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**David Lynn Stroud was born on Nov. 15, 1975, in Houston TX to Lynn and Pat Stroud and was one three children (Marcie, Jessica and David). David was raised in Holland where he attended elementary and Junior H.S. He moved to Belton before his soph year and graduated from Belton H.S. in 1994. He played baseball and football and was a power-lifter during his high school years.**

**As a soph in 1991 David was a 6'0" 205 lb. DE on the 9-2 Belton football team that won district and lost to Chapel Hill in bi-district. He was a 6'0" 215 lb. DE as a junior in 1992 on the 6-3-1 Belton team and was named 1<sup>st</sup> team all-district. As a senior in 1993 he was a 6'1" 225 lb. DE on the 9-3 Belton team that won district, beat Anderson 48-14 in bi-district and lost to Westlake 21-17 in the Regional. He was again named 1<sup>st</sup> team all-district and honorable mention 4-A all-state on defense.**

**Stroud was also a "powerlifter" and competed in the state powerlifting tournament at the Berger Center in Austin in April of 1994. The Belton team was comprised of seniors David Stroud, J.R. Mitchell and Benny Carr with Stroud placing 7<sup>th</sup> in the state competition in the 240 pound weight class. He had also qualified for the state tournament as a junior but didn't go because of a mix-up in notification. At the Belton awards banquet in 1994 Stroud and J.R. Mitchell shared the award for "Outstanding Lifter."**

**David was a soph first baseman on the 1992 Tiger varsity baseball team that was 25-5 on the year and hit .286 in 28 at bats. He was named 1<sup>st</sup> team all-district at 1B as a junior on the Tiger team that was 21-11. As a senior in 1994 Stroud was the first baseman and clean-up hitter for Belton and was the team's only left-handed batter in the starting lineup. He hit .314 with 4 homers, 8 doubles and 28 RBIs and was one of four Belton seniors (Stroud, Darren Brinkley, Jason Regan, and Brock Rumfield) named to the 4-A all-state baseball team by the Texas H.S. Baseball Coaches Association after the Tigers went 34-6 and won the 1994 State Championship.**

**Stroud was named 3<sup>rd</sup> team all-state while the other three were named to the 1<sup>st</sup> team. Five Belton players---1B Stroud, 2B Shayne Drake, OF Darren Brinkley and Pitcher/Shortstops Jason Regan and Brock Rumfield----made the U.I.L. All-State Tournament team and Stroud, Brinkley, Regan, and Rumfield were named all CenTex by the Austin American Statesman. Players making all-district in 25-4A were Stroud, Brinkley, Regan, Rumfield, Drake, and 3B Brad Washburn on the 1<sup>st</sup> team and catcher Brad Turner and OF's Bobby Spradley and Michael Jones on the 2<sup>nd</sup> team (thus Belton had one player at each of the nine positions make at least all-district).**

**Stroud played two years (1995-1996) at Ranger Junior College where he was all-conference, all-regional and honorable mention All-American. He played in the National Junior College All-Star game at Blinn College in 1996.**

**He then played at Dallas Baptist University in 1998 and 1999 and finished his college baseball career with a trip to the NAIA College World Series in 1999.**

**In 2009, David Stroud, 33, lived in Ft. Worth with his wife, Chandra D'Nette, and two daughters, Mykayla, 10, and Mykenzie, 8. David works as a motor hand and derrick hand on a drilling rig. His sister, Marcie Caffrey, teaches at Belton H.S.**