



## Mel Stafford

July 9, 1939 - September 8, 2016

Mel Stafford,

77, of Fishers, passed away September 8, 2016. He was born July 9, 1939, to the late Nolan and Vivian Goode Stafford. Mel served his country in the U.S. Army, and was the owner/operator of Stafford & Company, a printing distributor. After retiring he enjoyed driving the train at Castleton Square Mall. Mel was a member of American Legion Post #470, Fishers the 40 and 8 Club where he was Shef De Gare, a Free Mason and a Shriner. Mel is survived by his brothers, Gary (Lynda) and Lynn Stafford; two nieces, Kim Begley and Nikki (Anthony) Price; nephew, Aaron (Hillary) Brotherton; two great-nieces and one great-nephew.

Visitation will be Monday, September 19, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. until the time of Memorial Service at 6:30 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
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Fishers, IN 46038  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello, my name is Terry McClure. I work at Walmart 96th St. Fishers. Mel was a great person and a good friend. He confided in me when his health began to go down. We had many good talks. I'm so sorry that I didn't know of his passing. Only knew that I hadn't seen him in a long time. God Bless, Terry

Terry McClure - April 29, 2017 at 11:23 PM



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - September 19, 2016 at 02:54 PM

LS

“ Mel was my cousin. I always saw him as a gentle giant in my younger years. In my older years he would call to talk about his study on our ancestry. Family meant a lot to Mel, and he would often talk about his desire to have a family reunion. On December 25, 1999 I received in the mail a very nice Bible with a letter from Mel stating how he had received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. This is a great comfort to know he is in heaven!  
Larry Stafford - September 18 at 11:45 PM

Larry Stafford - September 18, 2016 at 10:46 PM

SS

“ Mel is one of the greatest characters I have ever known. I met him and Larry Reed back in the eighties at PaPa's restaurant. From there we hauled race boats around the country for Bob Thompson at Just Add Water Boats. Mel stayed at Larry's side until he passed from cancer. From that time on, Mel always enjoyed telling funny stories about their times together. Mel was the most kind and loving, big hearted man you could ever meet. My wife only knew him briefly, but just adored him and often mentioned him. I have always, and will forever cherish my time around Mel. I am very proud to say, I knew Mel and loved him like a brother.  
Steve Scott and wife, Valerie

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**Steve Scott** - September 17, 2016 at 08:29 AM

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“ My condolences to you, Gary and Lynn on the death of your brother. I remember you well from Oakland Avenue days. Your grandmother was so kind to the five Taylor kids next door. I loved sitting on my swing while singing "Zaynard Plough grows zinnias." He had a nice garden of those flowers along the fence between our yards. May good memories flood your hearts as you lay Mel to rest.  
Rosanne Taylor Ripperger

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**Rosanne Taylor Ripperger** - September 16, 2016 at 06:30 AM

SC

“ Mel was a joy to be around! He was a thoughtful man and remembered the little things. He always had a great attitude and a story to tell you. I either laughed or maybe cringed, but I always enjoyed seeing him. I will miss chatting with him at the train.

-Scott

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**Scott** - September 14, 2016 at 02:45 PM

JD

*Mel worked with me at Jordan Y many years ago, but left a lasting impression. He organized a softball league for pool staff around indy and was always a joy to be around. All of the staff loved him and hearing his many stories. Very saddened to hear of his death.*

*John Diercks*

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**John Diercks** - September 16, 2016 at 04:08 PM

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*Mel was an ultimate team player in whatever he did.....whether it be in athletics where he played semi-pro football, in business where he championed customer service, and more recently as a valued member of the Choo-Choo Crew in the Castleton Mall where he operated the free standing kiddie train. Mel was passionate about causes that were important to him, and always could be counted on to "have your back" whenever it was needed. I consider it a privilege to have known and worked with him, and I'm certain that the kiddos that have ridden the train with him will miss him as well.*

*Rick Alexander*

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**Rick Alexander** - September 16, 2016 at 08:15 PM