



## Charles C. Hester

February 9, 1933 - December 29, 2019

Charles C. Hester, 86, of luka, passed away Sunday, December 29, 2019, at his home, following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born February 9, 1933, in Christopher, Illinois, the son of John and Augustine (Lang) Hester. On June 15, 1962, at Wiley Barracks Military Chapel in Neu-Ulm, West Germany, he married Helga Frank, and she survives in luka.

Mr. Hester was in the United States Army from 1953-1973, serving in the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War, as a truck driver, a helicopter crew chief, and as a military policeman. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards, traveling in his RV. After retiring from the U.S. Army, he returned to Illinois, and worked for World Color Press, in Salem, until his retirement.

In addition to his wife Helga Hester of luka, he is survived by one son, Thomas Hester and wife Cheryl of Dix; one son-in-law, Bob Ratts of luka; three grandchildren, Justin Ratts and wife Amie of Alma, Jasmine Ratts of luka, and Brandy Karcher and husband Kurt of Dix; eight great-grandchildren, Kaleb Ratts, Kalin Bass, and Zoey Ratts, all of Alma, Ella and Kaitlyn Karcher of Dix, Dalton and Miranda Hester of Ewing, Missouri, and Randy Hester, Jr., of Pinckneyville; five brothers, Richard Hester of Salem, Loren Hester and wife Della of Harrisburg, Frank Hester and wife Pamela of DuQuoin, Chuck Hester of Ava, and Bob Warren and wife Betty of Zeigler; four sisters, Bessie Russell of Salem, Rosetta Jones of Phoenix, Alabama, Dorothy Hinton of

DuQuoin, and Jean Loucks of Cadet, Missouri; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Caroline Ratts; two sons, Gene and Randy Hester; two brothers, Jimmy and John Hester; one sister, Audrey Brown; and two brothers-in-law, Floyd Brown and Jerry Russell. Funeral services for Mr. Hester will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Friday, January 3, 2020, at the Osborn Funeral Home in Dix. Burial will follow at Iuka Cemetery. Graveside Military Rites will be accorded by American Legion Post #141, of Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 2, 2020, at the funeral home. Memorial gifts may be made to the Iuka Cemetery or the American Cancer Society, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at [www.osbornfuneral.com](http://www.osbornfuneral.com), or on the funeral home's Facebook page.

# Cemetery Details

## Iuka Cemetery

Iuka, IL 62849

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home  
322 North Main Street  
Dix, IL 62830  
(618) 266-7231  
office@osbornfuneral.com  
<https://www.osbornfuneral.com>

## Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Tom & Family,  
I did not know your father, but want to let you know that you and your family are in our prayers. We pray that God blesses you with the peace that only He can in times like these. I remember the special neighbor you were to my grandparents (Lonnie & Beulah May). May God bless,

David Long

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David Long - January 17, 2020 at 01:36 PM

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“ Tom and Family,

I'm so very sorry for your loss. I did not know your dad, but I know that no one can ever take his place in your life.

Please accept my sincere sympathy for you and your family during this difficult time.

🙏. Lillie Marlow

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Lillie Marlow - January 02, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles C. Hester.



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January 02, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles C. Hester.*



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December 31, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ *Tom please accept my most sincere sympathy on the loss of your Father. My prayers will be with you and all your family*

*Dennis Day*

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**Dennis Day** - December 30, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ *Bob Ratts purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles C. Hester.*



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**Bob Ratts** - December 30, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ *Charlie was a big influence on me in my adult life. If I ever needed anything he was right there for me! I had a lot of good times listening to his stories..Rest In Peace, you will be missed by me and your Grandkids!*



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**Bob Ratts** - December 30, 2019 at 04:40 PM

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“ Always enjoyed the company of Uncle Charles. As a kid I spent many summers helping him put up hay and fishing. He and Aunt Helga were always a joy to be around. Will miss him and his huge smiling face. RIP Unc.

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**Ron Russell** - December 30, 2019 at 03:40 PM