



Gordon Everett Hester

March 14, 1940 - February 8, 2021

Gordon Everett Hester (Poppa) was born on March 14, 1940 in Somerville, Tennessee. He graduated from Selmer High School in 1958. Poppa loved any opportunity to share about the glory days where his football team went undefeated his senior year. He was versatile playing guard and any other position the coach requested. Even after 60 years, Gordon still cherished many friendships from his childhood and school days at Selmer.

Gordon was united in marriage to Almeda H. Michael (Meda) on June 30, 1958. They honored their vows for 62 years even through his final days. He found abundant joy in cutting the first rose each spring for Meda and in spoiling her with breakfast in bed.

As a U.S. Army Veteran, Gordon continued serving through his work at the VA for the Specially Adapted Housing for Disabled Veterans even into retirement. As an artist, he never missed a chance to share his paintings or sketches with those around him. He was the center of attention in any crowd, always charming others with his witty sense of humor and mischievous smile. Life took them many places but regardless of the location home was always wherever Nanna and Poppa were. Their loved ones knew their door was always open and full of hospitality whether resting along a journey or stopping for a visit. The family often awoke on Saturday mornings to the sweet smell of bacon and coffee thanks to Poppa in the kitchen.

All that love him know that the best moments spent with Poppa were simple ones spent in silence at their Watertown, Smiley Hollow, and Loretta homes admiring God's awe-inspiring beauty through nature. As the call of the Lord drew near, he was surrounded by his family hand in hand passing peacefully with everlasting reassurance. Gordon departed this life on February 8, 2021 at the age of 80 years in Hermitage, TN.

Gordon is preceded in death by his parents Austin Eugene Hester and Bulah Mae Robbins as well as one brother (Robert). He studied the family's genealogy and ensured their love built a family to carry on the Hester name. He is survived by his wife Almeda Michael Hester; his daughter Wendy Wyatt (Roger); his son Tommy Hester (Jodi); his

granddaughters Amanda Heckwolf (Thomas), Emily Hester, and Kady Hester; his grandsons Benjamin Hester (Kristen) and Austin Hester (Cady); his great grandsons Benson, Grayson, Justin, and Elijah; and great-granddaughters Elliot, Allison, and Lillian. Our life mission will be to live in honor of him and the pride he exuded for his family's accomplishments.

Gordon will be buried at the Prospect Cemetery in Selmer, TN. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Prospect Cemetery Fund, 151 Bassham Lane, Selmer, TN 38375 or the Gary Sinise Foundation, PO Box 368, Woodland Hills, CA 91365 in honor of Gordon's mission to serve disabled veterans.

Cemetery

Prospect Cemetery

75 Pleasant Site Rd.

Selmer, TN, 38375

Comments



“ Gordon Everett Hester, I am thankful for these 62 years we had together. We weathered together every storm, loved every joy, and made precious memories as our family grew and continued to grow. You were strong, yet gentle and kind. I cannot imagine my life without you; but, I will continue your legacy of sharing those great times you and I had together with this great family we have made. You had no fear of dying because of the faith you had in God which gave you peace. You have blessed your family and the many who love you. My love, I will meet you on the other side of Jordan when you rise up with a shout and come running through the shallow water reaching for my hand.

Almeda Michael Hester

Almeda Michael Hester - February 17, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ Wendy Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Gordon Everett Hester



Wendy Wyatt - February 17, 2021 at 06:52 PM



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“ So sorry, Almeda. Praying for grace and comfort for you all. May God wrap his arms around you and comfort you.

Bobby N Cindy Kirk - February 12, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ Our football days together and our life long Friendship

John Brush - February 11, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ My prayers are with you all. I'm so thankful for my friendship with Gordon through my mother who he graduated high school with. He was a special person who touched many people's lives.



Wanda Carlin - February 11, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ So sorry Meda and family. I didn't know until today even though he mentioned on Facebook that it was time. I am so glad I got to meet Gordon. He was an amazing talented man. I know you and your children will miss him. God bless you with many wonderful memories.

Jane Mulder - February 13, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ Ann Richerson lit a candle in memory of Gordon Everett Hester



Ann Richerson - February 11, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ Johnnie Kay Witt lit a candle in memory of Gordon Everett Hester



Johnnie Kay Witt - February 11, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ Kimberly Harville lit a candle in memory of Gordon Everett Hester



Kimberly Harville - February 10, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ Gordon was a good friend. I worked with him at the VA in home loans. He had a zest for life, and he is missed. He is enjoying life to the fullest now.

Margaret and Michael Duke - February 10, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ Uncle Gordon was a integral presence my whole life. How do you pick from a lifetime of beautiful memories? The beach times? Birth of my 1st child? Time at Grannys sitting on the porch or family walks through the fields or playing catch or walking to the graveyard to put flowers on Granddaddy's grave and discuss all the family buried there or...? Thank you for the memories dear Uncle. Sending love and prayers to the family.

Beverly Brown Lozano - February 10, 2021 at 06:11 AM



“ Regina Michael Birdwell lit a candle in memory of Gordon Everett Hester



Regina Michael Birdwell - February 10, 2021 at 02:08 AM



“ I have memories of Gordon and Meda from when they lived in Bemis(which was when my dad burnt his his hand lighting a Roman candle), to when they lived in Medon, to when they were house parents at Youthtown in Pinson, to Ft Walton Beach to Houston, to Watertown to Goodlettsville. I'm sure I've left out some places, but those are the ones I remember at this moment anyway. It always seemed like when you saw one, you would nearly always see the other one somewhere close by. Uncle Gordon was always full of life and mischief which I'm sure kept Aunt Meda on her toes, but one thing that I know for certain is that their home was always open to anyone who cared to drop by. My husband and I and kids visited them when they lived in Houston for a short visit. Meda and Gordon have always been very gracious hosts. He could relate to people of all ages as can be seen in the many pictures that have been posted on FB. As I spoke with him on the phone for the last time On Friday night, he was aware of his time drawing near and he told me of his request for "The Old Rugged Cross" to be sung at his funeral. I told him that I loved him and would miss him but that one day he would see all of us again. I encouraged him to celebrate his life for his time that was left. And one day I expect to be playing the hands over hands game that he nearly always played with one of us!

Regina Michael Birdwell - February 10, 2021 at 02:07 AM



“ Betty & Dennie Howell lit a Candle in memory of Gordon Everett Hester



Dennie Howell - February 09, 2021 at 11:12 PM



“ Ray Hester lit a candle in memory of Gordon Everett Hester



Ray Hester - February 09, 2021 at 10:41 PM