



## Woodrow Jackson Hester

January 15, 1941 - February 26, 2014

### Reflections of Life

Woodrow Jackson Hester was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia to John L. and Irene Love Hester on January 15, 1941. He was the youngest of eight children.

In his youth he was baptized into the family of God and joined the St. Matthew Baptist Church in Clarksville, Virginia.

He was educated in the Mecklenburg County Public School System and graduated from West End High School in 1958 in Clarksville, Virginia. After graduating, Woodrow was employed with Burlington Industries in Clarksville before relocating to Richmond, Virginia to seek greater employment opportunities.

In November 1961, he married Ruth Ellis of Chase City, Virginia. Their 52 year union was blessed with two children, Anthony D. Hester and Tonya M. Hester.

Upon moving to Richmond, Woodrow joined the Good Shepherd Baptist Church family. He also landed a job with Reynolds Metals (currently Alcoa), where he worked for 37 years before retiring in 2003 as Pressman In Charge.

Woodrow enjoyed many hobbies and interests. Among his passions was a love of fishing, hunting, gardening, cooking and grilling outdoors, which is where he loved to be and spent so much of his time. Well known in the community, everywhere he went he was sure to make a friend, crack a joke, and make people laugh. He was a person who left a lasting impression. Woodrow was a member of P.H.A. Free Masonry, a hunting Club, bowling league and part of a basketball team.

The apple of his eye was his only granddaughter, Paris M. Hester, whom he truly loved and was so very proud of. He could always be found in the stands supporting her in all her activities from basketball, softball and marching band and of course they had their fishing time. One of his great joys was seeing Paris graduate from college. Paris was his whole world.

Woodrow was a kind and easy-going person who cared about others. Many describe him as a person who would give you the shirt off his own back. He will forever be remembered as a "Great Man".

He leaves to cherish his wonderful life a devoted wife, Ruth Hester; two caring children, Anthony D. Hester and Tonya M. Hester; a loving granddaughter, Paris M. Hester; two siblings, Robert Hester (Shirley) and Joseph Hester (Shirley); two sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law, numerous nieces and nephews; a host of cousins, other relatives and a world of friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.  
Sandston, VA 23150

# Previous Events

## viewing

MAR 7. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Baptist Church  
1127 N. 28th Street  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Tribute Wall



“ Woodrow Jackson Hester

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Death is the enemy of all mankind, yet when it touches us personally, few find the comfort they search for. The doctrines that are taught concerning death find their origins from men and not the Bible. As a result, they fail to leave those who are grieving with comfort or a hope. They do however, leave many with unanswered questions. The response that "God works in mysterious ways" or that "God needed another angel", does not satisfy the spiritual needs of those who are grieving. However, many have found comfort in the pages of God's word the Bible (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). In God's word we find the promise that we can be reunited with our loved ones (John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15). The Bible tells us where this happy reunion will take place (Psalm 37: 11, 29; Matthew 5:5). We are told why we die (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12), and that the God of the Bible will end death forever (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:3,4). Learning the truth about Jehovah, the God of the Bible (Psalm 83:18), God's Kingdom (Daniel 2:44), and the state of those who have died (Ecclesiastes 9:5), is the start to finding true comfort concerning loved ones who are sleeping in death (John 11:11-14; John 8:32. It is of vital importance to learn what the Bible really teaches concerning death. For more information please visit the website [jw.org](http://jw.org).

A Friend - March 17, 2014 at 02:41 AM

AR

“ *My sincere condolences to the Hester family for the loss of your loved one; and to you, my dear friend, Doris, on the passing of your brother-in-law.*



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**Angelita Reyes** - March 07, 2014 at 03:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Woodrow Jackson Hester.*



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March 07, 2014 at 02:40 PM

LF

“ *Our family would like to express comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He promises to resurrect our dear loved ones to a restored Paradise Earth. Also, He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.*

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**linn & family** - March 05, 2014 at 01:51 PM

MH

“ Ruth, Anthony, Tonya, and Paris,

*Uncle Woodrow will truly be missed. May he rest in peace and you take comfort in knowing that his nieces and nephews will always cherish the memories of how Woodrow played ball with us on Sundays after church at grandpa and grandma's house in Clarksville, Virginia.*

*Muriel*



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**Muriel Hester** - March 02, 2014 at 10:27 PM

AJ

“ RUTH,

*I was very saddened when I got the news of Woodrow passing. He will be missed by many. All of us from Reynolds Metal will feel a sense of loss. I pray that God will hold you in His arms and comfort you and the family in the days to come.*

*Arthur L. Morton, Jr.*



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**Arthur Morton, Jr** - March 01, 2014 at 07:41 PM

DW

“ Mrs. Hester, Tonya, Paris and other family please accept my sincere condolences in the homegoing of your husband, father, and grandfather. I will keep your family in my prayers as you struggle to accept your great loss. I will remember Mr. Hester fondly from the times I brought Faith by there or picked up Paris. I am in shock so I can't imagine what you are going through. May God be with you during this time and every day.

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**Dorothy L. Webster** - March 01, 2014 at 07:26 PM



Natalie  
Prosser  
McCoy

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.

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**Natalie Prosser McCoy** - February 28, 2014 at 09:45 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - February 28, 2014 at 03:27 PM