



## Mr. Claude Lee Morris, Jr.

September 24, 1953 - September 30, 2013

Claude Lee "Stretch" Morris, Jr. 60, of Chattanooga, passed away Monday, September 30, 2013. He was a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga and North Georgia areas and was of the Baptist faith. He was an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, and had received the Most Outstanding Soldier of Cycle Award and was previously employed with Kochs Foods for more than six years. He played football all throughout school and was an avid Alabama Football Fan. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather who will be greatly missed by all that knew him. He was preceded in death by his father, Claude Lee Morris, Sr. and his brother, Richard Wayne Morris.

Survivors include his loving wife, Marilyn Lowe Morris of Chattanooga, TN; mother, Mary Dell Morris of Rossville, GA; four children, Eli Cooper Morris and Sarah Kayne Morris both of Ringgold, GA, Christopher Alan Smith of Hixson, TN and Ryan Wynne of Soddy-Daisy, TN; and 2 grandchildren, Cooper Lee Morris and Kendall Reese Morris.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 2, 2013 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel with Bro. Joe Gill officiating. Burial will follow in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will begin receiving friends after 3 p.m. Tuesday and prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home. Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com)



# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Stretch and I played football and basketball at TCHS. We had many good times from Junior High to High School. Hadn't seen him since the 82 class reunion. I was deeply saddened to hear today that he had passed away. My prayers are for the family and his mom. May God bless you during this time of loss. Jerry Sumner Class of 1972.

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**Jerry Sumner - Chula, GA - Friend** - November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I was so sorry to hear of Stretch's passing. We had so many good times in high school. I pray for comfort for the family during this extremely difficult time.

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**Marlene Strenth - Sylvester, Georgia, GA - friend** - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I'm am sorry to hear about the loss for your family. I hope that you have strength through this hard time and find peace to get through it.

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**kristen cannon - fort oglethorpe, GA - friend of sarah** - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ So sorry for your loss. I lived next door on Chestnut Ave when we were in high school. Many fond memories. We had such a wonderful time growing up. He will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.

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**Faye Edenfield Brannon - Tifton, GA - friend** - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We are sending our love and regrets at this very difficult time in your life. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and we are thinking of you daily. Many fond memories of family times with Stretch and your family. Love, Aunt Jean, Donna & Thomas and their families

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**Jean, Donna & Thomas Morris - Pell City, AL - aunt, cousins -** October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

D7

“ I am so sorry to hear about Stretch's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He was a wonderful person and I know he will be greatly missed.

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**Debi Berger Marple - Honolulu, HI - Tift County High Class of 72 -** October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I was so saddened to hear of Stretch's passing. He was always a nice, kind and friendly person. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. I pray God will heal and comfort you in the coming days. Wish we could have had him at our 40th class reunion. Melody Brown McMillan

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**Melody Brown McMillan - Braselton, GA - Classmate, Tift Co High School -** October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I was so saddened to hear of Stretch's passing tonight. He was always kind and friendly and he was one of the tallest guys in our graduating class. He could have easily been a bully because of his towering presence ...but was never that way. I remember him as always kind, athletic, and nice to all. So sorry for your loss and ours.  
*Polly Fleming, Class of 1972 Tift County High School*

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**Polly Wetherington Fleming - Tifton,, GA - Friend and classmate** - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

G7

“ I was sad to learn that Stretch had passed away. My thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends. I met Stretch in the 5th grade at Northside in Tifton, GA. and we were friends and class mates through grade school, junior high and high school. *Greg Perry*

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**Greg Perry - Tifton, GA - high school class mate class 72** - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember Stretch fondly from TCHS. May God Bless your family.

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**Linda Oliver Clements** - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Dear Marilyn,  
So sorry to hear that Stretch passed away today. Per our conversation last Wednesday I was so looking forward to coming up tomorrow for a visit with him and meeting you. Please know that you, Ms Dale, and children are in my prayers.  
*Gary Vowell*

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**Gary Vowell - Tifton, GA - Old friend** - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ His recent illness had been posted on our TCHS Alumni Class of 72 and our thoughts and prayers have been with him and the family. I went to elementary school with Stretch and continued on through high school. So sorry to hear of his passing.

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**Carole Vaughan Wild - Tifton, GA - high school friend - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

CF

“ So sorry to hear of Stetch's death. He was so well liked. We remember him well from high school (Tift County High). May God be with you all during this most difficult time.

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**Carol Whittington Lee and Billy Lee - Norman Park, GA - Old Friends - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM**