



Stephen "Herb" Lester

September 21, 2018

Stephen "Herb" Lester, age 69, passed away at his residence September 21, 2018. He was born in Rutherford County, attended Lascassas and graduated from Central High School; received his Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness from MTSU then a Master of Science degree in Agricultural and Extension Education of UT in 1973. Herb worked as County Extension Agent in Cobb County, GA; Assistant Extension Agent with the 4H in Knox County; County Extension Agent in Fulton County, GA; County Extension Leader in Davidson County; and Regional Director. He was a member of Bradley's Creek Baptist Church. He enjoyed beekeeping, photography, gardening, and his cats. Herb fought a hard battle with Multiple Myeloma cancer. Special thanks to his lifelong doctor, Dr. Wesley Clark Ray.

Herb was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin Dayton and Etta Moore Lester; and sister, Sharon Martin. He is survived by his wife, Pat Lester; brother, Hugh (Barbara) Lester of Lascassas; nephew, Shane Martin; nieces, Ginger Martin Atkins, Dana Lester, Amanda Lester Ward, Emily Lester Cauthen; several great nieces and great nephews; and special friend, Lewis McKee.

Visitation with the family will be 11:00 AM until time of church service at 1:00 PM, Monday, September 24, 2018 at Bradley's Creek Baptist Church, Lascassas, TN with Troy Dugger officiating. Burial will follow in Bradley's Creek Cemetery with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tennessee 4H Club Foundation, 205 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, TN 37996 or call 865-974-7436.

Arrangements are under the direction of Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home and Cremation, 820 South Church St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. 615-893-2422. Please leave online condolences at <http://www.jenningsandayers.com>.

Cemetery

Bradley's Creek Cemetery

8838 Bradley Creek Rd
Lascassas, TN, 37085

Events

SEP 24 **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

Bradley's Creek Baptist Church
8505 Bradley's Creek Road, Murfreesboro, TN, US,
37085

SEP 24 **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

Bradley Creek Cemetery
8400 Bradley Creek Road, Lascassas, TN, US, 37085

Comments



“ To Patricia and the rest of Mr. Lester's family: I am so sorry to learn of Mr. Lester's passing. He was a customer of mine for a long time and though we had a great rapport and he gave me permission to call him "Herb", I would never do it. I just liked saying "Mr. Lester." He was so kind and thoughtful. He always thought of me during the holidays with his homemade honey. He even bought me my first cast iron skillet. I was looking at my calendar today and came across his birthday coming up on the 20th. I knew he had been sick so I decided to call to check on him but his phone was out of service. And I thought, I hope he did not pass. So I checked the obituaries and found this page. He was truly the most decent human I've ever met and he will truly be missed.

Sonya Windrow
Synovus Bank

Sonya Windrow - January 14, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ Mr. Lester will always hold a special place in my heart. He gave me a job that turned into a successful and meaningful career. He always believed in me and encouraged me to do my best. He was a kind and gentle man that always had a positive word for other. He lifted people up and was a good supervisor and friend. I take comfort in knowing exactly where Herb is now.

Shelly Barnes - September 24, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Herb's death. I always enjoyed talking with him when he would come by my office or see him at a joint meeting of the Extension Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. I noticed his name listed on the First United Methodist Church prayer list. I asked myself "is that the Herb Lester that I know?" Unfortunately it was. So sorry we won't be able to come to the services but will be praying for all family members. Larry and Sharron Robeson, Retired District Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

Larry Robeson - September 23, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ We treasured your friendship all these years we were blessed to know you. We feel fortunate that we were able to spend time with you a few months ago when we visited you. Go rest high on the mountain, see you in the light.

Julia LaRue - September 23, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ Mr. Herb has been my friend for many years. Always generous and kind, he pointed out positive attributes in people before ever mentioning downfalls. I will always remember him at sunrise and for the words of encouragement he gave me over the years. We've lost a fine gentleman but heaven has gained a great horticulturalist and beekeeper! Rest in peace, Mr. Herb. And prayers for you, Pat and the Lester family.
Debbie Joines

Debbie Joines - September 22, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Stephen "Herb" Lester.



September 22, 2018 at 07:25 PM



“ Herb was a good friend and I know the last few years have been a very tough time. He was always so upbeat and positive in everything that he did, I will miss his smiling personality.

Ricky Skillington - September 22, 2018 at 06:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen "Herb" Lester.



September 22, 2018 at 04:22 PM



“ Herb, was a very nice, caring man. He was a good friend to me and everyone. I will miss him and seeing his latest pictures (posted on Facebook). Tim Fawver, UT Extension

Tim Fawver - September 21, 2018 at 12:53 PM