



## Preston T. Sturgis

September 16, 1937 - March 10, 2018

### Obituary

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

(Psalm 27:1)

On Saturday, March 10, 2018, the Lord, in His infinite wisdom, sent his angels to take the soul of his child, PRESTON THOMAS STURGIS, SR., our beloved husband and father, to eternal rest at Heritage Hall Nursing Care Facility in Nassawadox, Virginia.

Preston was born on September 16, 1937 to the union of the late Purnell and Catherine Mapp Sturgis, Sr. He was reared in the area of his birth Painter, Virginia. Three brothers, Julius, Johnny and June, predeceased him.

Preston received his formal education in Accomack County Public Schools in Accomack County, Virginia.

Throughout his journey along the road called life, he has worn many hats and touched the lives of many people. He was always an outdoors person and he thoroughly enjoyed working outside. His productive years were spent laboring as a waterman, farmer, landscaper and was co-owner of a mobile home set up and demolition business.

On July 24, 1961, Preston married the love of his life, Corine Wyatt Sturgis. Six children were born to this union-Linwood, Preston Jr., Milton, Lisa, Kevin and Towanda.

Preston a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He did his best for his family and loved ones. He enjoyed the beauty and happiness of life and was loved and respected by all who knew him. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time with family and friends and looked forward to going on the family cruises. He also was a member of the Eagle Riders Motorcycle Club for many years. His kind and caring manner, vibrant personality and willingness to help others were his personal qualities we shall always miss. However, in many ways, he will always be with us, for we know that memories are a gift from God that will keep "Preston" forever in our hearts.

He leaves precious memories with: his loving wife of almost 57 years, Corine Sturgis; children, Linwood of Painter, VA, Preston Jr. (Hilda) of Melfa, VA, Milton of Painter, VA, Lisa Sturgis and Kevin (Emma), both of North Carolina, and Towanda Smith (Cory) of Painter, VA; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Purnell Sturgis Jr.; five sisters, Edna Coles of Painter, VA, Georgia Harmon of Dale City, VA, Annie Reid and Juanita Sturgis, both of Painter, VA and Joan Clifford; sisters-in-law, Ethel Sturgis and Louise Harmon; brother-in-law, David Wyatt; special cousins, Howard Jones and Julius Bailey and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and the Painter community.

He will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all his family and friends. Rest in peace, and know that you were loved here on earth by family and friends, but God our Father in heaven loves you the best.

Prayerfully Submitted,  
The Sturgis Family

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# Tribute Wall

VM

“ My heartfelt sympathies go out to the family and friends during this difficult time. I hope that the promise in 1 Thessalonians 4:14 will bring comfort. This scripture says, “For if we have faith that Jesus died and rose again, so too God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in death through Jesus”. Knowing that there is hope for those we have lost in death can be very reassuring, especially now.

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**VMaeberry** - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

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**H. Fields** - March 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. We send this condolence with the sure hope the Bible provides all of us at difficult times like this.

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). As death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to Almighty God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove from this earth FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious day that will surely be! It's a reality and a sure hope that we can trust in because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2).

My wife and I sincerely encourage you to look up and meditate on these noted scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17). You will surely be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope our Grand Creator has in store for us (John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**George & Christine Ragusa** - March 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

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**M Jones** - March 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss!

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**Thomas & Libby Widgeon** - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Isaiah 41:10 for words of comfort and peace.

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**Irene** - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one and I would like to extend my deepest condolence to the family. May you find comfort in God's words in (Revelation 21: 4.)

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**JoyceA** - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We are sorry for your loss and offer our heartfelt condolences. Almighty God promises at John 5:28, 29 that there will be a resurrection for all of those in his memory. May that promise, and the resurrection of Lazarus (John 11:41-44) give you faith, comfort and hope. Again, our condolences.

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**Bentley Family** - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM