



Obituary

Born: Thursday, February 9, 1939

Died: Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Lester Gene Brinkley passed away on April 10, 2019. Born February 9, 1939 and raised in Harrisburg, Illinois, Les was the son of Lester Brinkley and Louise Parrish Brinkley. While serving in the US Air Force at Westover Air Force Base, he met the love of his life, Christy Ann Snyder. They married in 1960 and resided in Easthampton, in addition to enjoy winters in Jupiter, Florida.

Les began his life as a salesman as a school age boy, making a sales business out of hobbies such as fishing, bicycle and motorcycle repair. In 1963 he began his lifelong career in office products and machines, when joining his late father-in-law, Forbes C. Snyder, in the Holyoke-based business. With his wife, Christy at his side, Forbes Snyder Business Products and Northampton Cash Register expanded operations to multiple location in Western Massachusetts. Les was highly regarded in the business community service groups, prior to his retirement in 2010.

He was featured on the cover of Greater Springfield Business Digest in 1988 with an article detailing his twenty-five years of business accomplishments in the region. Les was a past President of the Easthampton Jaycees, Charter President of the Easthampton Kiwanis Club, and earned honors of Master Mason and Shriner.

Les was an avid hunter and fisherman, and enjoy boating. He cherished friendships he made through these activities, with comrades coming to be known as the "Sand Pond", and "Patch Mountain Boys". Who came together for an annual "53rd week" hunting trip to Maine. Les was a member of the Easthampton Rod and Gun Club. Later in life he treasured his walks and play time with his faithful dog "Dakota", as an important part of his outdoor activities.

Les was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Linda Yates of Harrisburg, Illinois, and his son-in-law, David Bowler of Washoe Valley, Nevada. In addition to his wife, Christy, he will be lovingly remembered by his daughters: Lisa Brinkley Williamson, and her husband, Harry of Alexandria, Virginia; and Jennifer Brinkley Bowler of Washoe Valley, Nevada. He also holds a special place in the hearts of his five grandchildren: Jason and Christine Williamson, Jordann, Madison and Bradley Bowler.

His caring presence, warm smile, and genuine enjoyment of all ages, will be greatly missed by all who came to know him; this wonderful man who never quite lost his Mid-Western drawl.

Visiting and Calling hours will be held Friday, April 19, 2019 4-7pm at Mitchell Funeral Home, 15 Park Street, Easthampton, MA01027.

Memorial service will be at Calvary Baptist Church, Main Street, Easthampton Saturday April 20, 2019 at 10:30 am. Burial will be private.

Service Summary

Visitation

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Fri Apr 19, 2019

Mitchell Funeral Home

15 Park Street
Easthampton, MA 01027

Funeral Service

10:30 AM Sat Apr 20, 2019

Calvary Baptist Church

Main St
Easthampton, Ma 01027

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