



Raymond Holmes Strople

October 14, 1940 - August 25, 2006

Raymond Holmes Strople of Suffolk passed away in the late evening of August 25, 2006. Born in Longmeadow, Massachusetts to the late Raymond and Julia Hammatt Strople, Ray was a graduate of Norwich University in Vermont and the Marshall Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.. After clerking for Virginia Supreme Court Justice Lawrence W. I?Anson, Ray went on to a distinguished career in Law and worked for over 35 years at the Moody law firm in Portsmouth, VA.

He treasured his time with his family and friends, as well as time spent on volunteer and charity work, including his passion for youth sports, Hospice, and his church, Green Acres Presbyterian of Portsmouth, VA. He enjoyed playing golf and watching his cherished Yankees, Redskins, and William and Mary Tribe.

Ray is survived by his wife, Elaine; his four children, Meg Tollison and husband David of Dallas, TX, Dr. Jennifer Strople of Chicago, IL, Michael Strople and wife Monica, of Chicago, IL, Chad Harris and wife Dr. Ami Claxton-Harris of Cary, NC; three grandchildren, Lauren, Lily and Julian; a special niece, Alayna, who all adored their "Papa"; his two siblings Angie McGinnis of Portland, OR and Peter Strople & wife Judy of Florence, Ky; and a host of nieces and nephews who doted on "Uncle Ray."

A memorial service will be held on Monday, August 28, 2006 at 11:00 am at Green Acres Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's

choice or to Oasis Social Ministry, Portsmouth Area Resources Coalition, HER Shelter, or any Food Bank or Shelter for the Homeless.

Tribute Wall



“ I am sorry to hear Raymond has passed away.

I am the granddaughter of Anna Meletta Strople, daughter of Joseph Marshall Strople and Minnie Elizabeth Lewis. I found your Strople Family Tree site and was so excited but when my e-mail was returned I wondered what happened.

Please accept my sincere sympathy.

Jan##imported-begin##Janice Woycheshin##imported-end##

June 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Family and loved ones of Mr. Strople-- I was deeply saddened to hear this tragic news this morning-- My thoughts and prayers go out to you at this difficult time-- Ray will be missed.##imported-begin##Michele Coale##imported-end##

September 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences on your loss. I only knew Ray through the Pinehurst golf trips, but that was enough to know he was a good person. I know everyone will miss him.##imported-begin##Jim Taylor##imported-end##

September 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ I just want to take the time and wish our deepest condolences on behalf of Hyatt Legal Plans, Inc. for your loss. He was a great attorney who provided superior service to our plan members.##imported-begin##Stan Godlewski##imported-end##

August 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Words are useless now. To the kids and grandkids, I know some of you. I had the pleasure to work with Ray from 1999-2003 at Mr. Moody's firm. I moved to Portsmouth a few months after my mother died so I think I understand some of the emotions you are feeling. You will never stop missing him but the pain does lessen. I am very sorry. You need to be strong for your mom.##imported-begin##Andrew Chafin##imported-end##

August 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Elaine, sorry to hear about Ray...I know that he will be miss by all but you have your family around you, take care and God Bless.##imported-begin##Jo Dollar##imported-end##

August 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy is sent to the Family of Ray at his passing. Ray and his emmediate family have been our church friends for many years. In God's firm hands he will rest forever more.

Bless
The Grier's##imported-begin##Del and Donna Grier##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. I have known Ray for just about a year now, and have recently worked with him on a few files that he took over from another attorney. It was just last week that I was asking people for the name of a dentist, and he stopped in his tracks to spend at least 15 minutes giving me different names, explaining how good they were and where they were located. I always saw him to be a person who went above and beyond what was asked of him, and he was kind and helpful to me from the day I started. He will be sadly missed.##imported-begin##Cindy Tetreault##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray will be missed beyond words as a member of PARC's Board of Directors. His dedication, devotion and guidance cannot be replaced. On a personal note, he is one of the first people that I met upon being hired in 1992 and have come to admire & respect his compassion and willingness to promptly respond to issues/concerns that I would have regarding services for the poor & persons experiencing homelessness. Hopefully, his family will find some comfort in knowing how much he is loved and respected throughout our community. Our prayers are with you,##imported-begin##Annie White-Guertin##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ I have known Mr. Strople for several years through my parents, who have both worked at his law firm. From the day I met him, he was nothing but a gentleman in every sense of the word. After my father's death in April, Mr. Strople, in his own kind way, helped my mother with all the legal aspects of losing a family member, as well as being a true friend in her time of need. He and his wife Elaine will always hold special places in my heart because of that, since I was not always able to be with mom. Even though we take comfort in the fact that he did not suffer and is now in a better place, we all share sorrow in the loss of a truly good man. The world is lesser without him.##imported-begin##Pat Haddock##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray was not only a Gentleman, he was a Gentle-MAN.....always doing for others, selfless and a prime example of what Altruism is. You left us all too early....I hope to live by your example and am confident your work and destiny continues.##imported-begin##Eddie Abbott##imported-end##

