



## Lester Stites

December 29, 1956 - April 20, 2020

Lester Dean Stites age 63 passed away April 20, 2020.

Lester was born in Melbourne, Florida December 29, 1956. Son of the late Donald (Beth) Stites Sr. & Mitzi Stites.

He is Survived by his wife of 43 years Sue Ellen Stites. Also survived by Ellen's parents Frank & Sue Nelle Ellis. Daughter Rachel (Steven) Wilson of Greenbrier, TN Rebecca (Chad) Clinard of Springfield TN & Jesse (Danielle) Stites of Ellington, Connecticut.

Grandchildren Kate, Wesley & Alie Wilson, Nash, Noah & Ella Clinard.

Brothers Donald (Leeanne) Stites, Jr & Danny (Marsha) Smiley. Brothers in Law, Joe (Tina) Ellis & David (Stacey) Ellis. 1 niece, 14 nephews and several greatnieces and nephews.

He also leaves behind his Co-pilot & partner in crime Bella the boxer.

Mr. Stites grew up in Miami Florida until moving to Greenbrier in 1972.

He worked for Unarco Industries for 19 years before leaving and working for United Machine and Tool and Smithfield industries.

His most recent employer was Guardian traffic control.

Les, was best known for being the loudest laugh in any room and loved to make others laugh. He was a devoted father and grandfather. Always dropping anything to help his

family, a friend or a stranger.

He was an amazing cook and most known for his chicken salad.

He was an avid lover of speed boat races and could commonly be found behind a grill in the pit of any race cooking for anyone who was hungry. He was a talented craftsman and enjoyed making custom knives.

He loved golf and a good Nascar race.

He once loved the Miami Dolphins but said "that love must be earned."

He was a great friend to many. He was the most amazing Daddy and Grandpapa and his legacy and love will never be forgotten.

A Celebration of Life will be held in June when his friends and loved ones will be able to be together and honor him.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

# Comments

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“ I will be praying for his family and friends he was such a sweet and kind man. I know him from Robertson county animal clinic and his sweet girl Bella. My heart breaks for his loved ones and will miss talking with him at the clinic when he brings his girl in for her visits.



**Brandy Higdon** - April 25, 2020 at 03:51 PM

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“ Jesse and Family ... So very sorry for your loss. May peace and fond memories comfort you during this very difficult time. Judy Stickels - Jacobs Vehicle Systems

**Judy** - April 24, 2020 at 08:28 AM

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“ I met him in 1972 when he moved here. A great friend all these years since we met. I will sadly miss him. He always had a smile on when you saw him. Praying for Sue Ellen and family.

**Steve Johnson** - April 22, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ Sue Ellen, Jesse, and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I think so fondly of my time at GHS with you. I pray for comfort that only our Lord can provide. Mrs. Kritsch

**karen kritsch** - April 22, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ Always enjoyed his company at family gatherings and will sadly miss his smile and candor. Praying for Ellen and the rest of his family. A good man who will not be forgotten.

David and Rhonda Uselton

**David and Rhonda Uselton** - April 22, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ So many thoughts and memories flood my mind. There are not enough words to say how much we love your family. and yet no words to tell you how sorry we are for your heartache. We will never forget Lester. We are praying for you all for peace and comfort.

**Jim and Angie** - April 22, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ Lester and Ellen had me in their wedding so many years ago. I remember us ordering the suit from the Sears catalog with my grandparents. I will always remember the laughs we had as cousins growing up and the times we spent in N.C. with our Granddad Lester Rafuse.

**Cousin Jim Robinette** - April 22, 2020 at 10:15 PM