



## Frederick William Lester

February 24, 1951 - September 11, 2020

Frederick William Lester, 69, of Newnan, GA joined peacefully with our Lord Jesus on September 11, 2020, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital due to COVID-19 which targeted his lungs with pneumonia.

Born February 24, 1951, of James William (J.W.) and Susie Wood Lester in Greensboro, NC. He is survived by his beloved and cherished wife, Marilyn Homa Lester whom he united in holy matrimony November 03, 2018. To his end, they were granted the ultimate blessing to jointly unite at his bedside during his final hours with words and conscious endearment shared mutually.

He is lovingly survived by his son, Bryan Lester, of Austin TX, his daughter Karyn Hidalgo, (Brad), and grandchildren. Kaitlin and Will Hidalgo of Orlando, FL. Additionally, he is survived by two loving siblings, a brother, James C. Lester (Faye), of Midlothian, VA, and a sister, Margaret Lester Mock (Willis) of Fredericksburg, Va, several nieces and nephews, and his cherished and adored fur babies, Hallie, Jay, Peaches, and Taupie.

Not to be forgotten, he will be sadly missed by close friends from St. Paul's Episcopalian Church, the First United Methodist Church, both of Newnan, and his loving and caring friends from Florida, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania.

He was predeceased by his son, Kristopher William Lester, his former wife, Ilana Lester, and brother, Douglas Lester.

Fred graduated from Smith High School, Greensboro, NC, and attended Guilford Technical Community Technical College, Greensboro, NC, followed by a 50-year career as a Project Manager in Utility Contracting. This entitled to him travel many states in the U.S.

His fondly shared memories included his many vacations both nationally and internationally to capture and appreciate God's beauty. He attended and viewed limitless NASCAR races, and was an avid fisherman with multiple accessories to enjoy his love for

catching and returning the fish to their natural habitat.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be performed at an unannounced date for all family and friends at the McKoon Funeral Home, Newnan, GA. It will be co-officiated by Hazel Glover, his Priest at St. Paul's' Episcopalian Church, and Marilyn's Pastor at the First United Methodist Church, Senior Pastor, Charles Robinson. A reception will follow at our home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Coweta County Humane Society (<https://www.nchsrescue.org>) Americares Working to help fight covid-19 & other disasters (<https://www.americares.org>) or to the charity of your choice in his name.

"Now this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." - John 17.3.

He truly knew his Lord. He rests in peace.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - February 27 at 08:09 AM



“ Sending love to all. Thank you for enabling us to be there with you at this time. Seb and Ruth Licata

**Seb & Ruth Licata** - February 27 at 11:39 AM



“ Sending love Marie Norris

**marie norris** - February 27 at 11:45 AM

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“ After Fred's virtual service, which was very touching, a few of his nieces and nephews spent some time remembering him.

Uncle Fred, a kind, gentle man was always quick with a joke. He brought a much appreciated lightheartedness to family events only as a younger brother can. Being Doug's younger brother by 8 years we grew up hearing endearing stories about little Freddy. Dad put a great priority on deepening his relationship with Freddy over the last couple of decades. His love for Fred was evident and strengthened. I will remember Uncle Freddy as a lover of country music and fishing, a loving father to my cousins, a strong man who is open with his emotions, and of course, a moustache that rivals Tom Selleck's.

My mom remembers what a sweet guy Freddy always was. Mother's Day after my dad died Freddy called Twink, my mom, to wish her a Happy Mother's Day. He said he was driving around that morning thinking about all the great mom's he knew and wanted her to hear that. That really touched mom deeply.

We are so thankful that Freddy made the trip to Raleigh when dad was nearing death. Freddy himself was not 100%, but he made the trip and spent time by dad's side. Freddy's big heart and loving ways will not be forgotten and will dearly missed.

-Amy, Ashley, Andy, Austin and Aaron (Doug and Twink Lester's kids)

**Andy Lester-Niles** - February 27 at 03:37 PM



“ Eloquent, heartfelt memorial. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Ray and Barb Homa

**Barb Homa** - February 27 at 02:17 PM

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“ Virginia and I have a wonderful memory about Fred. He always sat behind us during church, and he always would tap me on the shoulder and I would turn around and he'd say "hey, brother", and we would shake hands. Virginia and I would always turn to see his wonderful, big grin on his face. We will always miss that on Sunday mornings at church.  
Ernie & Virginia Williams

**Virginia&Ernie Williams** - February 27 at 11:41 AM

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“ Did you know that Jay and Hallie, Fred's Yorkies, through a young lady Schnauzer named Peaches, brought Fred and Marilyn together? They sure did! I believe it was winter of the year 2017 that Tom, my husband, and I received a call from a bubbly voice. It was my sister Marilyn telling us about the southern gentleman whom she met at the dog groomer's home. I hadn't heard excitement in her voice for quite sometime. In the following month she would call with "updates" of a blooming relationship with Fred. The calls became less frequent as she and Fred were spending more time together. Their connection grew through their love for Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Friendships grew with them and their church communities. Then, Marilyn would call and Tom and I started to hear the names of Fred's children, grandchildren, sister and brothers.

They met from Texas, Florida, Virginia and North Carolina in their town of Newnan, GA. We learned quickly that Fred was Marilyn's "soulmate". A trip to Italy for them with her church friends was so enjoyed.

Then what happens? An engagement of marriage! It was a short engagement. We were all up in years, if you know what I mean. Fred's cousin from Athens assisted them in choosing their rings. And then the wedding plans began. And oh my, what a beautiful wedding it was. Fred had Brian at his side as his Best Man. Marilyn asked Tom to walk her down the aisle and give her away to Fred. And she asked that I be her Matron of Honor. Tom and I were so honored. From then on, Fred called Marilyn his Bride. With that, she always smiled. And by the way, Bentley, our Lhasa Apso, had two more cousins. Lady Peaches is gracious to share.

We became close to Fred and love and friendship grew over the months. Soon after, Marilyn arranged a vacation to Williamsburg and Tom and I drove down with excitement in our hearts. They were like two kids, giggly, shared loving looks, kind and respectful of each other. We loved hearing Fred laugh. We can hear him now. This is how we will remember Fred. We pray for him now as he has completed his journey to eternal life. God is present in our lives and will always be.

Eternal memory and peaceful repose!

Love from Tom, Deb and Bentley



Tom and Deb Holman - February 27 at 09:55 AM

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“ I knew Fred and we talked many times, a great person and friend that is Loved and will be missed. God has the pleasure of having him back. God Bless the family LOVE you all. Your friend - Brink

**Brink Howard** - September 18, 2020 at 11:27 PM

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“ Fred and I share a birthday, and that developed into a real friendship at St Paul's. I always enjoyed talking with him before and after the service, and I will miss his kindness and happy smile. Much love to Marilyn and family.

**Lauren Gallagher** - September 18, 2020 at 04:42 PM

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“ Sadly,I say goodbye to a great friend & neighbor,Fred Lester ! He really enjoyed his time on the lake or pond, fishing, as well as the companionship of Jay & Hallie! His laugh at an old joke or childhood memory will be missed !

**david mitchell** - September 16, 2020 at 08:15 PM

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“ I was so sad to hear of Fred's passing. We've missed having him as our next door neighbor her at The Commonwealth. Prayers for comfort for all the family.

**Deborah Marchman** - September 15, 2020 at 07:08 PM