



William "Bill" Graham Lester

November 30, 1951 - June 14, 2024

William "Bill" Graham Lester age 72 of Raven, Virginia passed away on Friday, June 14, 2024, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born November 30, 1951, in Richlands, Virginia, and was the son of the late Fred Lester and Pansy Bragg Lester. He worked many years in the coal mines to support his family and provide for them. Bill was a loving husband, father, brother, and grandfather. He was a lifelong resident of the local area and will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Lisa Sluss and Patty Cook.

Those that remain to carry on his spirit are his:

Loving wife, Cathy Lester of Raven, VA

Sons.

Garnet Lester and his wife, Tracey of Glade Spring, VA

Billy Lester and his wife, Jessica of Richlands, VA

Stepchildren, Vanessa Simmons, Jack Jackson, Gary Jackson, Kayla Bandy, and Josh Whitt

Sisters:

Jane Boyd and her husband, Earl of Richlands, VA

Janifer Athens and her husband, Jim of Pounding Mill, VA

Brother:

Johnny Lester of Richlands, VA

Grandchildren, Hannah Lester, Carter Lester, Kaylen Whitt, Kade Whitt

The extended family and grandchildren of the heart include Ciji Jackson, Kirt Jackson, Ashley, and Ryan Vandyke.

The funeral service for William "Bill" Lester will be at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, with the Rev. Buddy Herald and Randall McCracken officiating. Interment will follow at the Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Earl Boyd, Bobby Morrow, Tim White, Donnie Lester, Lonnie Perkins, Jack Jackson, and Gary Jackson will be pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearers will be Carl Addison, Bob Mullins, Jack Brown, and all his golfing buddies at Tazewell County Country Club. A night visitation will be on Monday evening from 6-9 pm at the funeral home.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia oversees arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral

JUN 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Graham Lester



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - June 22, 2024 at 08:25 AM



“ Kimberly D Dula lit a candle in memory of William Lester



Kimberly D Dula - July 09, 2024 at 10:38 PM



“ Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of William Lester



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - June 22, 2024 at 04:45 PM

ES

“ *He was a good person to the people he met.
From former employee of Doran Grocery*



Employee of Doran Grocery (J Shelton) - June 18, 2024 at 09:38 AM

BS

“ *Betty Sargent lit a candle in memory of
William Lester*



Betty Sargent - June 18, 2024 at 07:14 AM

LS

“ *Lisa Sullivan sent a virtual gift in memory of
William Lester*



Lisa Sullivan - June 18, 2024 at 06:12 AM

JR

“ *JIM & Wanda Robinett lit a candle in memory
of William Lester*

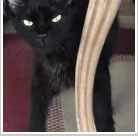


JIM & Wanda Robinett - June 17, 2024 at 06:54 PM

LR

“ William was a great friend and awesome golf buddy. We want to send Cathy our deepest condolences. Love Lanny and Carol

Lanny Richardson - June 17, 2024 at 05:28 PM



“ MANY MEMORIES OF BILL AND HIS FAMILY DURING OUR YOUTH. LAKE PARK AND HILL CREEK COMMUNITY WERE TWIN CITIES. BILL ALWAYS SOUGHT ME OUT WHEN EVER HE SAW ME OUT IN TOWN OR AT HOME . HE HAS MANY PAGES OF MY LIFE I LIVED . I AM SO GLAD HE MADE HEAVEN HIS HOME WITH GOD, JESUS , AND THE Holy Ghost. I REMEMBER WHEN HE GAVE HIS HEART TO THE LORD ! DAYS OF OUR YOUTH WHEN LIFE WAS SIMPLE R. I. P. BROTHER BILL , THANK YOU FOR BEING MY FRIEND . IT WILL NOT BE LONG UNTIL THE LORD CALLS US ALL HOME . CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS !



Davie Horton - June 17, 2024 at 05:20 PM

BN

“ Bill Nichols sent a virtual gift in memory of William Lester



Bill Nichols - June 17, 2024 at 02:56 PM

RH

“ Robert G Harrison lit a candle in memory of William Lester



Robert G Harrison - June 17, 2024 at 11:10 AM

RH

“ Bill was a good friend we also went to school together

Robert G Harrison - June 17, 2024 at 11:03 AM

JB

“ Cathy, sending love and our deepest condolences to you and the family. Prayers for peace and comfort for all. 🙏💙



Joanne Bumgarner - June 17, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of William Lester



TonyanEdgar Wicks - June 17, 2024 at 08:11 AM

GC

“ Cathy, don't have the words to tell you how sorry I am over the loss of your husband. I know how it hurts. If there is ever anything I can do for you please let me know. Please take care of yourself. Come see me - would love to have you.

