



## Charles "Sonny" Strickland

October 15, 1948 - August 19, 2017

Conway.....Charles (Sonny) Ronald Strickland, born on October 15, 1948 (68), passed away Saturday morning, August 19, 2017 at MUSC in Charleston, SC due to complications from surgery. Karen and Kale were with him in his final days and moments.

Sonny was born in Conway, SC and split time between Conway and Pompano Beach, FL. He graduated from Conway High School, attended the University of South Carolina and served in the Marines reserves. Sonny co-founded S&S Claims Service which he was actively involved with at the time of his passing. He previously had ownership in several other businesses including Coastal Ale House and Bob's Motel.

Sonny was an avid golfer and enjoyed boating, although he did not do as much in his later years. He enjoyed spending time in his new favorite place, Pompano Beach, where he enjoyed the beach, water and restaurants. It also brought a twinkle to his eye when he spent time with his granddaughter, Sadie Grace.

Sonny is survived by his longtime fiancé and wife to be, Karen Lee; son, Kale Strickland (Amy); granddaughter, Sadie Strickland; sister, Melanie Osborne; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Bob and Rose Strickland and siblings, Jinx Squires, Jan Ward and Sandy Strickland.

The family will receive friends at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Conway, SC (606-610 Beaty Street, 843-248-4211) on Saturday, August 26th between 3:00 and 5:00. In lieu of flowers, happy memories of his life and stories of good times can be posted at [www.GoldfinchFuneralHome.com](http://www.GoldfinchFuneralHome.com). This will be a celebration of a good life lived by a great man.

Sonny lived, loved and enjoyed life to the fullest! He will be missed.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Today is March 2nd 2018 I just found out about my good friend Sonny. Words cannot describe what a wonderful friend he was there was never a dull moment from the moment he used to run Bob's and then of course standing room only and man oh man could he Shag he always had a smile on his face and was always a nice to every person he approached I'm truly heartbroken to know this after the length of time of his demise God bless all of you family and children and of course his girlfriend Karen I am so sorry but he is in heaven and I'm sure his shaggin the way across the clouds I feel so lucky to have had many years of memories and friendship with such a wonderful human being truly one of a kind God bless you sonny

KAREN MISHOE - March 06, 2018 at 04:19 AM

WY

“ My friend and I met during Andrew the motel gave him my room because I was running late. We made friends from then.

*During earth quack he was on phone with Karen a aftershock hit he ripped out phone from wall and got under bed. We were in same room I ran outside.*

wyatt - August 29, 2017 at 09:37 PM

LW

“ My Prayers go out to Karen, Kale and family. I first met Sonny working on the Coastal Ale House and have been blessed to know him ever since that time. I will miss him Dearly.

Lynn Wesche



Lynn Wesche - August 26, 2017 at 11:36 AM

EH

“ To my friend Sonny,

*" Whosoever believe in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life "*

*Not only will you live in the House of Lord, you live in our hearts. As you were our mentor, friend and boss.*

*And this especially holds true for me, as over the last four years you've called from time to time to check on me as I battled cancer. And how I remember the good times and South Florida and when you would make sure I*

*got home safely after we had dinners, the intercoastal and your condo that I never got to see finished.*

*And I do know how much you love these things. And your fairness as you and me and John Hall discussed how to treat insureds.*

*It was such a privilege to not only work for you, but to know you as a friend over the last few years.*

*You'll always have a special place in my heart, as I go through life.*

*Everett Hodges*

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**Everett Hodges** - August 26, 2017 at 11:18 AM

RH

“ *The Boulder Claims family sends our deepest sympathy to the Strickland family. We really enjoyed working with Sonny over the past years. Please know all of you are in our thoughts and prayer. Sonya and the staff*

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**Randy Horden** - August 26, 2017 at 09:10 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Sonny" Strickland.*



August 26, 2017 at 08:48 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts go out to Kale and Sonny's family. I have only known him for the past few years but have always enjoyed working for him. He was always easy going, didn't seem to get excited about much. RIP Sonny*

**John K. Hall** - August 25, 2017 at 08:08 PM



“ *Your Friends at The Hanover Insurance Group purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Charles "Sonny" Strickland.*



**Your Friends at The Hanover Insurance Group** - August 25, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ *Our prayers to everyone who is grieving about the loss of such a great man. We shared a lot of good times through many years that will not be forgotten. Sonny was a great friend and truly a gentleman. We will miss him dearly. Our love and prayers, Steve & Corinne*



**Steve & Corinne** - August 25, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ 63 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - August 24, 2017 at 02:11 PM

JY

“ *Our hearts were saddened to hear the news. We have had the privilege of working with Sonny several times. He was one of those special people you meet in life and never forget. Our prayers go out to the family during this difficult time.*

*Adjuster's Darrell & Jennie Yeager*

*("Lead Me Home" by Jamie Johnson)*

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**Jennie Yeager** - August 23, 2017 at 08:21 PM

JS

“ *We are sending our deepest sympathy to the Strickland family. Your family is in our prayers.*

*Joe Schwinghammer*

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**Joe Schwinghammer** - August 23, 2017 at 07:40 AM

TR

“ *Thelbert Roberts lit a candle in memory of Charles "Sonny" Strickland*



Thelbert Roberts - August 23, 2017 at 03:45 AM

TR

*RIP Sonny, my thoughts and prayers for the family, friends and loved ones.*

Thelbert Roberts - August 23, 2017 at 03:53 AM



“ *Kelvin Lewis lit a candle in memory of Charles "Sonny" Strickland*



Kelvin Lewis - August 23, 2017 at 12:42 AM

PB

“ *Pat Bobbs lit a candle in memory of Charles "Sonny" Strickland*



Pat Bobbs - August 22, 2017 at 05:49 PM

PB

“ I am an Independent Adjuster out of San Diego, CA. Although I never met Sony in person he and I spoke a lot on the phone. He was always professional, very well established as an Independent firm and I wish I had the opportunity to meet him. I read the kind words about the man who so loved life. I'm certain he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Patricia Bobbs

General Adjuster

Claims Review and Consulting Services, Inc.

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**Pat Bobbs** - August 22, 2017 at 05:48 PM

JR

“ I first met Sonny when he ran the bar at Bob's Motel on 501 and continued to keep up with him at Recovery Room and Coastal Ale house. For the longest time it was the "Three Musketeers" Ray Turner, Ray Johnson & Sonny! They treated everyone like family! Sonny would often just sit back and grin! Sure will miss seeing you buddy but the memories will always be there. Bless your heart and the hearts of those you leave behind, especially Karen and your family.

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**Julie Rajotte** - August 22, 2017 at 05:47 PM

BB

“ I had the privilege of meeting Sonny one time and it was a pleasure. We have spoke on the phone many times as I worked for S&S. He was always understanding and when needed offered much valued advice. My most memorable conversation with him was my first conversation with him. He was deploying me to a storm and asked me if I wanted to start with 50 claims or 70. I suggested 50 and explained to him that I'm not a speedster. So he sent me 50 that day and 20 the next....Gota love a man like that!  
RIP Sonny, you were well loved as a person and well respected in your profession.

*Benny Bulger*

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**Benny Bulger** - August 22, 2017 at 02:44 PM

DN

“ Thank you for sharing your time and family with all of the adjusters whose lives you have impacted in a positive way... RIP Sir and Blessings to the Strickland Family



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**David Nelsen** - August 22, 2017 at 02:10 PM

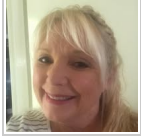
SD

“ Steve Donahue purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Charles "Sonny" Strickland.



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**Steve Donahue** - August 22, 2017 at 02:05 PM



“ You were always such a pleasure to work with. You will be greatly missed. Prayers for the family. - David & Connie Evans



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**Connie Evans** - August 22, 2017 at 01:24 PM

GM

“ Have known Sonny all my life. What a great friend. Will miss him.



