



## Lonnie "Tarpin Lonzo" Ray Lester

August 30, 1950 - July 26, 2024

Lonnie "Tarpin Lonzo" Ray Lester, age 73, of Swords Creek, Virginia, passed away Friday, July 26, 2024 at his home.

He was born in Richlands, Virginia and was the son of the late Homer Lester and Cordie Asbury Lester.

He was a retired coal miner from Jewell Smokeless, having worked in the mines for over 55 years. He loved to spend time with his family and was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend to all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Lester; and brothers, Bill, Don, Roger, and Darrell Lester.

Survivors are:

His Loving Wife of 44 Years: Carol Diane Lester

Daughter: Amanda Carol Dye and husband, Thomas of Swords Creek, Virginia

Sisters:

Virginia Rose of Chesapeake, Virginia

Betty Duty of Cedar Bluff, Virginia  
Bonnie Vandyke of Keen Mtn, Virginia  
Alice Lester of Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Brother: Danny Lester and wife, Judy of Wardell, Virginia

Grandchildren: Michael Walker; Nathan Dye and girlfriend, Jasmine Shortt;  
Justin Dye and fiancée, Bethany Barton; Olivia Dye; Brittanie Dye; and Nick  
Dye

Great Grandchildren: Aubree Barton; Maddie Dye; Zakary Hicks; and Isaiah  
Hicks

Special Friend: Judy McGhee

Special Thanks to the nurses and staff of Helping Hands Hospice.

Funeral services for Lonnie Ray Lester will be conducted Wednesday, July 31,  
2024 at 2pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the  
Rev. Jim Richardson, Rev. Johnny Smith; and Ethan Roberts officiating.

Members of the UMWA Chaplain Corps will conduct memorial services on  
Wednesday at the beginning of the service. Burial will follow at the Richardson  
Family Cemetery on Horton Ridge near Raven, Virginia. . Pallbearers will be  
Michael Walker, Blake Baldwin, Christopher Johnson, Nathan Dye, Jared  
Goins, Ethan Roberts, and Justin Dye. Friends may visit with the family on  
Tuesday evening from 6pm until 9pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in  
Richlands, Virginia. 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

## Richardson Family Cemetery

Horton Ridge, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## UMWA Chaplin Corps Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lonnie "Tarpin Lonzo" Ray Lester



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - August 02, 2024 at 05:51 PM



“ Diane, We are so sorry to hear about Tarpin. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry we couldn't be there. We love you.

Marilyn Richardson and Kathy Harrison - July 30, 2024 at 08:07 PM



“ Micheal p rogich jr lit a candle in memory of Lonnie "Tarpin Lonzo" Lester



Micheal p rogich jr - July 30, 2024 at 12:11 PM



“ Suzette Messer lit a candle in memory of Lonnie "Tarpin Lonzo" Lester



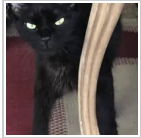
Suzette Messer - July 28, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Lonnie "Tarpin Lonzo" Lester*



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**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - July 28, 2024 at 11:03 AM



“ *Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Lonnie "Tarpin Lonzo" Lester*



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**Davie Horton** - July 27, 2024 at 11:41 PM

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“ *Diane Amanda and Family.... I am so sorry for the loss of Lonnie you always saw him smiling I know your hearts are broken.... I will pray for peace comfort and strength in the days to come....*

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**Janice Brown** - July 27, 2024 at 11:31 PM

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“ *Love, Virginia Rose and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lonnie "Tarpin Lonzo" Ray Lester.*



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**Love, Virginia Rose and family** - July 27, 2024 at 09:10 PM

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“ Love, Virginia Rose and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lonnie "Tarpin Lonzo" Ray Lester.

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**Love, Virginia Rose and family** - July 27, 2024 at 09:10 PM

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“ Joy Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Lonnie "Tarpin Lonzo" Lester



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**Joy Fields** - July 27, 2024 at 08:18 PM