



Mel D Sturkie

July 22, 1958 - June 1, 2025

Mr. Melvin D. Sturkie, the beloved son of the late Theron and Leola Sturkie, was born on July 22, 1958, in Wellington, Alabama. He confessed Christ at an early age and united with his family's home church, Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church. He received his education in the Calhoun County School System where he attended Alexandria High School.

Mel, affectionately known as "Pete", was a loving brother and friend who had a vibrant spirit and found happiness in the simplest of things. Whether he was fishing on a lake or playing bid whist with friends, Mel had a zest for life that was infectious. Music was a constant companion in his life, and he could often be found carrying a Bluetooth speaker, which earned him the nickname, "Radio". He was a passionate Auburn fan and wore his orange and blue with pride.

Mel was also a proud member of the United Social and Savings Club, engaging with his community and fostering friendships that created a sense of belonging and unity.

On Sunday, June 1, 2025, Mel "Pete" Sturkie answered the master's call and transitioned from labor to reward. He was preceded in death by his parents, Theron and Leola Sturkie, brothers, Tony L. Sturkie and Hollis Brewster, nephew, Cornelius Allen, and Godfather, Eddie Woodruff.

Mel leaves behind a legacy of love that will forever be cherished by his brothers, Tommy Sturkie and Chester Sturkie; sisters, Brenda (Erskine) Anderson and Betisa (Demetris McLain) Sturkie; special aunt, Annie Paul Lewis; aunts, Delores (Sam) Garland, Dolly Ragland, Edith (Lonnie) Hendrix, Lottie Fomby, and Catherine Fomby; uncles, Raymond Fomby and Benjamin (Vanessa) Fomby; sister-in-law, Earthel Brewster; Godmother, Minister Vanessa Woodruff; Godsister, Aretta Woodruff; Godbrothers, Tracy Woodruff, Eddie Woodruff, Jr, and Sam Woodruff; a special friend and her family; a host of other family members and friends.

As we bid farewell to our beloved Mel, let us all remember him not with sadness, but with

a warm smile, knowing he is now at peace and shining on us as brightly as the music he loved.

Cemetery Details

Edgemont Cemetery

3555 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN **13.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston
830 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Celebration of Life

JUN **14.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
5777 Alexandria Wellington Rd
Wellington, AL 36279