

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In re: GUIDANT CORP. IMPLANTABLE
DEFIBRILLATORS PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 05-1708 (DWF/AJB)

This Document Relates to:

Billy G. Strickland, individually and on behalf
Of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v. Civil No. 06-72 (DWF/AJB)

ORDER

Guidant Corporation and Guidant Sales
Corporation,

Defendants.

Plaintiff Strickland died on March 1, 2006. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(a)(1), Valerie Matthews now seeks an Order from this Court substituting her, in her capacity as Executrix of the Estate of Billy G. Strickland, as the plaintiff in this action. Plaintiff asserts that Guidant does not oppose this motion. Having considered the submissions and reviewed the procedural history of the file, **IT IS**

HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Plaintiff's Motion to Substitute Party (MDL No. 05-1708 (DWF/AJB), Doc. No. 668; Civ. No. 06-72 (DWF/AJB), Doc. No. 3) is **GRANTED**.

2. Valerie Matthews, in her capacity as Executrix of the Estate of Billy G. Strickland, shall be substituted for Billy G. Strickland in the above-captioned matter.

Dated: September 29, 2006

s/Donovan W. Frank
DONOVAN W. FRANK
Judge of United States District Court