



## Betty Jean Lester

February 8, 1927 - January 15, 2015

Mebane, NC – Ms. Betty J. Lester of The Hawfields Mebane NC formerly of Bluefield passed away Thursday January 15, 2015 at Presbyterian Home of the Hawfields in Mebane, NC after a brief illness. Born February 8, 1927 in Bluefield. Betty was the daughter of the Late Pauline (Alstead) & Homer B Morris. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert J. Lester a very special sister Phyllis M. Carr and daughter-in-law Lisa Kiser Lester.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Bluefield and attended Front St. Christian in Burlington NC. Betty was a graduate of Beaver High School and McLain's Business College, and was a well known bookkeeper in the Bluefield area and along with her mother they owned L&M Bookkeeping serving many businesses in the Bluefield area from the mid 1940's until her mother's death in 1980. As an avid bowler at Mountaineer Lanes Betty served the Women's International Bowling Congress for many years as a league secretary and other capacities, she also was a member of The Ladies Auxiliary to The Brotherhood of Railroad and Trainmen local 754 serving as secretary and president through the years.

Betty is survived by her children Raymond M. Lester and his wife Ginny of St Louis, Mo., Jerry W Lester and wife Pat of Dublin, Va, Barry J. Lester and wife Mary of Charleston, SC, Karen G. Priest and husband Gerry of Charleston, SC and Paul K Lester of Graham, NC. Betty was blessed with six grandchildren Bryan Lester of St Louis, Mo, Laura Jay and Jennifer Lester of

Dublin, VA Alex and Gwen Lester of Charleston, SC and four Great Grandchildren Bryson and Dylan Lester of St Louis, Mo., Colby Farris and Cole Lester of Dublin, VA. A special sister in law Ms. Lillian Lester of Bluefield and dear friends Ms. Doris Wiley of Bluefield, VA and Edna Hicks of Mebane, NC and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday January 17, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with the Pastor Doug Mc Daniels officiating. Burial will follow at the Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home from 10 AM until the service hour. Grandsons, Nephews and friends will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers the family asks donations if desired be made to The Presbyterian Home 2502 S. NC Hwy 119 Mebane NC 27302 or The First Christian Church 2200 Bland Rd Bluefield WV 24701

Those wishing to share memories or condolence message with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com). Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Betty J. Lester.

# Cemetery Details

## Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jean Lester*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Barbara Holder lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Lester*



**Barbara Holder** - January 21, 2015 at 02:28 PM



“ *Dolly Hambrick lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Lester*



**dolly hambrick** - January 19, 2015 at 10:14 AM



“ *Such a sweet lady!! Prayers for her family. Pam (Davis) Rash*

**Pam (Davis) Rash** - January 16, 2015 at 07:42 PM

RL

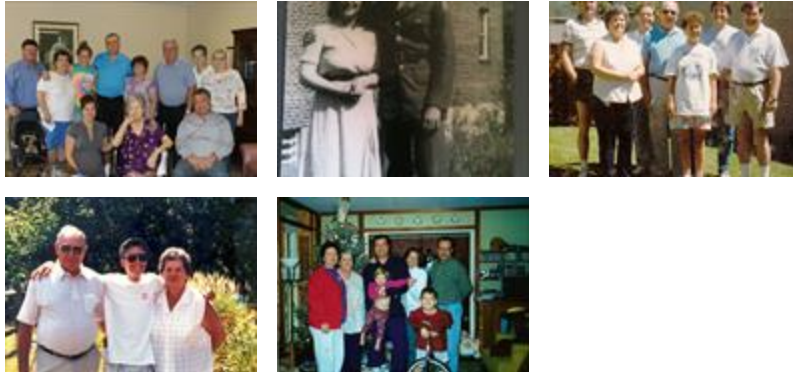
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Ray Lester - January 16, 2015 at 05:06 PM

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Ray Lester - January 16, 2015 at 04:39 PM

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Ray Lester - January 16, 2015 at 04:30 PM

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**Ray Lester** - January 16, 2015 at 04:26 PM

PP

*Oh Betty...  
You were v such a wonderful friend. Always loved visiting with you.  
Until we meet again. Love you Betty.. fly free*

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**Patsy Phillips** - February 17, 2025 at 11:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Lester.*



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January 16, 2015 at 02:47 PM

LM

“ *Lea Molnar lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Lester*



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**Lea Molnar** - January 16, 2015 at 12:24 PM

TS

“ *What fond memories I have of running up and down the stairs to get snacks that Mrs Lester had prepared to take next door to Mrs Morris' to eat while playing cards! Always a fun time in the west end -when we were all family! Sure do miss those times and people! Much love and prayers to you all during this time.*  
*Tammy Francisco Simmons*

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**tammy simmons** - January 16, 2015 at 12:16 PM

PW

“ *Pam Wellman lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Lester*



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**pam wellman** - January 15, 2015 at 08:30 PM

PW

“ *I have known this family for years paul has been a dear friend for years. I helped take care of his dad I thought betty was an angel she will be missed and loved by so many.R.I.P. my friend.my prayers and love are with this family during this time of sorrow. God bless.pam shrader-Wellman.*

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**pam wellman** - January 15, 2015 at 08:30 PM

CI

“ *Such a lovely and sweet woman. My thoughts and prayers for the entire family.*  
*Cindy (Freeman) Romano McGraw and family.*

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**Cindy** - January 15, 2015 at 07:54 PM

GP

“ It's been a privilege knowing and being a part of Betty Lester's family. I'll be forever thankful she brought her daughter Karen to the world; and to me.

*Gerry Priest*

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**Gerry Priest** - January 15, 2015 at 07:37 PM

BN

*A sweet lady and very loving Mom! My thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

*Willie and Brenda (Dove) Noble*

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**Brenda Noble** - January 16, 2015 at 06:10 AM

JB

*One wonderful lady! Wonderful memories as a youngster in the west end with the Lester family. Gate always open to the back yard. Love and God bless you all.*

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**Jim and Maggie Bryant** - January 16, 2015 at 09:12 AM

AA

*To the Lester family - so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Anna Mariotti Allen** - January 17, 2015 at 08:49 PM