



Mr. Donald Lester, Sr.

June 2, 1942 - September 12, 2013

Mr. Donald William Lester, Sr., 71, of Commerce, GA passed away on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at his home.

Mr. Lester was born in Hart County, GA on June 02, 1942, son of the late Roy Thomas Lester and the late Georgia Lee Cawthon Lester. He was a farrier and horse trainer for 45 years, a member of the Ohoopsee River Horse Association, the GA Professional Farrier Association, the South Ogeechee Horse Association, AQHA, APHA, ApHA and PHBA. Mr. Lester was a past president of Mountain Stream, Banks County, Banks Crossing, Rolling Hills, Georgia Mountain and Gum Creek Saddle Clubs. He was also a member of the Grove Level Baptist Church in Maysville, GA.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn Hardeman Lester of Commerce, GA; children, Donald Lester, Jr. of Commerce, GA, Garnett Roy Lester of Loganville, GA, Scott Johnston Shoemaker of Loganville, GA, Janet Lynn Mokowski of Statham, GA, Teresa June Brewer of Monroe, GA, Heidi Leigh Lester of Loganville, GA and Amy Marie Carpenter of Pendergrass, GA; seventeen grandchildren and one future great grandchild.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Lester was preceded in death by two sisters, Barbara Wooten and Connie Sue Lester.

Funeral services for Mr. Lester will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2013, at the Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ray Richardson, Rev. Swayne Cochran and Dr. John Wood officiating. Interment will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Royston, GA.

The family will receive friends at Pruitt Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. The family is at the home.

Flowers are optional; memorials may be made to the Brain Tumor Foundation for Children in honor of his grandson, Blake Carpenter, by visiting www.braintumorkids.org or by mailing your donation to Brain Tumor Foundation for Children, Inc., 6065 Roswell Road NE, Suite 505, Atlanta, GA 30328.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ *Don always had a kind word.*

Ann Jones - September 10, 2015 at 09:05 AM

KR

“ *You were a very willing soul, always kind & helpful to others, with a great sense of humor*

kim rhinehart - September 10, 2015 at 09:05 AM

HS

“ *Donald was one of my classmates at Royston High School. We were a small class that formed many lasting memories. Donald will always be one of those lasting pleasant memories. You and your family have my deepest sympathy during this time.*
Helen Andrews Stripling

Helen Andrews Stripling - September 10, 2015 at 09:05 AM

LW

“ *Don will be missed by many, I'm sure Dub was waiting to talk horses.*

Lisa Westmorland - September 10, 2015 at 09:05 AM

DS

“ *Hey Lynn, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Dr. Recknor and Staff - September 10, 2015 at 09:05 AM

FR

“ Lynn,
We are so saddened by the news of Don's passing away. Although we only knew the two of you for a short time, there was no doubt you two were a solid pair and made for one another. I admire you for your dedication to him in his battles, and I am so proud to have met you both. I have been praying for you both and happened to be looking for a way to contact you online and I ran across his obituary. I guess the Lord was telling me I needed to know. I will keep you in my prayers now and in the days to come as you journey a road you have not traveled for many years. Please know I will be thinking of you and your family as you handle the loss of your loved one.
With Love and Prayers,
God Bless You All,
Faye and Betty

Faye Drake and Betty Rouse - September 10, 2015 at 09:05 AM

KF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I first met him when I was a bank teller at the CB&T in Wal-Mart. Don was one of our favorite customers. He always had a smile on his face and was ready to make us laugh.

Katrina Farmer - September 10, 2015 at 09:05 AM

TE

“ So sad to hear of Don's passing. We just found out this evening that he had gone to be with our Lord. Don was a wonderful person so full of life and good to everyone. We met Don about 8 years ago when he became our Farrier and then became our friend. Rest in peace my friend you were a joy to know and we will think of you often and never forget your smiling face and wonderful heart.

Tracy and Peggy England - September 10, 2015 at 09:05 AM

DR

“ Lynn, and family,
So sorry to learn of Don's passing, I know he fought the battle with his all.
He will be missed! I know it is hard, cause I am fighting the same battle,
I am half way finished with radiation, and 5 more surgeries ahead for me, but giving it my all but trust me it is a battle! Some days you feel down, but then you remember how God gave his life for all of us!
If you need anything, please let us know!
Our love and prayers for you and the family.
John and Gloria

Dr. & Mrs. John A. Rhodes - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM