



Beverly Ruth Stracener

November 7, 1942 - March 19, 2019

Beverly Ruth Stracener 76 of Kingston Tennessee was called to Heaven on Tuesday March 19, 2019. She was born November 7, 1942 in Alexandria LA to the late Reed and Ruth (Howison) Swift and was raised in Pomana CA.

Beverly and her husband Wayne pastored many churches in Illinois, New Mexico, Alaska, Colorado, California and Michigan. They spent many years as missionaries in several countries including Barbados, Guyana, Phillipines and Nigeria. They served faithfully together for 53 years before Wayne passed away in 2014. In the past few years her passion and love has been keeping track of her grandchildren and proofreading manuscripts for several friends.

Besides her parents, Beverly was preceded in death by three brothers; John Swift, Don Swift and Gerald Swift.

She is survived by seven children; Daniel (Joanne) of Oliver Springs TN, Judie (Morrie) Lewis of East Moline IL, Nathan of Greenville SC, Larry (Rita) of Corona CA, Sharon (Roger) Mertens of Irondale MO, Karen (Ken) Arnold of Indianapolis IN and Pam Stracener of Kingston TN. 19 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren. Two brothers David (Dorothy) Swift of Petrolia TX and George (Anita) Swift of Duarte CA and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston on Monday,

March 25, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at Kyker Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday March 26, 2019 at 10:00 am with Reverend Randy Bates and Reverend Bobby Dyal officiating. Interment at Magnolia Cemetery in Westlake Louisiana.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Bible Missionary Institute for a Missionary Scholarship Fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly Ruth Stracener.*



March 25, 2019 at 01:28 PM



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March 25, 2019 at 10:30 AM



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March 25, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathies to the family during this time. She was such a sweet spirit and I have fond memories of times in Westlake, LA.*
Michael Hood

Michael Hood - March 24, 2019 at 11:45 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Beverly Ruth Stracener.



March 24, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ Steveandshelley Swift lit a candle in memory of Beverly Ruth Stracener



Steveandshelley Swift - March 23, 2019 at 06:49 AM

MH

With heart felt sympathy to the family ,my prayers go with ya'll.

Mary Hughes - April 09, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Beverly Ruth Stracener.



March 22, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - March 22, 2019 at 03:02 PM

RS

“ Aunt Beverly was more than just an aunt to us. She was our beloved friend. She was our pastor's wife when our children were young. She provided much needed instruction on good parenting. Later we could call on her for advice on many problems and she always offered wise advice. We will miss her greatly but thankful she is with Jesus.

Richard and Sue Swift

Richard and Sue Swift - March 22, 2019 at 02:05 PM

DI

“ D&D Motors Inc purchased the *Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum* for the family of Beverly Ruth Stracener.



D&D Motors Inc - March 22, 2019 at 09:47 AM

BW

“ We love the Stracener family. Sis. Stracener was a sweet lady who embodied the scriptural definition of godliness.

Brent & Nicki Woodard

Brent Woodard - March 22, 2019 at 09:30 AM

BA

“ Beverly was the sweetest woman I ever met. I worked with Pam, her daughter, and was always greet with a big, warm smile when she would come by. She was truly special lady. My prayers are with the Stracener Family during this difficult time.



Brandy Andrus - March 22, 2019 at 08:40 AM

CW

Beverly was a special lady. A wonderful Godly example of a wife , Mother, Grandmother, friend, missionary. Praying for the Stracener family . Know they will miss her so much. But know we will see her again .

Clyde and. Linda Wehner - March 22, 2019 at 11:45 AM

HT

“ If one were to open the dictionary to the entry for "Godly woman," I believe Sister Stracener's picture would be one of those found in the definition. I enjoyed many long, heart-to-heart talks with her, standing at the half-door of her office in the basement of the ad building at Bible Missionary Institute. She also accompanied us on our senior trip to Washington DC, where lifelong memories were made. Over the years since then she has remained a true friend. Any time I would see or talk with her, her sweet spirit was an encouragement. In a message last night I talked about some people I have known who just had the aura of Heaven about them; it was clear they had been with Jesus... Sister Stracener is one of those to whom I was referring. I am so thankful for the opportunity I had to be with her for a short while last summer. We laughed, reminisced, and talked about spiritual things. Though we have not had frequent contact in recent years, I will miss her--just knowing she was there was a blessing. However, I still know where she is, and I intend to meet her there. Good night, Sister Stracener. Thank you for your influence on my life. You made a difference. I will see you in the morning.

Harrold E. Taylor - March 21, 2019 at 11:48 PM

BH

“ Beverly Stracener was one of my heroes. I met her as a young teenage girl when they came to Pomona on furlough. I loved her family and went to the Day School with her kids. Later as a young mother, she and Bro. Stracener pastored our church in Pomona. I could go to their house anytime and always felt welcome. I loved her laugh and her smile . She was genuine. She always had time for you. She truly loved God and made me want to live close to God. One warm memory I have is when my daughter, Missy, was born. Missy was a very good baby. Sis. Stracener said “I think she was born sanctified”! That always made me laugh!

She always had a happy spirit.

Our last phone call was just a couple of weeks ago and she text me two sweet messages a day before she went to heaven. I will always treasure those . I let her know how much she meant to me and I will always aspire to be like my beautiful friend. Danny, Judie, Nathan, Sharon, Karen, Larry and Pam... I am there with you all and love you guys! You were blessed to have this wonderful lady as your mom.

Love, Brenda Harger

Brenda Harger - March 21, 2019 at 10:58 PM

BS

“ I will never forget the love and compassion this lady had. BMI she was not only a great teacher but I worked with her in the office. She made me laugh wiped my tears when I got home sick but the greatest gift was her love for Jesus. She showed us all what that truly was to be a real Christian. she loved her family and I will never forget the love she had for everyone. I am thankful I got to be a part of her life. I will pray that the family finds peace and comfort during this hard time. Even though she is in heaven suffering no more doesn't mean you wont hurt. I pray that you remember the good time and stay true to Jesus for you will see her again one day. She loved you all and I hope you know how blessed you were to have her in our lives. God bless yall. My sympathy is with you all. Love you and I will be praying for you in the days that follow.



Barbara Hill Smart - March 21, 2019 at 09:17 PM

BB

My first contact with brother and sister Stracener that I remember was in 1967 in a revival meeting in Anchorage Alaska. These are God's cherished children who served him faithfully and with the spirit of holiness personified. Our prayers are with the family. Sister Stracener is now with my sweet wife Marie who just left us a few months ago to go where we all want to and plan on-home sweet home. I plan on meeting them soon. Bob Barker

Bob Barker - March 22, 2019 at 10:36 AM

UW

Both Bro. & Sis. Stracener meant a lot to us..

They were our missionaries in Georgetown Guyana and became our spiritual parents, our teachers, mentors and coach. We did not only learnt Bible School lessons from them but life lessons. You could talk to them on any subject. They were our No. 1 missionary family. The best the BMC has produced.

I (Usha) was invited to attend Bible School in the city of Georgetown. The Straceners became much more than my spiritual parents. I lived with them for more than a year. I became their daughter. They treated me like one. Then when I met Richard in Bible School, they gave guidance and counsel, as they would have done with their own children. They supervised our first few months of courting. When they were returning to the States due to Bro. Stracener's illness, she whispered to me that she was not leaving me alone because I will have Richard. She modeled before me the pattern of a godly mother, wife and woman of God. I will cherish those memories and live what was taught to me.

We were young at the time of our first meeting. The next time we met again with the Straceners was in Barbados where they served as missionaries once more. We visited with them in their home and shared so many special memories. We were much older and established in ministry. They could now see what their inputs had made in our lives. We hoped that they were proud of us.

Moving to the United States we kept in touch with our phones and our cards. She never forgot our birthdays or our anniversary. She was our mom. I spoke to her just over 2 weeks before she went to be with Lord. We ended our conversation in prayer. I will always have great and beautiful memories.

Mom Stracener, as I affectionely called her was a special person. She connected, we knew she loved us and sought to bring out the best in us. She was a kind, generous, humble and just an amazing woman of God. She was a woman of standards and would let you know when you deviated from those standards. Mom Stracener was precious to us.

Our love and prayers to Danny, Judy, Nathan, Larry, Sharon, Karen, Pam and the entire family.

Usha and Richard Watson

Usha Watson - March 22, 2019 at 01:11 PM

JH

Love and prayers to all the children, in-laws, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends....so many people cherished the Straceners! Thanks to whomever put the photos together. We enjoy the weekly privilege to be with one of the grandsons, Roger Mertens IV, an extension of the passing of the Stracener torch of love, faith, joy, and grace. Jack and Carma Holland

Jack Holland - March 26, 2019 at 08:54 PM

JC

Dan, me and my family offer our deepest condolences to you and your family. Please know that we have you all in our thoughts and prayers. John Cunningham

John Cunningham - March 27, 2019 at 12:56 PM