



Joseph Barney Stokes

September 26, 1949 - April 28, 2018

Joseph B. Stokes, 68, of Tampa, FL, passed away Saturday, April 28, 2018, in Tampa, FL. He was a member of Gant Lake Baptist Church of Gant Lake, FL. He was a member of the National Costumers Association, National Humane Society, The Humane Society of Tampa, and Crew of the Caribbean Cowboys. He was owner of Features Costumes and Bead Barn.

He was preceded in death by his life partner of 30 years, Duane Wendel; parents, Joseph Burl Stokes and Pauline Whitman Stokes; and sister, Sondra Stokes.

He is survived by: sister, Patricia Battle (Roy Polk), of Lacoochee, FL; niece, Renee McLeod (John), of San Antonio, FL; great niece, Jessica McLeod, of San Antonio, FL; nephews, J.B. Mason, of Tampa FL, Richard Bell, of Warner Robbins, GA, Eddie Bell, of New Orleans, LA; great-nephews: Anthony (Baby Joseph) McLeod, and Benjamin McLeod, both of San Antonio, FL; and close friends: Kim and Ron Brown, Lesley, Kay, Scott, Marjon, and Pete.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to: The Humane Society of Tampa Bay, 3607 N. Armenia Ave., Tampa, FL 33607 (<https://humanesocietytampa.org>). Visitation and ServiceA service will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. (with visitation from 10:00 to 11:00) at Purcell Chapel, 114 W. Noble Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513. Interment will follow at

Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, Florida.

Tribute Wall

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“ To the Stokes family I want to offer my condolences. It was nice to read about his businesses in the obituary. Allow me to share what comforts me... 1 Corinthians 15:26-The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. I pray you receive comfort at this difficult time.

Winter - June 30, 2018 at 02:45 PM

BC

“ Your with God now and he loves you



Bill Corbitt - May 08, 2018 at 06:18 PM

CG

“ A wonderful childhood friend. Bernie was a sweet, kind and fun person. Sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers for the family.

Caroline Leggett Gard - May 07, 2018 at 08:14 PM

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“ My condolences to the family, Joseph was an amazing man, Betsy and I had so much fun on our trips to New Orleans with him and Dwayne. I use to love planing our redesign of the float with him, he was like a kid cause he would get so excited about it. I think the best and most memorable times I had was working during Halloween and getting to dress up every day that and telling people how to fill out the clip boards. I loved him so much he will be missed.

Debi Tomlinson - May 06, 2018 at 10:19 AM

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“ I think of you every day you changed my life
you changed my daughter's life and you
brought so much happiness to others. Rip sir



Liz Riddle - May 04, 2018 at 09:15 PM

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Liz Riddle - May 04, 2018 at 09:14 PM