



## Mr. John Stickles

July 26, 2012

STICKLES, John, 57, of Dover, Florida, passed away on July 26, 2012 from natural causes. He was born in Oceanside, California. He was a partner of Florida Pacific Farms, a current Board Member of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, and a former Board Member of Florida Farm Bureau and the Florida Strawberry Growers Association. He is a current member of the 356 Porsche Registry Florida Division. He is survived by his wife of 27 years Kim Stickles; daughter Helen Stickles; siblings Robert Stickles, Donald Stickles, and Susan Stickles; beloved dog Luna; and many loving nieces, nephews, family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, July 30th from 3-6 P.M. at the Florida Strawberry Growers Association, 13138 Lewis Gallagher Road, Dover. A Burial at Sea will take place off the shores of Oceanside, California at a future date. Expressions of condolence at [www.hopewellfuneral.com](http://www.hopewellfuneral.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions "In memory of John Stickles" may be made to FFVA Specialty Crop Foundation, P.O. Box 948153, Maitland, FL 32794.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **30**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Florida Strawberry Growers Association  
3138 Lewis Gallagher Road  
Dover, FL

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ Dear Stickles family, my deepest condolences and sympathy to you and your family. I'm sorry to hear about John passing. It was a pleasure to see John each year, wherever we saw each other. Great guy to talk to and surely will be missed.

*Reggie Kawano & Family.*

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**Reggie Kawano** - August 09, 2012 at 12:07 AM

DB

“ Dear Stickles Family: as you know John was one of my oldest friends, dating back to second grade, where we both cut our fingers and became "blood brothers." In High School, we were as close as brothers, and his moving out of the area never did impact that. When he would return to O'side in the summer, it was like I had seen him last week. Incomparable work ethic, infectious smile, dry but cutting sense of humor, and a zest for life and family makes his passing particularly tragic. My condolences to all of you, with a specific nod to Kim and Helen. If there is anything I can do to ease this acute sense of pain and loss, please don't hesitate. God speed, John. I miss you..

*Don "DG" Bell*

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**Don "DG" Bell** - August 06, 2012 at 02:21 PM

NN

“ Please accept my condolences and sympathy for your loss. I remember both of you well, your kindness, friendliness and love of innovation, from my visit to your fields in 2007. We will miss an important grower.

*Natalia Neerdaels, R&D at Driscolls in Watsonville CA*

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**natalia neerdaels** - August 02, 2012 at 03:42 PM

RG

“ We are very sorry to hear about your loss. John was great man and a dear friend. Please accept our sincere thoughts and sympathy to you and all the family.

*Raul Gomez & Family*

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**Raul Gomez** - August 01, 2012 at 09:32 PM

DW

“ *Kim and Helen*

*So sorry to hear about John. He was a great guy and friend. Remembering those days back in South O'side, he always had a plan and accomplished so much at a young age. I always admired that about him. Lots of good times and memories hanging with John and the boys and going to Anita's for mex food. He will be missed by many.*

*Sincere thoughts and sympathy to you and all the family.*

*David Wilson*

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**David D. Wilson** - July 30, 2012 at 09:32 PM

CJ

“ I am shocked and terribly saddened at John's passing away. John was a dear friend and confidante that i respected immensely. Visiting Florida to ride the fields will never be the same for me , because John was always so warm and accomadating in sharing knowledge, innovations, and experiences in the industry. I cannot think of anyone that i enjoyed doing that with any more than John. I will miss him along with countless others. Kim, Please accept my condolences. I wish i could be there to share your grief .

*Cal Lewis*

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**Calvin Everette Lewis, Jr.** - July 30, 2012 at 07:16 AM

JJ

“ Dear Mrs. Stickles,  
I knew John and his family growing up in South Oceanside. His passing comes as a complete shock. I'm saddened to think I will never share a laugh about some of mischief we would get ourselves into. We had so many fun times too. Like the time Don and Tom Doose took us kids out to Lake Calavera dropped us in the sticks and we had to find our way back home. When Johns mom found out about this she made Don go out and look for us. I think Don got in some trouble and we had a blast walking home. We had a good laugh too finding some chalk & writing something naughty about the two of them, which btw they found while looking for us.  
I remember John as being one of the hardest working guys I've ever known. Many times he would stop by our garage late at night after a 12-14hr day and see what we were working on for fun. He would always bring that ear to ear smile that would light up a room. I'm also sure he made a wonderful husband and father. With a work ethic like Johns I'm sure it carried over to his family life.

Years went by and we all went our separate ways but those adolescent years will remain with me till I too part with this life..

My deepest condolences,  
Jim Justus & Family

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**Jim M. Justus** - July 30, 2012 at 02:13 AM

DA

“ Dear Kim And Helen I'm still having a hard time believing this is true, John was a good friend that I'm going to miss a lot. The memory of John Boy or Sticks as we liked to call him that always comes to mind was the time you guys came to the river with us. John wanted to get up on a ski so bad, he tried harder than anyone I have ever pulled with my boat. When he had finally swallowed all the river water he could stand and we were pulling around to pick him up Helen who was only about 4 at the time came to his rescue. She said its not Dads fault he us to be a large and now he is a extra large. I don't think I have ever gone to the river without thinking about that trip.

*Donnie Allen and Family*

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**Donald Eric Allen** - July 29, 2012 at 09:16 PM

RG

“ Dear Kim,  
Though I've only known you folks from the Rendezvous this came as quite a shock. Please accept my sympathies and remember that life still goes on after this.  
*Bob Gomes aka Bobfrommaine*

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**Robert Gomes** - July 29, 2012 at 12:46 PM

AM

“ Here's that shot of John in one of those blueberry fields referenced in our original message.

*Andrew & Macarena*



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**Andrew Maiman** - July 28, 2012 at 08:38 PM

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**Andrew Maiman** - July 28, 2012 at 08:39 PM

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“ It was truly a privilege for us to get to know John over the last few years. He was such a special guy who impacted so many of us personally and professionally. We will miss him dearly. We are posting a couple of photos as memories from the 2011 Puerto Vallarta trip. Some were from a special restaurant that John and Kim went to on one of their first trips together way back when.

Also one shot from the fields has to be there - John was incessantly committed to nurturing the crops to the extent possible, in order to achieve the best results possible. This one shows John at one of the blueberry ranches, in hand to hand combat against that diapreppie beetle that he would never stop fighting.

Kim and Helen - you are in our thoughts, and we offer our support to you in any way you need it through these tough times. Stay strong, and take comfort in knowing that time will heal and that John's legacy will live on. You can count on a pretty good sized group of us to ensure that it does!

With love,  
Andrew and Macarena Maiman



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Andrew Maiman - July 28, 2012 at 08:32 PM