



Lester W. Guthrie Jr.

December 22, 1950 - April 23, 2011

Lester W. Guthrie, Jr., 60, of Coloma, passed away early Saturday, April 23, 2011, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Funeral services celebrating his life will be held at 2:00 P.M., on Wednesday, April 27, at the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 249 E. Center Street, in Coloma, with Rev. William C. Chu officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Shores. Visitation will be held from noon until 2:00, Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to either the Berrien County Youth Fair or to the Berrien County 4H. Messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net.

Lester was born on December 22, 1950, in Benton Harbor to Lester, Sr. and Katherine Guthrie. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War in the USAF. On March 22, 1989, he married the love of his life, Diana Drach. Lester loved his family...particularly his children and granddaughter. He had a passion for horses and his dogs and was active in the 4H. He will be remembered for his outgoing personality and for always waving to those he knew.

Lester is survived by his wife Diana; children, Jonathan Guthrie of Colorado, Kara Michelle Guthrie of Berrien Springs, Joshua (Laura) Bachman of Florida; granddaughter, Abigail Rose Bachman; his sister, Ruby (Ron) Pettenger of

Petoskey, MI; his nieces and nephews, Becky Pettenger, Krista Pettenger, Christina Drach, Nicholas Drach, Gabriella Pettenger, and Ashley Pettenger; and by his special friends, Stephanie (Chris) Brinkman.

Lester was preceded in death by his parents.

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
249 East Center Street
Coloma, MI 49038
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Service

APR 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RP

“ *My Buddy (my brother),
I will always miss you and the special bond we had. You were taken
way to soon. I miss my family. Time will bring us all together again.
Gods plan will unite us. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you
and mom and dad. You are loved and missed.*
RubyAnn

Ruby (Guthrie) Pettenger - February 11, 2017 at 07:36 PM

KD

“ *I miss you so much!! I miss your contagious laugh. I miss that look
you would give me. I miss you calling me runt. I still need my dad. I
will see you again. Will just have to be patient. I love you*

Kara Michele Nearanz (Guthrie) daughter - September 05, 2015 at 10:12 PM

MI

*I'm so sorry kara Michelle you robably don't remember me but I'm
Matthew Innis I'm sorry about your dad and grandparents I miss them
alot they have a special place in my heart I weren't be the good man I
am now if it wasn't for them I owe them alot now it's too late to tell them*

Matthew innis - January 18, 2019 at 02:08 AM

VK

“ *Diana, we are so very sorry for your loss. Les was a good man!*

Rob & Valerie Krause

Valerie Krause - April 29, 2011 at 04:07 PM

EB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Lester's death. I will remember him always. He always had a kind word and a wave whenever he saw me. I will miss him.

Eva Baumeister

Eva M. Baumeister - April 29, 2011 at 03:18 PM

CJ

“ Im' sorry to hear about the passing of Buddy. I grew up with Buddy and Ruby in Berrien Center. He always came over to the house on his horse or I was able to go to his house and ride with him. I remember him and I were riding in his pasture and he took his t-shirt off and soaked it in the water trough (bath tub) and then smacked the horse I was riding. Buddy thought that I would fall off, but I didn't. He said that I rode better than he thought that I would. In 4-H together

We always had a good time. You will be truely missed.

Claude Atkins Jr . Port Richey Fl 34668

Claude Atkins Jr. - April 28, 2011 at 04:49 PM

MM

“ I will always remember Bud's sense of humor. He had the best laugh ever. I remember he and his dad showing horses and all the fun we had. He will be missed.

Maryann McCarthy

Maryann McCarthy - April 28, 2011 at 01:47 PM

WA

“ I grew up in Berrien Center MI with Lester and his sister Ruby. Always knew him by his nickname "Buddy." He was a good friend and will be missed.

Gary Atkins

Wm. Gary Atkins - April 28, 2011 at 11:09 AM

TY

“ He was a bright spot in the day.

The Yetzkes - April 27, 2011 at 12:06 PM

DB

“ I always considered Less a friend when we worked together at Whirlpool and Wolverine. I'm very sorry to hear he has passed away. Unfortunately, my work schedule doesn't allow me to attend his visitation or funeral. Don Bartz

Donald Bartz - April 26, 2011 at 08:01 PM

RH

“ I will miss his laugh and hearing him say "where I go". He was one of the nicest people I met when I moved here 13 years ago. Heaven now has a special angel. Roberta Hartman

Roberta Hartman - April 25, 2011 at 03:54 PM