



Florida State University
ARF News Special Feature
February 2023



2nd President of ARF (1980-81)
Virgil Strickland

Virgil Strickland



Virgil E. Strickland, Sr. obituary

Virgil E. Strickland Sr.

Virgil E. Strickland Sr., 79, of **Tallahassee** died Thursday at Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center.

The service will be 3 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Tallahassee, with burial in Tallahassee Memory Gardens. Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Cul-



Strickland

ley's Meadow-

Wood Riggins Road Chapel (877-8191).

A native of Wakulla County, he had been a professor emeritus for Florida State University. He began at FSU as an instructor of elementary education in 1942. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He received his doctorate from the University of Texas before returning to FSU as principal of the university school in 1948. He became the resident coordinator for student teaching in 1953 and for the last five of his 22 years with FSU he supervised student teachers in the St. Petersburg area. After his retirement in 1970, he was chairman of the Department of Counselor Education and Personnel at Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas, and returned to Tallahassee in 1974.

Strickland's memberships while at FSU included Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Kappa Delta Phi and Phi Delta Kappa.

He is a former director of the Tallahassee Senior Citizens Foundation, Inc. and Tallahassee Senior Citizens Advisory Board and a member of the Tallahassee Old Timers Club and International Christian Leadership Breakfast Club. He also was a former member of the Rotary Club, the author of "Flickering Heights: A Treasure Chest of Floridiana" and "If My People Will" and former teacher of a Florida history class at First Baptist Church, where he was a member.

He is survived by his wife, Opal G. Strickland of Tallahassee; a son, Virgil Earl Strickland Jr. of Stafford,

Citizens Advisory Board and a member of the Tallahassee Old Timers Club and International Christian Leadership Breakfast Club. He also was a former member of the Rotary Club, the author of "Flickering Heights: A Treasure Chest of Floridiana" and "If My People Will" and former teacher of a Florida history class at First Baptist Church, where he was a member.

He is survived by his wife, Opal G. Strickland of Tallahassee; a son, Virgil Earl Strickland Jr. of Stafford, Va.; a sister, Evelyn Phillips of Tallahassee; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.