August 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at the heartbreaking loss of Ray. I am so very, very sorry. Ray was a kind, generous, funny man and a wonderful boss. I was so proud to be his secretary for the three years I was with him and looked forward every day to the sound of quick bustling footsteps down the hall to my desk that told me our day's adventure was about to begin! I honestly looked forward to going to work with Ray every day. He was always patient and respectful, and any boss I ever have in the future will suffer terribly in comparison. Ray was a treasure -but of course you know that. It was a privilege and an honor to have known him. He was truly one of the finest people I have ever met and was everything that a lawyer and a person should be.##imported-begin##Cindy Young##imported-end##

August 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ We are thinking about you and praying for you. Ray was such a kind man. We will never forget his help when we needed direction with Bill's Dad. We are sure Ray's kindness and compassion will be missed by everyone who knew him.
Michele and Bill Fredericks##imported-begin##Michele and Bill Fredericks##imported-end##

August 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Elaine,
We were so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. We have always respected him a great deal and feel fortunate for the times he helped us out with legal advice.
Ron and I are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time.
Sue and Ron Leta##imported-begin##Sue and Ron Leta##imported-end##

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“ God bless you and you family at this time. I worked with Ray at Moody, Strople for 12 years and just want you to know how I respected his integrity. I will always cherish the opportunity to have worked with such a wonderful Man. May God keep you and your family close.

Sincerely, Julia Bryant##imported-begin##Julia Bryant##imported-end##

August 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ I have known Mr. Ray Strople for 15 years, and have had the pleasure and honor of working with him everyday at the MSKB&H law firm. Ray was an extremely hardworking attorney, and gentleman, who cared about everyone more than he did himself. Whenever anyone needed help, they always went to Ray because 1 he would never say no, and 2 he was very smart and wise. I have never heard Ray say an unkind word about anyone or anything. He was the most caring, sincere, and trustworthy individual I have ever known. He helped and gave so much of himself to so many people, in so many ways, during his lifetime, and he has left a void that will never be filled. He loved his family and grandchildren. He spoke of them often and always with a smile.

It is going to be so hard to make it through each day at work now without Ray. His office is right across from my desk, and on Friday morning, Aug. 25th, the day after Ray was taken to the hospital, I was sitting at my desk and I could still hear "his sounds" in the morning, such as his pocket change jingling as he ran back and forth from his office to his secretary, Sherry's, desk, talking to clients on the phone, etc. He was always at the office very early, and had accomplished so much before 9 a.m. He always said good morning, and he smiled whenever I saw him, and I will always hear "his sounds" to remind me of the wonderful soul that we have lost, and be proud that I was able to call Ray a friend.

We all love Ray, and will always have fond memories of the fun times, the hectic work times, and the sad times. He was family to those of us who knew him and worked with him every day. I am just so shocked and heartbroken by Ray's sudden passing, as everyone is.

Please accept my deepest sympathy to the entire Strople family. My heart goes out to each and every one of you. May God give you the strength to bear this tragic moment in your lives. Ray is in the most wonderful place now that he very justly deserves.##imported-begin##Patricia Tally##imported-end##

August 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ On behalf of United Way of South Hampton Roads we offer our prayers and condolences to Ray's Family. He was a great friend, leader and dedicated volunteer for United Way and in the community. His years of service to the community made it a better place for those less fortunate.##imported-begin##Tonya Gill United Way##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Strople touched our lives with his sweet and gentle nature, while making sure business was taken care of in a most prompt and thorough manner. He will be missed by all who were lucky enough to have met him.##imported-begin##Carmen K. Bittinger##imported-end##

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