



Joe Mitchell Lester

March 25, 1939 - April 30, 2025

Joe Mitchell Lester age 86 of Isonville, Kentucky went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, April 30, 2025, in Elliott County, Kentucky.

Mr. Lester was born March 25, 1939, in Lawrence County, Kentucky a son of the late Vinson and Easter Skaggs Lester.

Joe was a born-again Christian, a member of Middle Fork Church of God. He was a retired pipefitter, a member of Local Union #430 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He loved fishing, witnessing for the Lord every chance he got, always looking for an opportunity to uplift the name of Jesus and to see lost souls saved. Spending time with his family and being with his church family was a special time for him.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings, Ishmael Lester, William Lester, Harmon Lester, and Ilene Hamm. Grandson; Russell Joe Lester, II, and great-great grandsons; Joseph Ryan Lester, and Rayden Kole McDowell.

He is survived by his loving wife of twenty-five years; Reva Thornberry Lester of Isonville, Kentucky, two sons; Russell Lester of Iowa, and Richard Lester of Isonville, Kentucky. Two daughters; Diane McDowell and Jenny Lewis (Ricky) all of Sandy Hook, Kentucky. One sister; Pauline Wheeler of Blaine, Kentucky,

two brothers; Ronald Lester of Blaine, Kentucky, and Donald Lester (Peggy) of Olive Hill, eleven grandchildren, thirty-six great grandchildren, and twenty-eight great-great grandchildren along with a host of extended family and friends who will sadly mourn his passing.

Funeral services will be held 12:00 noon Monday, May 05, 2025, at Middle Fork Church of God with Bro. Rodney McDowell and Bro. Don Burton officiating. Burial will follow in the Erma Lewis Cemetery at Isonville.

Friends may visit after 11:00 a.m. Sunday - Monday until the service hour at the church.

Serving as pallbearers are Skylar Lester, Leland Lester, Wesley McDowell, Nathan McDowell, Ricky Lewis, Jr. and James Doolin.

Serving as honorary pallbearers are Rylan McDowell, Christian McDowell, Bentley Thornberry, Darren Moore, Eddie Holbrook, John Conley, Terry Sparks, George Moore, Jaybird Doolin, Jim Thompson, Dave Ball, John Randolph, Luke Meade, James Middleton, Andrew Middleton, Ricky Lewis, Sr, Josh Lewis, and Aaron Randolph.

Cemetery Details

Erma Lewis Cemetery

Isonville , KY 41149

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Middle Fork Church of God
Ky 719
Sandy Hook, KY 41171

Service

MAY 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Middle Fork Church of God
Ky 719
Sandy Hook, KY 41171

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family and friends. May God bless and comfort.* ”



Sen. Walter "Doc" Blevins - May 04, 2025 at 10:57 AM

KC

“ *Kathy C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Mitchell Lester.* ”

Kathy C. - May 04, 2025 at 10:27 AM

KC

“ *Kathy C. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joe Mitchell Lester.* ”



Kathy C. - May 04, 2025 at 10:27 AM

JA

“ *Love and prayers for all the family!* ”



Jimmy & Kathy Adkins - May 02, 2025 at 10:09 PM

JA

“ *Much love and prayers all the family* ❤️🙏



Jane - May 02, 2025 at 07:17 PM

LB

“ *Lonnie And Donna Fay Barker lit a candle in memory of Joe Mitchell Lester*



Lonnie and Donna Fay Barker - May 02, 2025 at 04:19 AM

AR

“ *Angie Roberts lit a candle in memory of Joe Mitchell Lester*



Angie Roberts - May 01, 2025 at 08:41 PM

MM

“ *Melissa McDowell lit a candle in memory of Joe Mitchell Lester*



Melissa McDowell - May 01, 2025 at 08:23 PM

MM

“ *Papaw I loved you with every ounce of my being I married your grandson not knowing I was gonna gain a wonderful family to go with it a mother in law that is now my mom and you was my papaw my heart will always remember you and one day I will be with you again so many lives you touched I am so blessed to have the time with you and to be loved by you love u papaw until we meet again to enter into heaven together*

Melissa McDowell - May 01, 2025 at 08:22 PM

DB

Papaw I was proud to be your best friend and I love you. We became friends and in just a matter of minutes we were family. I'm honored to be called your grandson and best friend. Til we meet again. Rest easy Lil Country Preacher I love you.

Don Burton - May 01, 2025 at 10:05 PM