



Lester C. Hathcox

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Lester C. Hathcox, 58, passed away Monday, November 9, 2015. He was born December 24, 1956 in Tampa to the late Vester and Maggie (Pitts) Hathcox. Lester was a lifelong resident of Tampa and a graduate of King High School. He loved to go to car shows with his brother Paul. He just won a trophy last Sunday for his 1929 Model A Ford. He loved flying with his wife Boo Boo and watching John Wayne movies. Lester served our country in the US Navy and was a helicopter pilot for News Chanel 8 and Fox 13. He worked for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office for 31 years. Starting out as a deputy sheriff and later becoming a helicopter pilot for them as well. He most recently was a pilot for Odem Law Group.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 7 years, Lucy "Boo Boo" Hathcox; stepsons, Michael Vega of Seffner, Florida and Alex Vega and his fiancé, Ashlee; brothers, Paul Hathcox and his wife Lois of Spring Hill, Florida and Robert Hathcox and his wife Chi of MacClenny, Florida; one grandchild on the way and his very close dog companion, Smokey.

There will be a visitation on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at the Bell Shoals Baptist Church, 2102 Bell Shoals Road, Tampa, Florida. Funeral service will begin at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow in Sunset Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made in Lester's honor to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America at www.ccfa.org. Memories and condolences may be left online at www.sunset-fh.com.

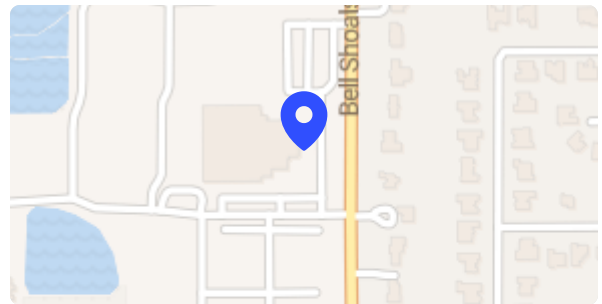


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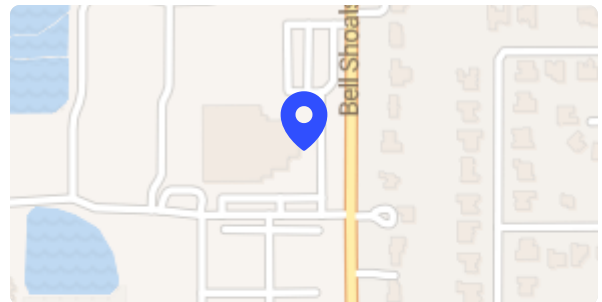
Visitation

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- 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Bell Shoals Baptist Church**
2102 Bell Shoals Road, Tampa FL



Funeral Service

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PE

Peanut sent a virtual gift in honor of Lester.

May the winds of Heaven blow softly on your spirit. Rest in eternal, peace.

November 29 at 9:10 AM



AD

Art And Sheri Doutt posted:

We have fond memories of Lester Hathcox which began with his mother. Mrs. Hathcox bought a mobile home from our father. She then moved her mobile home into our small mobile home park. Lester moved in with his mom and started working for a forklift dealer. Then he left for the South Pacific. Upon returning, he started working as a guard at the jail. Lester also shared stories of learning to fly a helicopter for the Sheriff's Office. We enjoyed knowing him and having him in our mobile home park! Lester was a good, honest man and the world is a lesser place without him! Fondly, Art and Sheri Doutt, owners of the Windmill Estates Mobile Home Park.

November 28 at 5:17 PM

PE

Peanut sent a virtual gift in honor of Lester.

November 28 at 11:18 AM



MC

Miriam Cabrera posted:

Lucy, Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your Family. I wish I could be there at this time. Know that we Love you very much and you are always in our prayers. Lee and Miriam

November 18 at 5:39 AM

AP

Amber Proctor lit a candle in honor of Lester.

