



Gerald Ray Hester

October 2, 1946 - June 15, 2022

Gerald Ray Hester, age 75, of Russellville, passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at Russellville Hospital.

Gerald Ray Hester was born October 2, 1946 in Belgreen, Alabama. Gerald was a loving husband of 51 years to his wife Kathy. He leaves behind so many who love and miss him dearly: two daughters Andrea Leigh Hester Rice (Dan) and Amy Elizabeth Hester Overby (Brent). His grandchildren, Gibson Cooper Overby, Emery Jane Overby and Fletcher Benson Overby. He was a beloved brother to five siblings Betty Jo Hooper, William T (Bill) Hester, Ann Taylor, Sue Taylor, and Wayne Hester (Carolyn), Brother-in-law to Neal Taylor (Pam), nephew to Martha Lindsey and uncle to a host of nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He treasured the time spent with his grandchildren in sports, fishing, boating, riding the gator, and vacationing. "Grand" was his name and spoiling them was his game. He was also known for his hospitality and culinary skills hosting numerous fish fries and grilling for family and friends.

He graduated from Belgreen High School in 1964 and graduated from Florence State College (now known as the University of North Alabama) in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Biology. He was a licensed Realtor and certified with the Institute of Financial Education.

Gerald was a Senior Vice-President and Real Estate Loan Officer at the Russellville Main Office of Citizens Bank and Savings Company, now known

as CB&S Bank. He devoted nearly 47 years serving his customers and the bank.

Prior to this, he was a Math and Science Teacher at Belgreen High School and a Sales Manager for Field Enterprises Education Corporation in Chicago, Illinois.

Gerald was a faithful member of Belgreen church of Christ serving as Treasurer, Bible class teacher and song leader.

He exemplified service to the community through various organizations including:

Founding member of the Belgreen Fire Department and volunteer fireman, charter member of Russellville Kiwanis Club, Franklin County Board of Education and served for 18 years with six of those as Chairman of the Board, member of Bear Creek Development Authority Board, member of the American Cancer Society- Cancer Board, Franklin County Cattleman's Association and served as member and past-president of the Northwest Shoals Community College Foundation.

One of his most recent endeavors included regularly working out with his friends at the Rock Steady Boxing Club of Florence Alabama - a fitness group dedicated to fighting back against Parkinson's disease.

A funeral service will be held at Spry Funeral Home Chapel in Russellville, Alabama on Saturday, June 18th with visitation beginning at 11:30 am and service to follow at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at Belgreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be; Jack Hester, Roger Boyd, Jacob Greene, Brent Hester, Jacob Hester and Brock Hester. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: Parkinson's Association of Alabama, Rustic Youth Camp or the American Cancer Society.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To have us sign the book for you, please free to call or to leave private condolences, please visit our website at www.sprymemorialchapel.com.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ My husband was diagnosed of Parkinsons disease 2 years ago, when he was 49. He had a stooped posture, tremors, right arm does not move and also a pulsating feeling in his body. He was placed on Senemet for 8 months and then Sifrol was introduced and replaced the Senemet, during this time span he was also diagnosed with dementia. He started having hallucinations, lost touch with reality. Suspecting it was the medication I took him off the Siferol (with the doctor’s knowledge) and started him on PD-5 natural herbal formula we ordered from AKNNI HERBAL CENTRE, his symptoms totally declined over a 3 weeks use of the AKANNI HERBAL Parkinson’s disease natural herbal formula. He is now almost 51 and doing very well, the disease is totally reversed! (Visit [w w w.aknniherbscentre .com](http://www.aknniherbscentre.com))

Susan Baker - March 26 at 12:01 PM

LP

“ Kathy, Larry and I were saddened to learn of your loss of Gerald. He was a kind and friendly person who we know will be missed.

Larry and Jennie Prince - July 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Gerald Ray and i finished school together. I have fond memories of some of the good times we shared.. He loved my grandmother , Amye Richeson. Who i lived with my Jr and Sr. Year. He was one of the good ones and i have lost a good friend and a great man.. To his family i leave my love and. deepest sympathy and my prayes. I knw that he is with his Heavenly Father and rejoycing. I will see him again one day

Nelca Kirkland Whitlock - June 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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JT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Gerald was a long time friend. He will be missed by so many. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Joe & Shelia Tucker - June 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Always treated me with utmost kindness.

Loyd griffus - June 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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JF

“ To the Hester Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Gerald Ray was a very nice & caring person. He always had a smile & kind word when you needed it most. May his memories always be with you & his smile lift you up. We will also miss him & keep his memories close--Debbie & Jim Hitt--
Joy Fuller



Joy Fuller - June 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Praying for your sweet family. Gerald will be truly missed.

Kelby and Terri Daniel - June 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers during this time.

Donald and Ford Ezzell, Hope Adkins - June 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ So sorry to hear the passing of Gerald Ray . Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hester family . Joyce and James Tompkins

James Tompkins - June 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Kathy,
My thoughts and prayers are with you! I?m so very sorry. I?m here if I can do anything.
Love,
Lisa Cummings Gann

Lisa Gann - June 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Sending my sorrow and care to Gerald Ray's family. I am a distant cousin (daughter of Lorene and Foy B Hester, granddaughter of Ruth Hester Ezzell) and wished I could have come to the funeral. I know of Gerald because of his good work and help with the Cemetery. He will be greatly missed but he is appreciated for his support and efforts in so many honorable projects for others and especially the Belgreen community



Nancy Hester Hoke - June 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ So sorry for your loss. Gerald Ray will truly be missed by all the lives that he has impacted and are better due to his generosity.

In Christian Love,

Henson's

Rick Henson family - June 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

With love,

Jennifer Tompkins Vasquez



Jennifer Tompkins Vasquez - June 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

WU

“ Kathy, I feel your pain. You are now beginning the walk where I have already been. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Wilbur Underwood - June 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Kathy and family,
I am so sorry for your loss of such a special husband and father. My prayer for you is God's comfort in the days ahead.
Thinking of you all,
Jane Keeton McManus

Jane Mcmanus - June 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ So sorry to here about Gerald he was a good friend and a good man prayers for family

Curtis Mathhues - June 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Kathy and family, John and I are so very sorry for your loss. We will keep you all in our prayers. We are planning on being in Alabama the end of the month and hope to see everyone. Again our love and prayers to you.

John and Mary Bolton - June 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss.
Gerald was a great guy.

Jerry Pounders - June 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM