



Mrs. Debra Ann Lester

August 22, 1957 - January 2, 2021

LESTER, Mrs. Deborah "Debra" Ann - Age 64, passed away Saturday, January 2, 2021 at her residence. Mrs. Lester will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed Friday, January 8, 2021 from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM. After which, Mrs. Lester will be taken to: Collins & Stone Funeral Home, 128 S. 5th Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104. Interment Greenwood Cemetery, Rockford, IL. In God's perfect timing, Deborah Lester, age 63, made her transition to his Heavenly Home on Saturday, January 2, 2021 in her home. Deborah was born on August 22, 1957 in Natches, Mississippi to Lula Mae Bates Galloway and later adopted and raised by Rev. Leonard Green Sr. and Mary Lou Green. Deborah graduated from Auburn High School and attended Rock Valley College in Rockford, IL. Deborah accepted Christ as a young child and worked summers in the church office where her father pastored. She always had a servant heart. She worked for Winnebago County State's Attorney Juvenile Department and for the Rockford Housing Authority as a housing manger. Deborah served and dedicator for over 20 years in the ministry in church administrative capacity. She accepted her called to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, lived what she preached, served unto the Lord, and she always said she was living the life she loved and loving the life she lived. Her beautiful life will forever be cherished by her 2 children: Toya (Pastor LW III) Bolton of Alliance, OH and Tiara Green of Toledo, OH. 8 grandchildren, Toni, Talayia, Antonio Jr (King), Tommiee, and 4 Foster grandboys. 2 brothers

Charles Bernard of MS, and Arthur "Mac" Johnson of MI; 5 sisters Vera Brooks, Betty (George) Glass, Kathryn "Kat" Huggins, all of Michigan, Ethel (Samuel) Johnson of MS and Jacqueline "Jackie" Galloway of CA. A host of nieces and nephews, godchildren, very special friends, special nephews Sonny Harris and Johnny Huggins . Elder Deborah Leser was preceded in death by her father Rev. Leonard Green SR, her mother Mary Lou Green, brothers Edward "Billy" Lott, Leonard Green Jr, John "JD" Green and sister Fannie Harris.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JAN 8. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EB

“ *Elder Lester. It's been 2 years since you've left the planet and I'm still heartbroken to know that your sweet, kind, loving, God-fearing presence is no longer here on earth. I do know that you were an example of Christian love, obedience and God's favor the entire time you were in Lansing. I'm thankful to God Almighty that our paths crossed and that our God allowed you into my life when He did. You've earned your crown. Enjoy his presence and thanks for everything.*

Edith A. Best - October 19, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ *Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

JF

“ *Such a Sweet Spirited Woman of God. RIH ♡*



Jackie Fielder - January 09, 2021 at 04:11 PM

DP

“ *Dicy Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Dicy Powell - January 09, 2021 at 12:02 AM

KS

“ *Elder Deborah was such a Beautiful Light in such a Dark World. Beautiful, Sweet and Oh So Classy. Jerrod and I Adored Her. She always had Encouraging Words to share and a Smile and Laugh that would Light up a room. She will be sorely missed. I am praying for her Children , Bishop, Elder Ronda The COTH Family and All that knew and Loved Her, RIH My Beautiful Sweet Friend.*



Karla Smith - January 08, 2021 at 10:44 PM

GT

“ *My Condolences to the family of Elder Deborah Lester..she was such an inspiration to all she met! Elder Lester was a kind and caring person! She even came over and prayed in every room of my new home before I moved in..I always had a special place in my heart for her!! She was one of a kind! I loved her dearly! May God continue to comfort strenghten and bless you!*



Gloria Jordan Thompson - January 08, 2021 at 07:22 PM

SB

“ *Elder Debra, your kind face and sweet welcoming spirit is what I remember when I joined Ebenezer BC here in Lansing. Your dedication to Christ as a servant was evident in the way sang, ministered the Word, and nurtured your children and grands. It is shocking to realize you are no longer on the planet, yet I know that being absent from the body means you are present with the Lord. Rest well, Elder Debra. Your years of labor were not in vain. Thank you for taking care of all of us. You will be missed.*