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**Gene McDowell** - August 22, 2017 at 11:36 AM

SL

“ Suzanne Laliberte lit a candle in memory of Charles "Sonny" Strickland



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**Suzanne Laliberte** - August 22, 2017 at 11:27 AM

DF

“ DENNIS FULMER lit a candle in memory of Charles "Sonny" Strickland



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**DENNIS FULMER** - August 22, 2017 at 10:33 AM

DF

*"SONNY BOY" ( AS I KNEW HIM) AND I WERE FRIENDS FOR A LONG LONG TIME HE WILL LEAVE A VOID IN THE LIVES OF ALL WHO KNEW HIM.OUR PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY.*

**DENNIS FULMER** - August 22, 2017 at 10:37 AM

SL

*“ It is so sad to hear of Sonny's passing. During the past fifteen years of adjusting S & S was by far the best firm to work for because of Sonny's genuine caring and understanding. He was always there for you and willing to help. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

*Suzanne Laliberte*

**Suzanne Laliberte** - August 22, 2017 at 09:35 AM

BJ

*“ Karen I am so sad for you loss of such a amazing man. My heart is hurting for you and Sonny's family. He was a exceptional man and he had chosen the right one to spend his previous years with. You and Sonny were meant to be together and you will be together again one day. He will always be looking down on you and longing for the time that you will meet again. Love, prayers and hugs to you my sweet friend.*

*Brenda Harrold Jones*

**Brenda Harrold Jones** - August 22, 2017 at 08:43 AM

RB

*“ Rhonda Sanders- Butler lit a candle in memory of Charles "Sonny" Strickland*



**Rhonda Sanders- Butler** - August 22, 2017 at 08:34 AM

RH

“ I got to know Sonny from the Coastal Ale House (Recovery Room at that time). I was a mechanic working across the street. I was always wanting out of that profession due to all the chemicals and other parts of that profession were tough on a body. Sonny gave me my first break into the adjusting profession 12 years ago and I still doing it (still work with S&S here and there also). I truly believe my life is much better (and healthier) because of his willingness to take a chance on me. Thank you from me, Sheri, and my son Vance. You were a very caring, funny, and fair man and people don't come any better than Sonny Strickland. You will be missed by everyone that knew you.

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**Robbie Hill** - August 22, 2017 at 08:04 AM

LS

“ Oh my goodness, when i was much younger like 22, Sonny used to hang out with my sister and her husband, and we all met up one nite, had drinks and dinner and then went dancin, he was such a great guy, we had the best time. at the end of the nite he let me drive his Corvette, that thing was pretty, we all rodenout to his house on Waccamaw Dr. Everytime i went to Standing room, he would hug my neck. I havnt seen him in years but he surely will be missed. RIP Sonny, you certainly will be in great Company....Lisa Sorrow

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**Lisa Sorrow** - August 22, 2017 at 07:50 AM

TE

“ Sad to hear, Sonny was a good man. The Strickland family is in our prayers.

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**Travis Epley** - August 22, 2017 at 06:53 AM

JF

“ Javier ledesma and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles "Sonny" Strickland.



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**Javier ledesma and Family** - August 21, 2017 at 10:55 PM

LD

“ Whether it was bad news, good news, unpleasant, or indifferent, I always enjoyed getting to talk with Sonny. He had quite the soothing voice, the most calming demeanor, the best pleasantry, etc. I've always admired him and thought of him as quite a fine Southern Gentleman. I'm sure he was a fine father as well.

*Godspeed to the Strickland family.*

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**Ladd Dilworth** - August 21, 2017 at 10:55 PM

SN

“ Sharon Nesmith lit a candle in memory of Charles "Sonny" Strickland



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**sharon nesmith** - August 21, 2017 at 10:50 PM

BH

“ Thoughts and prayers are with Sonny's family and friends. We spoke on the phone last month and I can still here is unique and comforting voice.

*RIP Sonny*

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**Brad Hill** - August 21, 2017 at 10:43 PM

JL

“ I had the pleasure to meet Sonny in Florida when I was a new adjuster for S&S joining the Citizens MCM program on 2012. It was a great experience, tremendous person, great friend. Our deepest sympathies go out to the family during this difficult time.

