



John Allen Lester

April 30, 2023

Kingsport, TN

John Allen Lester, 80, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday April 30, 2023. John, known as Allen, was born in Appalachia, VA on November 3, 1942. In the early years of his life, he worked with his father at their family-owned store called “Lesters’ Grocery”. Allen also went to trade school in Wise, VA and received a certification in carpentry. In 1963 he married the love of his life, Freda, and they eventually settled in Kingsport, TN where he worked for J.P. Stevens and Big Lots. He also lived in Burlington, NC where he worked for Glen Raven Mills.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.C. (Bill) Lester, Sr., and Edna (Chapman) Lester, and his brother, W.C. (Billy) Lester, Jr.

“Movies (westerns), Music, and Memories”, were how Allen described himself. He was an avid collector of movies and music of all kinds and loved to discuss those topics often. He was a very nostalgic man. He cherished the memories he shared with family and friends. He loved to dance and could out skate anyone in his younger days. He would give you the shirt off his back and the last dollar to his name. He was a good man and we are all going to be lost without him. He was a wise, loving, and caring husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He had a sense of humor that always lit up the room.

Those left to honor his memory are his loving wife of 59 years, Freda Kennedy Lester; two daughters, Pamela (David) Shaffer of Kingsport, TN, Sonja (Jeff) Rogers of Kingsport, TN; five grandchildren, Tiffany (Wes), Kara (Chris),

Derek (Dolly), Soffia, and Luke; eight great grandchildren, Jayden, Stella, Asher, Noah, Kaytelin, Gideon, Harper, and Channing; several special nieces and nephews whom he thought of as his own; special friends and neighbors, James, Melissa, and Makayla; he loved his little doe and fur baby, "Sugar". The family will receive friends Thursday, May 4, 2023, from 12 noon to 2 pm at the Roy A. Green Funeral Home with services following in the funeral home chapel officiated by Dr. Nick Brewer. Burial will follow in the American Legion Cemetery. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Micah Shook and the nursing staff at Norton Community Hospital for their care and compassion during Allen's time there.

Cemetery Details

American Legion Cemetery

Big Stone Gap, VA

Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAY 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Roy A. Green Funeral Home
317 Kilbourne Ave.
Appalachia, VA 24216
(276) 565-1250
info@royagreenfuneralhome.com
<https://www.royagreenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ Sandra Marshall lit a candle in memory of John Allen Lester



Sandra Marshall - May 09, 2023 at 11:18 AM

SM

“ I remember going places with you, Allen, and Diana. We would all pile into that little Corvair even though we could hardly breathe in it. He was a wonderful friend and so are you. With love and heartfelt sympathy. Sandra

Sandra Marshall - May 09, 2023 at 11:17 AM

RL

“ So sorry I won't be able to be with you all to pay my final respects to Uncle Allen. He is reunited now with Grandma and Grandpa Lester and my Daddy (his brother). Keeping you all in my thoughts. Take good care. Robin



Robin Lester - May 04, 2023 at 09:43 AM

PD

“ So sorry to hear of Allen...Prayers for comfort for his family, friends and everyone whose life he touched...RIP Allen , you will be missed GBNF ❤️🙏💔



Pam Davidson - May 03, 2023 at 11:57 AM

JS

“ I was so sorry to learn about Allen's passing. I always thought a great deal of him. His wife Freda and the rest of the family are in our prayers....



Jerry sanslow - May 03, 2023 at 10:06 AM

DM

“ So sorry for the loss of Allen. Prayers to Freda, Pam, Sonya and all of the family. I know he will be greatly missed.
Debbie Reed Meade



Debbie Meade - May 03, 2023 at 09:58 AM

SF

“ So sorry for your loss of Allen. Went to AHS with Allen and Freda. He had a great personality and will be missed by all who knew him.
Love and Prayers, Tommy & Shirley Morrison Fisher



Shirley Fisher - May 03, 2023 at 02:17 AM