



Stanley Lockridge

November 26, 1949 - November 7, 2007

Lockridge, Stanley C.
Sharpsburg, Georgia

Mr. Stanley C. Lockridge, age 58 of Sharpsburg, GA., passed away on November 7, 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude C. and Jeanelle Lockridge also of Sharpsburg. He is survived by an Uncle, Mr. F.H. Leathers of Sky Valley, GA. Aunts, Mrs. Walter C. Jones of Union City, GA., Mrs. George Prodanovich of Shalimar, Fl. And Mrs. Vera Kramer of Huntsville, AL. Also mourned by many cousins and their families. He acquired countless friends from coast to coast, many of whom became an extended family to him.

Mr. Lockridge attended the University of Georgia in Athens and graduated with degrees in Journalism and Marketing Management at Georgia State University. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Baptist by faith, he attended First Baptist Church, Newnan, GA.

Mr. Lockridge enjoyed an illustrious career, beginning in March 1972 as the "Advance Man" for Ringling Brother-Barnum & Bailey Circus. In May of 1978 he accepted the position of Director of Marketing/Assistant to the President-OMNI Coliseum as the Director of Marketing & Promotions for the Atlanta Flames (NHL). Mr. Lockridge served as Executive Director Fresno City and

County Visitors Bureau in California. As a proven manager, Mr. Lockridge advanced to Executive Director and General Manager, West Palm Beach Auditorium/Performing Arts Theatre/Stadium Complex, West Palm Beach, FL. He was later enticed to accept the position of Executive Director /General Manager, Sullivan Sports Arena Egan Civic & Convention Center, Anchorage, Alaska. Moving back to warmer climes, Mr. Lockridge accepted a position in Monroe, LA. As Gen. Mgr./Director of Facilities as well as Gen. Mgr. of Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo. Mr. Lockridge had a multi-faceted career in his short life. Perhaps the most rewarding was working for the 1996 Olympics & Paralympic Games in Atlanta. The most heart breaking would be the months spent in Louisiana and Mississippi following the devastation rendered by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, where his expertise went far in assessing damages for Insurance Evaluation.

Stanley Lockridge was a bright light in so many lives, loving as he was loved. He leaves all who knew him with fond memories. He will be greatly missed by one and all.

If Stanley could speak to us now, this writer believes he would say something like this.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I am Free.
I'm following the path God laid out for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Oh, yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
My life has been full; I've savored much
Good Friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Lift up your hearts and share with me.
God wanted me now. He set me Free.

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