*Javier Ledesma.*

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**Javier Ledesma** - August 21, 2017 at 10:06 PM

JL

“ The last time Debbie and I saw Sonny was at his condo in Pompano Beach. We enjoyed a day on his boat, diner and drinks later. Sonny was a great friend to all of us. We will miss him very much.

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**Jeffrey Lindsey** - August 21, 2017 at 09:35 PM



LW

“ Sad to hear of Sonny's passing. He was such a wonderful man that made so many impacts both personally and professionally. Prayers to his children and family during this time!

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**Lauraleigh Weaver** - August 21, 2017 at 08:11 PM

 Steve Danner

“ I was always impressed with Sonny when I worked with S&S. He was always very professional and helpful. He will be missed. Prayers for his family and loved ones.

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**Steve Danner** - August 21, 2017 at 07:45 PM



DM

“ I had the pleasure to meet Sonny in Florida in 2004 when I was a new adjuster. Sonny took time with me over the years, always lending his knowledge, experience and kindness. I have worked with S&S Claims on and off for 13 years now. Ive grown fond of Sonny and greatly appreciate him. He will be missed by all of us. God speed Sonny.

*David Russell Morris*

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**David Morris** - August 21, 2017 at 07:36 PM

AR

“ We are sadden with the loss of Sonny and send our thoughts and prayers with his passing.

*Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.  
- Mathew 5:4 King James Version*

*Angela and Howard Reynolds*

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**Angela and Howard Reynolds** - August 21, 2017 at 07:31 PM

SS

“ Steve Sanderson purchased the Sweet Tenderne ss for the family of Charles "Sonny" Strickland.



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**Steve Sanderson** - August 21, 2017 at 07:19 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to the family during this difficult time.*

*Joe & Kim Madden*

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**Joe Madden** - August 21, 2017 at 07:03 PM

KG

“ *Kay And Dennis Graham lit a candle in memory of Charles "Sonny" Strickland*



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**Kay and Dennis Graham** - August 21, 2017 at 06:53 PM

CD

“ *The news of Sonny's passing shocked me, strongly. We have never met but I had expected to a couple times in years past when we talked of my working for S&S Claims in various capacities. Seems that the call to action always came a bit after I committed with another firm and so we did not have the opportunity. We did talk, several times of several things, and those conversations were always good. He made me want to be part of the S&S Claims family each time. He chided me once for "just missing" a paid two week training with Citizens in Jacksonville. (Wish I was available then.) I have few regrets in life, at age 70, but one is my missing the chance to meet and greet Sonny in person. Maybe he would chide me about that, and I suspect he will (when we do meet.)*

*Previously I was a psychologist and grief counselor, and in that capacity I learned how to appreciate the Spirit of one's life...by making a mental book with that soul's name on it. In it are kept the very best memories of the moments shared during the lifetime...and the "book" is stored in a mental library, always available, whenever the closeness or yearning for a memory is felt. Pull the book off the shelf and have a sit,..."opening" it to relive special moments, honoring the spirit and relationship. This greatly reduces any sense of "loss" and pays tribute to the memory and life of who we cared most about..*

*My deepest condolences for Sonny's family, friends and folks of the firm.*

*I am certain he will be remembered by many in the best of ways. --  
Chuck Domm*

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**Chuck Domm** - August 21, 2017 at 06:51 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry hear about Sonny passing although I never met him in person he was always very considerate and warm when we spoke on the phone. It is a sad day. I wish the family all the best and my prayers are with you all.

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**Jerrell Simpson** - August 21, 2017 at 06:10 PM

JS

“ *Jerrell Simpson lit a candle in memory of Charles "Sonny" Strickland*



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**Jerrell Simpson** - August 21, 2017 at 06:07 PM

SS

“ *Steven Sanderson lit a candle in memory of Charles "Sonny" Strickland*



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**Steven Sanderson** - August 21, 2017 at 06:06 PM

JJ

“ *Joyce Jenerette lit a candle in memory of Charles "Sonny" Strickland*



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**Joyce Jenerette** - August 21, 2017 at 04:44 PM