



Hercial James "Turkey" Lester

April 10, 1968 - November 24, 2025

Hercial James "Turkey" Lester, age 57, of Raven, VA, passed away at his home on Monday, November 24, 2025.

He was born on April 10, 1968, in Richlands, VA to the late Hershak Turk Hurt and Peggy Ann Proffitt Mercer. Turkey was a hard worker. He was self-employed, working many odd jobs around the area. He also worked in construction and at Holmes' Junkyard. He was a lifelong resident of the area. Turkey had a heart of pure gold, always putting others first, and if you called for help, he was there no matter what. He had inspiring boundless love and joy, especially in his granddaughter Harper, who brought countless joyful days until the very end. Those who knew him adored him and when you asked what's on his mind, he would say "I am talking to Jesus."

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Griffith; and brothers Jerry Hurt, James "Hubba" Hurt, and Damon Lester.

Turkey's memory will be carried on by:

Daughter, Shaina Lester and Aaron Bidlack of Cedar Bluff, VA

Son, Tyler Lester of Washington, D.C.

Granddaughter, Harper Bidlack

Sisters:

Frances Rose and husband Terry of Red Ash, VA

Lisa Cordle and husband Tom of Claypool Hill, VA

Mary Hutchinson and husband Chuck of Cedar Bluff, VA

Brothers:

Ronnie Hurt and Tina Muir of Raven, VA

Joe Hurt and wife Tina of Raven, VA

David Lester of Raven, VA

A big thank you to Legacy Hospice for being so good to our Turkey.

Funeral services for Hercial "Turkey" Lester will be conducted Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 12 PM at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, VA, with the Rev. Rick Whitt officiating. Interment will follow at Hankins Cemetery in Richlands, VA. Pallbearers will be Family and Friends. A visitation will be held from 6-8 on Friday evening at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Hankins Cemetery

Richlands, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hercial James "Turkey" Lester



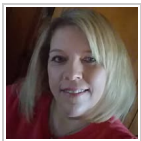
Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - December 01, 2025 at 09:21 AM

TA

“ Tammy lit a candle in memory of Hercial James Lester



Tammy - November 26, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ Tammy Street lit a candle in memory of Hercial James Lester



Tammy Street - November 26, 2025 at 03:28 PM

BS

“ Praying for the family for the days to come ❤️
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Bill and Kelly Stanley - November 26, 2025 at 10:58 AM

JA

“ JayKay lit a candle in memory of Hercial
James Lester



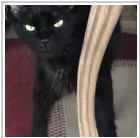
JayKay - November 26, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ Turkey was one of the sweetest people I've
ever meet. He always had a smile no matter
what. He had the best laugh I loved to hear
him laugh and smile. He will greatly be
missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to
family and friends.



Anita Helbert Dee - November 25, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Hercial
James Lester



Davie Horton - November 25, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Hercial James Lester*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - November 25, 2025 at 03:36 PM

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“ *Lisa, Tom and all the family Gomer & I extend our deepest sympathy. Prayers or you all during this time of great loss.*



Carolyn Baldwin Pyles - November 25, 2025 at 03:14 PM