 1844
Longview, TX 75605

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Funeral Service

OCT 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Committal Service

OCT 1 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MF

“ I was sorry to read about Sam's passing, I've known him for decades...we were in the same line of work..



He and i last worked together on a Hydrogen Sulfide Well in Grand Saline Texas in 1979...the Well head was leaking H2S and several cattle had died..

I had the pumping equipment and finally got the Well killed..Sam and I put a couple of plugs in the Tubing and replaced the Well head...we wore Scott Air Packs for three days...we had a good laugh afterwards about how deadly the situation had been...we'd survived another one...

I saw Sam in Carthage a few times years later..he still called me "Killer"...

Rest in Peace brother..

My sympathies to Janis and the family..

Men like Sam are few and far between these days...thank God for making them...

Mike Ford - October 09, 2022 at 01:15 PM

BE

“ Becky Eubank lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam Watley Strong



Becky Eubank - October 04, 2022 at 04:18 PM

SC

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your Family. Danny Joe and Sherri Coleman 🙏*

Sherri Coleman - October 01, 2022 at 08:01 PM

CS

“ *Charlotte Strong Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam Watley Strong*



Charlotte strong smith - October 01, 2022 at 06:57 PM

SS

“ *I will miss Sam. I will always appreciate what he did for me. He was a man of his word. Sorry that I can't come to the visitation. We have Covid.
Janis my thoughts are with you and Tommy and the rest of the family*

Sammy Stephenson - October 01, 2022 at 07:48 AM

RH

“ *Roger Hartless lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam Watley Strong*



Roger Hartless - October 01, 2022 at 06:17 AM

KN

“ I loved Uncle Sam! My sisters and I were so very fortunate to know his love when we were growing up. He played dolls and colored picture with us always making each of us feel as though we were princesses. Then as we got older we would show him off to our girlfriends claiming in advance that he was as good looking and personable as Elvis Presley. We sure thought he was! Then as an adult he loved my sons especially my oldest Dylan as if he were he were his own. Dylan worked for him and then when in an automobile accident thst paralyzed Dylsn it was Sam who picked me up at the airport and transported me from Houston to Nacogdoches on what was one of the most difficult days of my life. He was awesome. The Rick I needed to help me go forward. I loved being in his presence with him lavishing the twinkle in his eyes towards me as he teased me or talked about a subject he knew would stir my passion. Janis my heart goes out to you and my Dad during this difficult time. Karen Strong Nelson (niece - daughter of brother Tommy Strong)

karen Strong Nelson - September 30, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Sam Watley Strong.



September 30, 2022 at 01:22 PM

LW

“ Mr. Strong was wonderful to our son Shay when he worked for him. Shay loved him and had so much respect for him. We will always be grateful to him for giving Shay a chance and a start in his line of work. God bless all of you!

Louis & Carrie Wiggins - September 30, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Sam Watley Strong.*



September 30, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ *Lori Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam Watley Strong*



Lori Hall - September 30, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ *Pam Works lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sam Watley Strong*



Pam Works - September 30, 2022 at 09:48 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Sam Watley Strong.*



September 29, 2022 at 09:12 PM