Geneva Harrison Crouse - June 17, 2024 at 03:12 AM

AB

“ Cathy, Garnett, Billy and the family I am so sorry for your loss. This is so sad. You are all in my prayers during this difficult time.



April "LaForce" Berry - June 16, 2024 at 11:20 PM

CW

“ Connie Wyatt lit a candle in memory of William Lester



Connie Wyatt - June 16, 2024 at 08:39 PM

SS

“ Cathy, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.

Sherry Sturges - June 16, 2024 at 07:51 PM

RH

“ Prayers for the family. Bill will be missed in the neighborhood to.



Rocky & Pat Horton - June 16, 2024 at 07:41 PM

JW

“ Judy West lit a candle in memory of William Lester



Judy West - June 16, 2024 at 07:20 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I attended school with Bill and his sisters. My thoughts and prayers go out to all his family.

Dee (Patrick) Barbour - June 16, 2024 at 07:02 PM

JR

“ JOHN AND WENDY REEDY lit a candle in memory of William Lester



JOHN AND WENDY REEDY - June 16, 2024 at 06:29 PM

MW

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers Cathy. If you need anything please let me know. Love you.

Michael Anthony Wingo - June 16, 2024 at 05:18 PM

MD

“ Love and prayers for Cathy and all the family !
Bill will be truly missed by so many, including us.



Mike & Dottie - June 16, 2024 at 04:23 PM

SL

“ Jane and Family
Just heard about Billy. Did not know he was ill. I remember him and all the kids and also your mom and dad very well. Our relatives are getting less and less. Thinking of all of you
Shirley B. Lawson

Shirley Lawson - June 16, 2024 at 03:53 PM

AR

“ Kathy I'm so so sorry.
Know you are loved!
Don and Almeta Rose

almeta rose - June 16, 2024 at 11:04 AM

CL

“ Charlie and Donna Little lit a candle in memory of William Lester



Charlie and Donna Little - June 16, 2024 at 08:32 AM

JF

“ John and Judy Fuller lit a candle in memory of William Lester



John and Judy Fuller - June 15, 2024 at 10:32 PM

C(

“ Carlene Jackson (Gross) lit a candle in memory of William Lester



Carlene Jackson (Gross) - June 15, 2024 at 08:18 PM

JW

“ Have known Bill for many years, we thought so much of him. Jerry loved to carry on with Bill especially about golf. He was so kind and good to me. I was so tickled when he and Cathy got together. They were a perfect match. Sending much prayers and love to this family. Pat and Jerry Warner



Jerry and Pat Warner - June 15, 2024 at 06:31 PM

KS

“ *Cathy and family, I am so sorry for your great loss. Bill was a wonderful man and he will be missed. Sending my deepest condolences to each of you. May God give you comfort and peace. Lots of love and hugs. Love, Kim Grimsley Smith*



Kim Grimsley Smith - June 15, 2024 at 05:52 PM

RA

“ *So sorry for your loss, sending prayers for you and your family.*



Ruby Asbury - June 15, 2024 at 05:30 PM

CV

“ *Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of William Lester*



Charlotte Vencille - June 15, 2024 at 03:44 PM

CL

“ *So many memories when you grow up know and working with Bill's family. I worked with Lisa and Jane. They are a wonderful family so sorry to hear of Bills passing. To Kathy know I send my condolences. May God Bless*



carol Lester - June 15, 2024 at 03:43 PM

LN

“ *Leroy & Angie Nelson lit a candle in memory of William Lester*



Leroy & Angie Nelson - June 15, 2024 at 03:15 PM

JB

“ *Judy Bales lit a candle in memory of William Lester*



Judy Bales - June 15, 2024 at 01:46 PM

RH

“ *So sorry for the loss of Bill. He was a good man and a great neighbor. You will be missed. Prayers for the family.*



Rocky & Pat Horton - June 15, 2024 at 01:40 PM