Sis. Edith Best - January 08, 2021 at 06:49 PM

SD

“ *Shawn Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Shawn Dunigan - January 08, 2021 at 05:34 PM

JF

“ *Jerdine Malone And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Jerdine Malone and Family - January 08, 2021 at 03:14 PM

JG

“ *Janice GreeneTooson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Janice GreeneTooson - January 08, 2021 at 02:51 PM

DS

“ *Wonderful Woman, It was my absolute pleasure to have met her* ❤️



Donyale Sims - January 08, 2021 at 02:42 PM

CH

“ *The Green Family*



Carolyn Harris - January 08, 2021 at 02:22 PM

CH

“ *There's a place in my heart for kind people and Debra was one of them. Although I didn't spend much time with my aunt in my childhood years, her beautiful spirit left an indelible impression every time we were together. Rest well, say hello to Dad and JD and I will miss you. ❤️*

Carolyn (Green) Harris



Carolyn Harris - January 08, 2021 at 01:45 PM

DW

“ *Debra Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Debra Williams - January 08, 2021 at 01:19 PM

SL

“ Sharon Lane and the Lane family in Lansing MI, lit a candle for Deborah Lester. Our hearts go out to the entire family and friends. Deborah you will be truly missed by so many people. You were an inspiration to me in Lansing MI. I remember when we shared a room together at a Women's Conference in Rockford, IL. We had so much fun together. It was at that time that I realized you had a heart of gold. Well done good and faithful servant on earth.



Sharon Lane - January 08, 2021 at 11:17 AM

DT

“ I remember working in the church office with her and she would call me and ask me Dee how do I look and she would ask me to go get her a large Diet Coke with lots and lots of ice. We would laugh and talk and she would always tell me not to give up writing my book she said she couldn't wait to read it. I will miss her dearly and I will finish my book.

DeQuetta Thomas - January 08, 2021 at 10:22 AM

MD

“ Michelle Doby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester



Michelle Doby - January 07, 2021 at 09:49 PM

HG

“ Henry C. And Gwendolyn Gaines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester



Henry C. and Gwendolyn Gaines - January 07, 2021 at 10:42 AM

VS

“ Valerie C Southall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester



Valerie C Southall - January 07, 2021 at 04:10 AM

DW

“ As I ponder which story to share about this beautiful woman of God, my coming into the church office to inquire about a job opening stands out vividly. She explained what the job entailed, I then told her I was mistaken. I didn't have experience for that job, that I thought it was an extension of her job. I then left without any intension to apply. Deborah called me a couple of days later and said she was expecting me to turn in my resume, and that I should apply anyway. I did and I'm still working for the Lord on that same assignment.

She had that special gift to reach people where they are, freely helping them to advance to where they're going. Her compassion and love was infectious. She was a rare find and a precious sister in Christ.

Darnice Walters-Hoag - January 07, 2021 at 02:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester.*



January 06, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *Dr. Meriann Taylor Campbell*



Meriann Taylor Campbell - January 06, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *Fra Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Fra Thomas - January 06, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *Ms.Lillie Penix sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Ms.Lillie Penix - January 06, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Frances Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Frances Palmer - January 06, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *Frances Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Frances Palmer - January 06, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ *To Elder Debra Lester Heaven has Gained another flower from the LORDS garden . You have moved from Labor unto Reward what a pleasure to work along side with youMay your WORK speak for YOU.....REST*



Deacon Maurice Vickers - January 05, 2021 at 11:32 PM



“ *I knew Deborah as a child. We kinda grew up together. Her dad Rev Green who was the founder of Christin Union Baptist Church. I was a member under his leadership. Up until his passing.i am still a member of Christian Union.She will be missed.*

Jonita Rodgers - January 05, 2021 at 10:40 PM

DC

“ *Deborah Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Deborah Collins - January 05, 2021 at 10:17 PM

SE

“ *I happen to had the privilege of getting to know Debra at a former job I worked at. She came in often, we'd share a hug, a few laughs, and meaningful conversations. She was a beautiful woman of God and had a heart of gold. One day she came in stressed and overwhelmed. I gave her a hug, we talked, cried, and prayed together. It didn't matter who was standing around as we knew through God all things were possible to work out in our favor, regardless of what trials and tribulations we may go through. Having God within we will always stand stronger she always used to say to me before leaving.*



As Debra is now with our loving God may we always remember what she stood for, to show compassion to others, be loving to everyone, help someone smile and lift them up when they are down and need some uplifting. That indeed was Debra. I will miss her jokes, laughter, kind soul, good spirit, and most all her smile. Rest now dear friend as we will meet again one day in everlasting happiness. God has you now and we always lovingly remember you.

