



Merle Thomas Strom Jr.

February 2, 1945 - June 27, 2009

Merle Thomas Strom Jr., 64, New Castle, passed away Saturday, June 27th. Merle, Jr. was a 1963 graduate of Burriss High School in Muncie, Indiana. He graduated from the Indiana University School of Dentistry, was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity and served in the National Guard.

Merle is survived by his Son, Jason Thomas Strom of Indianapolis, his Sister, Karen Strom Kuhlmann (Husband Bill) of Lewistown, Montana and former wife, Susan Strom of Bloomington.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Merle T. Strom, Sr. of Muncie, Indiana.

Arrangements for cremation are in the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

The family is requesting any memorials be made to the City of Bloomington Animal Shelter where Strom's two beloved dogs were adopted. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Tribute Wall

VD

“ Merle was a perfectionist and artist when it came to his craft. He was proud of his son, Jason ... a true light in his life. I pray he finds the peace he searched for, and I keep Jason & Susan in my prayers. We have been friends to many of life's journey ... almost 30 years!
Love - Vickie

Vickie Temple Davison - September 08, 2009 at 11:58 PM

MM

“ Dear Susan, We are all saddened to hear of your and Jason's loss. There will never be another Merle. Jim and Bill have had many good times with both of you.

Mary Anne Machin - July 24, 2009 at 11:55 PM

GD

“ During the two years I knew Merle at IU he was always, always, very friendly, personable, positive and funny. God accept and embrace you into his heavenly and holy kingdom, Merle, where laughter and love abound.

Gary Dunn - July 06, 2009 at 03:04 PM

TK

“ To the family of Merle. Just learned of your/our loss. Merle was a great classmate at IUSD and I respected him as a fine member of our profession. We were both "late bloomers" having other occupations prior to attending IUSD. I very much enjoyed our mission trip to Mexico and the times we would talk politics. Merle had a great sense of humor...could keep me in stitches for hours. Needless to say Merle will be missed and not forgotten.

Tom Kapczynski - July 04, 2009 at 10:03 PM

DS

“ I knew Merle only from Burriss High School in Muncie, IN. He had a unique ability to observe, find humor, and comment with a dry wit and a smile. My mental picture of the twinkle in Merle's eyes as he delivered his one liner will always make me smile. Thanks Merle. My sympathy to the family for your early loss of Merle.

David W. Shroyer - July 04, 2009 at 09:31 AM

MI

“ Want to echo the Bier's statement about how Dr Strom was an excellent dentist. I'm still looking for someone that measures up to him. In fact, I still have a bridge he worked on. My current dentist is surprised it is in such good shape. He was the best. He kind of reminded me of Letterman (looks, humor). It is a sad day. Sorry for your loss.

Mike - July 02, 2009 at 05:28 PM

KG

“ I was saddened to learn of Merle's passing, and I'm deeply sorry for your loss. Merle was one-of-a-kind with a special sense of humor. We will all miss him. Merle and I shared many good times reminiscing about our times in Muncie and attending Muncie Burriss.

Ken Grooms - July 02, 2009 at 04:06 PM

JC

“ Merle Thomas Strom Jr.

Julia Conlin - July 02, 2009 at 03:59 PM

JC

“ Sorry to hear of Dr. Strom's passing. He made my fear of dentistry disappear. It was great joking with him during my visits.

Julia Conlin - July 02, 2009 at 03:58 PM

JH

“ Susan and Jason, You are both in my thoughts at this time. I am so sorry for your loss. With love, Joy

Joy Harter - July 02, 2009 at 02:58 PM

RB

“ To the Family of Dr. Strom: Please accept our condolences. Merle was the dentist for our family of five during his entire time in Bloomington. Needless to say, his work was first-rate. What we especially enjoyed was his conversation which made visits to the dentist so much easier. His former patients are thinking of you at this difficult time.

Richard & Gloria Bier - July 02, 2009 at 12:40 PM

EP

“ Jason and Susan...
So sorry to hear about Merle's passing.
Jason, I know you loved your Dad! And, Susan, it was so great you were able to maintain a friendship with him over the years.
God bless you both and, to Merle, God speed.

Evelyn Powers - July 02, 2009 at 08:29 AM

CH

“ Susan-

I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. May God give you strength and comfort in the days ahead.

Cindy Hunckler

Cindy Hunckler - July 02, 2009 at 08:15 AM