



## Vaughn Henry Lester

October 25, 1920 - May 3, 2018

Vaughn H. Lester, 97, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away May 3, 2018, at home following a short illness. He is preceded in death by his wife of 53 years Helen "Brubaker" Lester, daughter Sharon Lester, his siblings Raymond Lester, and Bertha Paquin, and grand-daughter Carrie McDowell. He is survived by his 2 daughters Linda S. Kent and Sandra K. Perkins, 5 grandchildren Kaleb Kent, Fletcher Kent, Sherry McDowell, Kelly McDowell and Dana McDowell, 6 great grandchildren Nichole, Patrick, Desirae (Shane), Colin, and Ivy, and 4 great great-grandchildren.

After graduating from Saranac Lake high School, Vaughan joined the Army Air Corp. Stationed in Grand Island, Nebraska, he met our mother, Helen Brubaker at a USO dance and they danced their way through life. Once they were empty nester they took lessons at Arthur Murray. Through out our child hood the furniture was shoved out of the way and the record player would be spinning and we would dance! He moved to Kansas city to work for the Santa Fe Railroad where he worked for over 30 years until retirement in 1984.

Mom and dad were snow birds and spent winter months in Florida until she passed in 1996. Poppa's passion and past-time after his family were golf and his Leo Paul guitar. He played golf until just a few years ago and continued "pickin and grinnin" on his guitar daily until the end. Our parents loved to travel and he continued that tradition with his daughter traveling to upstate New York in the summers. There we learned a card game, "Hand and Foot" that gave us hours of fun and laughter with him that we will never forget. Teaching many of our friends the game - joining in they got to know our dad and love him too.

Those who knew him found him to be a "stand up" guy So many adjectives - moral, kind, gentleman, dandy - always looked "sharp", and tender hearted. Although he always said he wasn't social, get him in a room of people and he would talk all night.

Raising three daughters we saw how a man, husband, father, and friend should conduct himself. He led by example and love... quiet but sure.

It was important for him to provide and be there for his family and that he did until the end and beyond.

A memorial visitation will be held 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sunday, May 13, 2018 at Maple Hill Funeral Home.

# Events

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**MAY** **Memorial Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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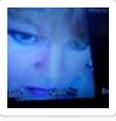
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# Comments

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“ My granfather was a very gentle caring person always glad to listen and very attentive, warm and a sincere person, loving tender and thoughtful, romantic and a gentleman. He loved children and grandkids , their home was so much fun . We sang and harmonized to new records and danced the new dances . We learned to west coast swing and do lindy hop, disco and the hustle, bus stop . My parents were great dancers and so were my grandparents , and wed dance together. Wed cook meals together and neighbors would come by to make breakfast together and have breakfast club and wed joke and laugh together. Wed sing jazz and soul, rock..and watch movies together. Wed play golf and softball and do crafts. My grandma was a great seamstress and crafts were her favorite hobby. My grandpa was a great sculpture and artist . He was an engineer and some of my uncles were engineers. Some were musicians. My mom's voice was beautiful and my grandmothers voice was too. Wed single the eagles songs and Stevie Wonders songs in the key of life and David Bowie. My aunt sherry loved David Bowie and carols Santana, the kinks and dianna Ross. My grandma loved Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horne, Judy garland. My aunt Linda loved the bee gees and Chicago. Wed play Chicago and little river band, poco, average white band, and chat about politics and religion all sorts of topics. My uncle bob made doll houses and doll furniture as a hobby and other crafts. My grandmas craft room was wonderful. We lived down the road in a Victorian house by Argentine middle school. Wed lived in California most of our lifes but came back often to visit and lived in Kansas city a few times. Wed ride the Cinderella carriages at the plaza in Kansas city and eat at the golden ox. My grandparents were very caring and good people. Loving and affectionate, very generous and they had a great sense of humor , genuinely interested in what we kids had to say. They loved us and we loved them. I wish we could have lived in the same state together but we made the best of things and were a family that played together and danced together sang together...we did crafts and enjoyed each others funny stories . My aunts were awesome. Really fun. They took us to ice capades, barnum bailey circus and were involved in our lives good mentors very caring , we mattered to them and we knew it. They were affectionate and made us feel good about ourselves and our accomplishments . They encouraged us and never shot us down.

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“ Condolences to my cousins Sandy & Linda & and all the grands. Uncle Les was my favorite uncle. My folks & I spent many holidays in Helen & Les's home. I have such wonderful memories of those visits. There was bridge playing, political discussions, great food & lots of talking & laughing. Music played such a huge part in their life & I know he & Aunt Helen are dancing in Heaven right now. I think their greatest sadness was the loss of their middle daughter, Sherry. 97 years is a good life, but we never want to let our parents go. I am praying for peace, comfort & lots of wonderful memories for my beloved cousins, Sandy & Linda. God bless both of you & all the family in this time of great sorrow. I am glad that Les is in Heaven resting in the hands of God & that he did not have to suffer or be in pain for a long time.

Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go, ye know the way. John 14: 1-4

Love, your cousin, Kathy

**Katherine Kindig-Williams** - May 08, 2018 at 01:59 PM