Lucy & family of Lester...I am so sorry to hear of Lester's passing. I never got the chance to meet him in person, but spoke to him many times on the phone. He was always such a pleasure to speak with. You and family are in my thoughts and prayers. Amber Proctor

November 18 at 5:24 AM





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Jacques posted:

Most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Lester. The memories I have of him "dropping in" in the middle of night to share our awful tasting coffee at DIV are forever engraved in my mind. When Lester showed up to help, it was like he always brought the solution to our problem. He will be missed by a great number of people, and if he met them in person at any time, I know they were friends after that. Thinking about it, Lester probably is where he always wanted to be; high above watching over us. / Jacques and Family.

November 18 at 5:09 AM



Debra Palmer lit a candle in honor of Lester.

We are very new to the cul-de-sac and didn't have a chance to met Mr. Hatchcox but we send our sincerest condolences to Mrs. Hatchcox and their family. We echo what another neighbor has said here that in the short time we have lived in the neighborhood, we always enjoyed Mr. Hatchcox never failing to wave to us as we passed by his house. We also noticed his lovely car and the time and care he took in what was obviously a great passion for him as well as the happy dogs that play around his house. Rest in peace Lester. Jim and Debra Palmer



November 18 at 4:55 AM



Jesse Parks posted:

My heart is heavy at the loss of Lester. We worked together for many years at the Sheriff's Office. His smile, his jokes, and his laughter were infectious. He was one of the best Deputies I ever worked with and one of the finest men I ever knew. It was an honor to have known him. Jesse Parks

November 17 at 7:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hathcox family.

November 17 at 2:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Hathcox family.

November 17 at 2:01 PM





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TN

Theresa Evans-Nguyen posted:

Lucy, We were so sorry to hear about Lester's passing. He was a real anchor to our little cul-de-sac and hands down the sweetest guy on the block. We appreciated all the neighborly help from both of you taming our yard. And I loved how he always made a point to wave whenever we drove by, but I was really touched that he called to send his warm wishes while we were in the hospital with Penelope. He was so welcoming to Oliver, I was looking forward to having you and him meet Penelope on one of our next walkabouts by your house. From our visits, I could tell how much he cared for you and how very blessed you were to have each other. I at least consider myself blessed to have known him. With love, Theresa, Kenyon, Oliver, & Penelope

November 17 at 10:40 AM

RA

Rick Armstrong posted:

My Dear Friend Lester, I will never forget the good times we had working for HCSO. You were my guardian in the sky while I was tracking with my canine. On those slow nights it was a guarantee that you would be watching an old western on TV. And best of all was your laugh. I can hear it clearly now in my mind, as if you were standing next to me. Remember we joked about it and I said it something out of "Hee Haw". I have to say goodbye now. Keep an eye on me up there. Love you xxoo. Rick Armstrong

November 16 at 4:17 PM

MM

Marneese "Cookie" Mitchell posted:

What an awesome neighbor, Lucy and Lester are the best anyone could have asked for to be a part of your subdivision. He was my wake up buddy and love to work in the yard. I still look out every morning for the wave and to tell me have a good day. I know God has more important things for him to do now. So Lester look for my Mike and tell him we are all well. I will take care of Lucy as we walk this widow road together. You will truly be missed. My heartaches, so take your rest in peace. Love Cookie Mitchell

November 16 at 11:55 AM



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Julie (Lisenby) Taylor lit a candle in honor of Lester.

We grew up next door to the Hathcoxs' and loved every moment of it. I can think back to things that Lester. my sister Brenda and me, Julie, building forts in the trees beside his house. And Mrs. Hathcox coming out and calling for him. You could hear her all over the neighborhood. I haven't seen him in quite a few years, but my prayers are with the family, Paul and family and Bobby and his family. Lester was a great guy to know and kept you laughing. He will be missed. We love you Lester!



November 16 at 11:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Hathcox family.



November 16 at 11:31 AM



Michele Meck posted:

I am so heartbroken for the family, friends or anyone who had ever had the privilege of meeting this wonderful man. My husband and I were so looking forward to becoming first time Grandparents with Lucy and Lester. The few times I was able to visit their home, I was always made to feel so welcomed and there was always an abundance of love when you were in the company of this wonderful couple. It was hard not to immediately love this man. He was one of a kind and I am so thankful to have known him. RIP Lester. Much love Bryan and Michele Meck

November 15 at 7:38 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lester by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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