

## Barbara Ann Lester

July 23, 1955 - January 20, 2022

Barbara Ann Hensley Lester, age 66 of the Lesters Fork section of Hurley VA, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 20, 2022 in Roanoke Virginia following an extended illness. Born July 23, 1955 she was the daughter of the late John Earl and Bernie Jackson Hensley.

Barbara enjoyed listening to music, taking scenic drives, and spending time with her family. She was a gifted craft maker and decorator, had a wonderful sense of humor, and was a truly kind and generous soul. She was a beloved mother and friend and was of the Christian faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Jerry Hensley, of Hurley Virginia.

She is survived by her daughters Misty Reed (Michael); and Kristen Smith (Justin) of Roanoke; their father Randall Lester of Grundy; two granddaughters, Autumn & Faith Ivydene Reed; sisters Belinda Keene and Nancy Jackson of Grundy; brothers Jim Hensley of Hurley and Dan Hensley of Kingsport Tennessee; and several nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by special friend Ruth Estep, special niece Maranda Fletcher, and women she knew from their childhood and loved like daughters: Misty Justus, Beverly Prater Ashby, and Mary Hetherington.

The family wishes to give special thanks to the staff of the Palliative Care Unit of Roanoke Memorial Hospital for their care and compassion.

Funeral services for Barbara Ann Lester will be conducted at 11:00 am on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Gordon McBride officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. The Lester family will receive friends from 6-8 pm on Monday evening at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Barbara's honor to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, as this was a cause she cared for deeply.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy  
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home  
1401 2nd Street  
Richlands, VA 24641  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

**JAN 25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home  
1401 2nd Street  
Richlands, VA 24641  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Ann Lester



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - January 27, 2022 at 12:49 PM

NS

We had Covid and couldn't be there I so miss her

Nancy Jackson (baby sister) - July 26, 2025 at 08:05 AM



“ Barbara Ann Lester

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Barbara Ann Lester

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ Darlene lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Lester



Darlene - January 23, 2022 at 01:40 AM

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“ *With Love, Darlene and Roger Osborne purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Ann Lester.*



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**With Love, Darlene and Roger Osborne** - January 23, 2022 at 01:33 AM

CB

“ *Robin and I are so sorry for the loss of Barbara Lester. While working closely with Misty, I learned that Barbara loved her daughter very much and Misty loved her mother as well. It seemed they were best friends and shared everything with each other. Truly an unconditional love. The blessings of the memories of that love along with the comfort and peace from the Lord will surely help during this sad time.*

*We are praying for the family and friends.*

*With sympathy,*

*Robin and Christy Bennett*

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**Christy Bennett** - January 22, 2022 at 08:32 PM

BB

“ *Rest In Peace dear Barbara you will be missed by all that knew you.* 🙏🙏



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**Brenda & Roger Blankenship** - January 22, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Lester*



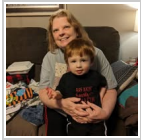
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**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - January 22, 2022 at 01:55 PM

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“ *Cox, Gibney, and Vella Families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Barbara Ann Lester.*

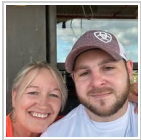


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**Cox, Gibney, and Vella Families** - January 22, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Barbara's passing, she always had a beautiful smile. My brother Rocky passed 5 days prior to her (1st cousin)...so many have past so close together. Prayers to you all*

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**Trish Stacy** - January 22, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. We grew up in the same neighborhood as children.*

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**Donna Stacy** - January 21, 2022 at 10:56 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Lester.*



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January 21, 2022 at 09:11 PM

“ My sympathy to Misty and Barbara’s family and friends. I did not have the pleasure of knowing Barbara Ann Lester. I did have the pleasure of getting to know her daughter Misty through our work relationship at Valley Bank. Barbara had to be a special lady to have raised Misty who is an impressively smart, independent and caring young woman.



I have a fond memory of Misty having us laughing till our sides hurt as she explained her exciting weekend. Misty’s Mom for reasons I don’t recall had tried to call Misty all day and into the evening and Misty had not answered her phone. Barbara as us Mom’s tend to do let her mind go to everything horrible that could have possibly happened to Misty. She got more and more concerned. She decided she needed to do something so she called the Roanoke Police and convinced them they had to go see about her little girl who might be in trouble.

So Misty is at home perfectly fine of course when someone is banging on her front door like they are trying to break it down. She peers out the window carefully and sees a Roanoke Police cruiser in her driveway and two officers at her front door. Now Misty is the one imagining horrible things. Why in the world would the Roanoke police be banging on her door. Oh my. She opens the door and the officer asks her to identify herself. Once he is sure he is speaking to Misty he wants to know if she is OK. Misty is dumbfounded and asks why are you here asking me if I am OK? They explain they have received a call from a very excited and concerned Barbara Lester and Mrs. Lester thought something horrible must be wrong since she had not been able to reach her daughter Misty on the phone. Misty is NOT amused. After she convinced the police officers that she was fine they ask her to PLEASE call her mother. Misty responded Oh, Yes. I will BE calling my mother. YES. I Will.

A mother’s love is a powerful thing and her love for YOU was crystal clear to all of us that day you told us about your exciting weekend.

*With Great Love,  
Connie Wright Stanley*

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**Connie Wright Stanley** - January 21, 2022 at 05:40 PM

JH

“ *Jennifer Hensley lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara Ann Lester*



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**jennifer hensley** - January 21, 2022 at 04:22 PM