



Lou Conner Sticher

July 13, 1931 - January 18, 2025

Lou Conner Sticher of Mead, OK, passed from this earth on January 18, 2025. Lou was born in Empire City, OK, on July 13, 1931. He was the 5th child of Verna Mae and Edward Albert Sticher. He grew up in Walters, OK, with his three sisters, Vivian Fern, Camerene Rose, and Alma Jean, and his brother, Burl Dean. Lou attended Walter's public schools. During his youth, Lou worked at various jobs, such as wheat harvesting, farming, soda jerk, and full-service gas station attendant. At age 16, Lou joined the 45th National Guard of Oklahoma on September 22, 1947, serving in the F Company of the 179th Infantry until 1951.

After serving in the National Guard of Oklahoma, Lou enlisted in the Air Force on January 4, 1951. Lou served in the Air Force during both war and peace time, serving in both the Vietnam and Korean Wars. He and his family were stationed at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, TX, Ramey Air Force Base in Puerto Rico, Lockbourne Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio, Altus Air Force Base in Altus, OK, and Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, LA. During his time in the Air Force, he served with multiple Bombardment Wings, serving as crew chief, navigator, flight engineer, aircraft mechanical support, Staff Sergeant, Technical Sergeant, Master Sergeant, and aircraft accident investigator. During his time in the service, he supported B-29, B-36, and B-52 aircraft missions, both on the ground and in the air. He served in peacetime during the Cold War with the Strategic Air Command (SAC) and several

nuclear testing and nuclear deterrent missions, such as Operation Curtain Raiser and Operation Castle. He served 20 years, 10 months, and 12 days with the Air Force, retiring in August 1, 1971 with the rank of Senior Master Sergeant (SMSGT) from Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, LA.

Lou married the love of his life, Marion Alice (Rusty) Bryant, on July 4, 1956, in Weatherford, TX. They were married for 58 years before Rusty's passing in 2014 and were blessed with four children. In 1978, Lou and Marion moved to Mead, OK. Lou was a loving husband, father, son, and brother. Lou's passions were his family, friends, the Air Force, and his various pets over the years. During his time in OK, after retiring from the Air Force Base, Lou worked for Durant Bolt and Nut Company and Coors in Denison, Texas, retiring from Coors. Lou was a member of Faith Lutheran Church of Durant, OK.

Lou is survived by his three daughters: Sara Jane Anglen of Eagle River, AK; Tracy Lualta Sticher of Benbrook, TX and DeAnna Faye Jenkins and husband Clinton, of Grand Prairie, TX; grandchildren Ben Anglen and wife Lisa of Anchorage, AK, Julia Bauer and husband Andrew of Downers Grove, IL; great grandchildren Alice and Emma Anglen of Anchorage, AK, and Noah and Luca Bauer of Downers Grove, IL.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marion (Rusty) Sticher; son, Michael Herbert Sticher; parents, Verna and Ed Sticher, sisters Vivian Fern Morrow, Camerene Grassman and husband John Grassman, and Alma Jean Sanders; brother Burl Dean Sticher; and son-in-law Tom Anglen.

Lou was a strong Christian man, being raised in the Walter's Baptist Church, where his father was a deacon. Through his military career, he built relationships with various Air Force chaplains and began attending services through the Lutheran churches. In 2014, he began attending services at Faith Lutheran Church in Durant, Oklahoma.

Memorial services will be held on January 21st, at 2:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 3802 North Washington, Durant, OK. The final resting place for Lou and Marion will be in the Sticher family plot at Fairlawn Cemetery in Elk City, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, <https://www.calfarley.org>, or Faith Lutheran Church, Durant, Oklahoma.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

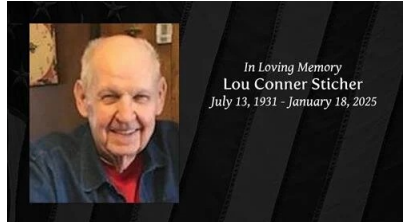
JAN 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
3802 North Washington
Durant, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Lou Conner Sticher*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - January 20, 2025 at 02:36 PM



That was a wonderful tribute.

Dedee Boss - January 20, 2025 at 08:11 PM

TS

I'm missing you again, today. I love you.

