



Family Choice

Funerals & Cremations

Celebrating Life's Treasured Memories

Free Lunch & Learn

You are cordially invited to a special lunch and presentation given by our pre-need specialist and funeral director, Mike Strickland. Come and join us for a free lunch and learn about the benefits of pre-planning funeral or cremation services.

Seating is limited, so call for your reservation today!

December 5, 12, 19th @ 11:30am

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Call Amanda to RSVP: 757-366-9260

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break. Side note: It's illegal to ride your horse on the beach here so I'll have to settle for something else for the moment.

Favorite gadget: I've spent a lot of time outside and never really grew fond of gadgets, but if I have to pick something, I guess I'd say my phone.

Favorite movies: "Legends of the Fall," "The Notebook," "300," "The Patriot"

Pet peeve: When dirty dishes are left in the sink.

Hobbies: I don't have many hobbies, but I enjoy riding my horse and fishing.

Best/worst job: Best: Taco Bell. I was 15 and it was my first job. I was appreciative. Worst: Skilled Nursing Facility, I felt like I was encouraging people to pick a good place to die.

First car: My mother's old Mustang. It kept overheating so I only drove it for a few months.

Favorite Virginia Beach spot: The path on 89th Street leading to the beach and the beach itself.

First celebrity crush: Halle Berry and Maya Angelou

Comfort food: Bacon and scrambled eggs

A favorite TV show from the past: "Martin" and "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air"

A recently read book you'd recommend: "I Still Do" by Gary McCollum

Of what achievements are you most proud? My children. I made it back from Iraq alive. My education.

Something you've done that others might not expect of you: I ride a horse. I get some different looks when I tell people that I have a horse and enjoy trail riding.

If you could invite three famous people, living or dead, to dinner, who would they be? Sam Cooke, Maya Angelou and Thurgood Marshall.

The song you're most likely to be caught singing along to: "God is Love"

by Common

What is your good luck charm? I don't have one. My grandfather would wear an Italian horn pendant and I'd like to have one of those.

What is your personal motto? "There is no shortcut to success."

The most memorable words of wisdom you received and from whom: "Son, an education can never be taken from you and there is no shortcut to success." My grandfather, Lawrence G. Hutchins Sr.

The words of wisdom you'd share with someone interested in doing what you do: It's not uncommon to hear me tell the youth that you have to work really hard for what you want. Nothing is given but everything is for the taking. Life is short, but the sooner you learn how to focus on the things that really matter, the better. Be better than me and make sure you share the knowledge.

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