Much love to the family and friends of our angel in heaven, Mrs. Debra Ann Lester.

Serena - January 05, 2021 at 09:46 PM

CM

“ Carolyn McClendon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester



Carolyn McClendon - January 05, 2021 at 09:24 PM

NB

“ Natasha H. Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester



Natasha H. Boyd - January 05, 2021 at 08:34 PM

YR

“ Yolanda Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester



Yolanda Roberts - January 05, 2021 at 08:33 PM

MW

“ Mother Mary & Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester



Mother Mary & Diane Williams - January 05, 2021 at 07:16 PM

DP

“ *Dee & Louis Perry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Dee & Louis Perry - January 05, 2021 at 05:30 PM

GD

“ *As I was directing the mass choir at Macedonia, I could feel my under slip sliding down! I was making all kinds of faces trying to "discretely" pull it back up with one hand and direct with the other. It finally fell to the floor! I looked over at Debra who was standing across the platform with the other elders and pointed down at my feet. When the song was over, Bishop and Elder Debra came to my rescue! Bishop stood directly in front of me blocking the view from the audience while Elder Debra bent down, as I balanced myself on her shoulder, and helped me step the rest of the way out of my slip. Oh yes, those of us who knew what was happening got a big LAUGH out of it but, Debra asked me ever so sweetly and full of concern, "are you ok, it gonna be alright." Always one to help out or just offer a word of encouragement or share in a laugh! My sister, this news broke our hearts. You will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Debra's family, friends and Church of the Harvest International.*

Greg & Cynthia Davis - January 05, 2021 at 03:59 PM

MM

“ *Mary McGee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Mary McGee - January 05, 2021 at 02:18 PM

DC

“ *Dayna Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Dayna Clemons - January 05, 2021 at 01:56 PM

BA

“ *Bishop MC & Geneva Akins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Bishop MC & Geneva Akins - January 05, 2021 at 08:46 AM

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“ *Bishop MC & Geneva Akins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Bishop MC & Geneva Akins - January 05, 2021 at 08:43 AM

MD

“ *Montena Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Montena Davis - January 05, 2021 at 01:19 AM

TS

“ *Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Trina Stewart - January 04, 2021 at 11:28 PM

JK

“ *Julie Koger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Julie Koger - January 04, 2021 at 06:24 PM

 Cherie Johnson

“ *Cherie Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Cherie Johnson - January 04, 2021 at 05:46 PM

 Cherie Johnson

Elder Lester's infectious personality made it easy for her to share her love to everyone she came in contact with. Although I've known her for only 8 years it seemed like a lifetime. We the members of Church of the Harvest International will miss you Debra and appreciate that God allowed you to share your love with us.

Cherie Johnson - January 04, 2021 at 05:56 PM

MM

“ *Mary McGee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Mary McGee - January 04, 2021 at 05:01 PM

PM

“ *Paulette Miles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Paulette Miles - January 04, 2021 at 04:23 PM

RC

“ *Rahsheem Covington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Rahsheem Covington - January 04, 2021 at 04:11 PM

DB

“ *Darline Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Darline Baker - January 04, 2021 at 03:31 PM

LB

“ *LaRonna Barnett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



LaRonna Barnett - January 04, 2021 at 02:31 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Ann Lester*



Barbara Lakes - January 04, 2021 at 01:30 PM

CG

“ *Evangelist Debra was a phenomenal woman of God. She was my friend and we stayed in touch after working on a few community projects together. She was so sweet, agreeable, and always willing to participate and lend a helping hand. My sincere condolences to her natural family and COTH family. This is a tremendous loss. Praying for you all.*



Carol Gardner - January 04, 2021 at 10:59 AM