Tracy Sticher - October 09, 2025 at 04:46 PM

DS

“ *Dad, On this Memorial Day, I want to thank you for your military career / service with the United States Air Force. I am so proud of you for serving this country for so many years and through both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. I love you Dad and am honored to be your daughter!*



DeAnna Jenkins (DeDe Sticher) - May 25 at 12:19 PM

DS

“ Hello, Dad! It's spring! We have been working on the house and land. There will be lots of mowing to do soon! I hope everything we have done would be of honor to you! We have a pesky woodpecker - though he is beautiful - he keeps damaging the siding on the house. We've tried all sorts of remedies, but he is persistent! I miss you and love you dearly!



DeAnna Jenkins (DeDe Sticher) - April 09 at 08:03 AM

DS

“ Well, we have bought a house on Lake Balboa in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. We are gradually moving in and spent the last week here with the pups. This morning I was sitting in the living area watching the sun rise over the lake and thinking of you. When I heard a noise that I knew was not an ordinary bird. I looked out on our beach and saw a majestic, beautiful Bald Eagle with his mate, just standing on the shoreline. I knew immediately that you were with me. I love you Dad.



DeAnna Jenkins (DeDe Sticher) - February 21 at 09:08 AM

DS

“ Dad, It is so hard to believe you have been gone from us for a year now. You and Mom are in my thoughts daily, but you especially so much today on the anniversary of your passing. I love you and miss you.



DeAnna Jenkins (DeDe Sticher) - January 19 at 12:19 AM

DS

“ Happy Thanksgiving, Dad! On this day, when we give thanks, I am thankful for you. I am thankful that you were a supportive and loving father. That you were a good provider and a strong father who always put family first. I am grateful for the life you gave me and the many precious memories. I give thanks that you are home with Christ, and that I will see you again one day. I love and miss you, Dad.



DeAnna Jenkins (DeDe Sticher) - November 27, 2025 at 07:51 AM

DS

“ Dad, So many things have happened. There are always the firsts, the first Easter, 4th of July, birthday, etc. without the loved one who has passed. These times bring both sadness and joy - sadness as you are no longer with us, but joy in remembering you and the wonderful times / memories of those past days / events. My heart and mind hold you close and miss you greatly. I hope the actions I've taken regarding your life, passing, and subsequent wishes have and will continue to show my love for you and to bring you honor.



DeAnna Jenkins (DeDe Sticher) - August 21, 2025 at 06:55 AM

DS

“ Happy Anniversary Dad & Mom! So many 4th of July anniversaries and celebrations over the many years. I miss you so much this first 4th, but know Mom and you are together, both healed, and in a much better place. I love you dearly! On this 4th, I thank you also for your service to keep this wonderful country of ours free!



DeAnna Jenkins (DeDe Sticher) - July 04, 2025 at 10:51 PM

DS

“Dad, It’s the first Father’s Day without you here. I know you thought of these days as “made up” holidays, but you were a wonderful father, and I miss having the opportunity to honor you as such. I hope what we have done to date with the memorial, burial service, and property have honored your memory well. I love and miss you daily!



DeAnna Jenkins (DeDe Sticher) - June 16, 2025 at 12:28 AM

TS

“Dad, I’ve been thinking about you a lot and not just because it’s Father’s Day today. You were an excellent father, but mostly I miss talking to you. You always said Father’s Day wasn’t you were really into, but I think you secretly liked the attention. I want you to know that I’m taking good care of Sport. He was confused and a bit insecure at first, but I think he’s settled in and comfortable now. I think he misses you, but he’s a happy boy. We all miss you. I hope you can know that. Say hi to Mom. I love you.



Tracy Sticher - June 15, 2025 at 07:05 PM

DS

“ Happy Easter, Dad! It's our first Easter / holiday since your passing. I miss our Saturday outings for lunch / errands, playing gin or dominoes at the dining room table, or simply talking about life. I hope the processes and decisions I / we have / are making bring you honor. I am trying my best to fulfill of me what you asked. You were such a strong and good father! Your guidance, memory, and our times together will go forward with me through my days, until the time comes that we meet again. I love and miss you!



DeAnna Jenkins (DeDe Sticher) - April 20, 2025 at 07:43 AM

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“ Dad, I love the picture of your smiling face. That is how I remember you, as a wonderful man, proud of his family, with a good sense of humor. You made me smile. I love you and miss you every day.

