



James T. Hester

December 24, 1955 - November 21, 2018

James T. Hester, 62, of Mt. Vernon, passed away peacefully, at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday, November 21, 2018, at his home.

He was born December 24, 1955, in Mt. Vernon, the son of Gale and Wilma R. (Hawkins) Hester. On November 18, 1978, in Mt. Vernon, he married Cheryl L. Benjamin, and she survives him in Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Hester was a retired Lineman with Tri-County Electric Cooperative, working for 41 years. He was also a farmer for his entire life. He was a graduate of Mt. Vernon Township High School, and was a member of Meadowbrook Christian Church. He loved to farm and travel, and loved spending time with his grandkids.

In addition to his wife, Cheryl L. Hester of Mt. Vernon, he is survived by one son, Matthew Hester and wife Alicia of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Sarah Talley and husband Caleb of Mt. Vernon; four grandchildren, Craig and Cambree Hester, and Irvin and Joel Talley, all of Mt. Vernon; four brothers, David Hester and wife Nancy of Dix, Charles Hester and wife Kristi of Woodlawn, Ronald Hester of Mt. Vernon, and Larry Hester and wife Jade of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Marjorie Degenhart and husband Bill of Mt. Vernon, Shirley Lee and husband Chris of Waterloo, and Barbra Garner and husband Kevin of Mt. Vernon; his great aunt and uncle, Walter and Ann Pogue of Mt. Vernon; two sisters-in-law, Debbie Phillips and husband Ted of Dix, and Netje Benjamin of Nashville, Tennessee; one brother-in-law, Aaron Benjamin and wife Tonya of Dix; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gale and Wilma Hester; In-laws, Irvin and Nell Dean Benjamin, and brother-in-law, John Benjamin.

Funeral services for Mr. Hester will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at Boyd Christian Church, with Mike Sheets, Benton Fitzjerrells, and Bill Degenhart officiating. Burial will follow at Boyd Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday, November 26, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the church. Memorials may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, or to the Meadowbrook Christian Church, 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, or on the funeral home's Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Boyd Cemetery

Dix, IL 62830

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Boyd Christian Church
19844 N Boyd Ln
Dix, IL 62830-3418
(618) 735-2804

Service

NOV **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GH

“ I’m so sorry to know of Mr. Hester’s passing. He was a wonderful man, husband, and father. He helped return power to my neighborhood many times in all hours of the day and night. He supported Cheryl in her home business with delivering our daughter’s wedding cake. He was seen at all his children’s activities at Opdyke-Belle Rive School. My condolences to the family.
Mrs. Ginger Henry

Ginger Henry - November 27, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James T. Hester.



November 26, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James T. Hester.



November 26, 2018 at 09:16 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James T. Hester.*



November 25, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ *David & Diana Kilpatrick purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James T. Hester.*



David & Diana Kilpatrick - November 24, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ *Vera Hayes lit a candle in memory of James T. Hester*



Vera Hayes - November 24, 2018 at 06:09 AM



“ *The Thomas Hester Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James T. Hester.*



The Thomas Hester Family - November 23, 2018 at 10:44 PM

CM

“ *Charlene Morgan lit a candle in memory of James T. Hester*



Charlene Morgan - November 23, 2018 at 09:34 PM

DD

“ *Diana & David lit a candle in memory of James T. Hester*



Diana & David - November 23, 2018 at 07:59 PM

DM

“ *May God give you and your family comfort & strength in the coming days. Jim was such a fine man. He was so nice and caring and helped my mom, Darlene Askew, throughout the years as a neighbor & co-worker, and he was there for her during her times of need. How ironic that he suffered from the same horrific disease as she did. My heart breaks for you. God Bless you.*

Diann May - November 23, 2018 at 07:55 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James T. Hester.*



November 23, 2018 at 07:35 PM

RW

“ *Marisa and I share our heartfelt condolences in the loss of your dear husband, father and brother.*



ray & marisa white - November 23, 2018 at 06:07 PM

Rita Pogue

“ *Cheryl I am so sorry for your loss. Tim and i will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Rita Pogue - November 23, 2018 at 06:03 PM



“ *Grew up right down the road from this family known them for years.. God speed and sorry for your loss .. The Marlowe Family*

JW Marlowe - November 23, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of James T. Hester.*



November 23, 2018 at 05:29 PM

CM

“ *Rest In Peace our dear friend. Your were an amazing man of God and we loved you beyond measure. Love, Jim and Carolyn McKee*

carilyn McKee - November 23, 2018 at 05:05 PM

DP

“ Cheryl and family ... We cant not imagine why God called a special person as Jim home, but we never doubt his reasoning. He has always been a close friend and travel buddy as well as a coworker who you could always depend on. We are saddened that we cannot be there in this time of grief for your family. You have our prayers and deepest symphony as you go through this.

Dan and Jan



Daniel Paschal - November 23, 2018 at 04:33 PM

BH

Cheryl and Family. We are so sorry for your loss. Jim was a wonderful man in everything he done It's so har to loose a good man of God.We are sorry we can't make it to the service. But I pray for you and family and you go through this trying time. We love you folks

Barb & Jim Higgins - November 23, 2018 at 05:56 PM

JB

Sending prayers your way and to know Jim is with God now and he has nothing to worry about and all his hurt.s is gone and he's with all the family up there we lost and Love.God Bless u all

Judy Benjamin - November 23, 2018 at 07:13 PM

NJ

Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers to Cheryl an all the family . We have lit a candle in memory of Jim . Norma & J.R. Hofstetter

Norma& J.R.Hofstetter - November 24, 2018 at 04:52 PM

CF

Cheryl, my heart hurts for you. I wish I lived close enough to be there. Do know you are in my thoughts and prayers. God will protect you in his wings of love. Cindy Fleri

Cindy Fleri - November 24, 2018 at 10:02 PM