Tracy Stichet - March 09, 2025 at 08:19 PM

DS

“ Dad, It's been a month now since you've been gone. Though I know you are healed and in heaven with Mom and Jesus, my heart is heavy and saddened that you are no longer with us. I miss and love you and know that we will see each other again in God's timing.



DeAnna Jenkins (DeDe Sticher) - February 20, 2025 at 01:12 AM



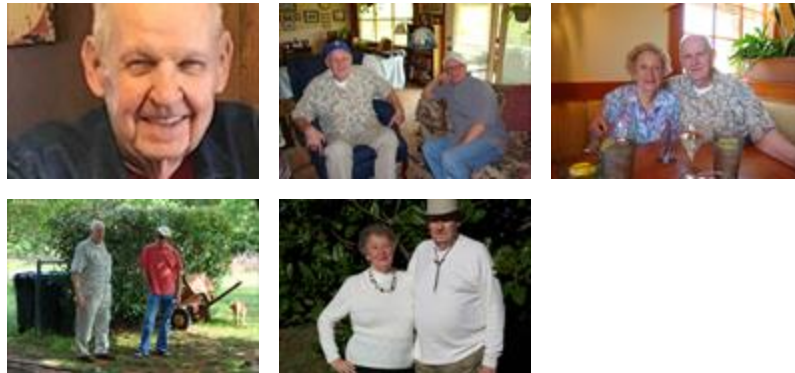
“ I never met Lou in person, but we enjoyed a time of email correspondence from the fall of 2022 and into 2023. We got connected through my contact with his niece Theresa as we were both researching our common Sticher relatives; my mom was his 1st cousin, once removed (his father and my gr-grandfather were brothers). It turned out Lou served in the Air Force at Carswell with my dad; they were both flight engineers and worked on the B-36. He told me stories of my parents and him in Texas, memories of my grandfather, and I was able to fill him in on their lives. I truly enjoyed getting to know him a bit in that short time. Please accept my sincere condolences to all of the family. You are in our prayers.

Christie Curtis McMinn

Christie McMinn - January 20, 2025 at 08:41 PM



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Brown's Durant Funeral Service - January 20, 2025 at 02:41 PM

AP

“ Lou, it has been a honor to call you my close friend, for the last nine years. I always enjoyed hearing your stories and sharing meals together. You are already greatly missed, but our job is to carry on, until Jesus calls us home. I look forward to “seeing you later”. Love Always, Andy Perry

andy perry - January 20, 2025 at 11:37 AM

DS

Andy, Thank you for your friendship with our Dad. I know he found a kindred spirit in you and enjoyed talking of Walters, Frederick, and common histories. Thank you also for the VA outings, lunches (catfish or spinach omelets). I am so thankful he found a friend in you in the last several years!

DeAnna Jenkins (DeDe Sticher) - April 20, 2025 at 07:47 AM

NT

“ One of my favorite memories of our friend, “Stitch” (thats what my dad called him cause they were in the Air Force together) was when I went to Shreveport with mom and dad when I was in college, and saw my mom dancing the jitter bug with him. It seems they all liked to dance when they were younger.

Nancy Trent - January 19, 2025 at 10:27 PM

TS

Thank you, Nancy. They did like to dance and they were really good at it, too. Especially the jitterbug.

Tracy Stichel - March 09, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lou Conner Sticher.

January 19, 2025 at 03:46 PM

DS

“Dad, I love you and will miss you so much! You were a wonderful father and provider. I thank God that He placed me in your care so long ago. I had a beautiful childhood full of so many happy memories! Now, you are fully healed and with Mom, starting a new journey in heaven and continuing the wonderful love you shared for each other. The two of you do not have to worry about us, you have raised us all well. I will hold my memories of you closely in my heart. I will always love and miss you both! DeAnna (DeDe)



DeAnna Jenkins (DeDe Sticher) - January 19, 2025 at 10:55 AM

TS

Dad, we attended your Memorial Service last week. DeDe organized it and did a beautiful job. Your resting place with the family, right next to Mom, is lovely. I love you and miss you, but it gives me comfort to think of you and Mom together again. I know how very much you missed her.

Tracy Sticher - May 31, 2025 at 12:41 PM