



Bentz Charles Hester

July 10, 1943 - November 21, 2022

Bentz Charles Hester, son of Francis Leroy Hester and LaVerna Pauline “Fusby” Hester was born July 10, 1943 in Watts, Oklahoma and departed this life November 21, 2022 in Fayetteville, Arkansas at the age of 79.

He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the early 1960’s. After coming home from the Naval base in San Diego, he married the love of his life, Dorothy on July 17, 1964. To this union were added three daughters, three sons-in-law, six grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Bentz worked as a store manager at Sutherlands Lumber Company for many years. This job led him and his family to Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin before finally moving back to Oklahoma. Bentz and Dorothy opened the Western Auto Store in Westville and operated it for 16 years.

Bentz worked as a dispatcher for Hudson Farms and eventually opened his own small engine repair shop where many stories were told and many hours were spent passing the time.

Bentz was well known and thought of in the community that he served in so many ways. Bentz served as a volunteer fire fighter, reserve law officer, armed security officer at Westville Public Schools, City Council member, Utility Board member, Westville City Mayor, Civil Defense Team member and a 911 board member and a member of the Westville Jaycees. Bentz committed himself to the community. He wanted make it a better place to live.

Bentz enjoyed traveling, camping, watching football and shooting the bull, telling a joke or two and laughing. Bentz loved dogs and always kept his furry

friends close to his heart via his lap. Bentz loved reading the newspaper. He needed to be sure to stay up on the local and world happenings. You knew Bentz liked you if he was teasing you or if he gave you a nick-name. But Bentz's greatest joy came from spending time with his family around the table on Sunday afternoons or any other time the family could get together. His eyes would light up any time he would see the grandkids making their way up the sidewalk and through the door.

Bentz is preceded in death by his parents and his four brothers, Arnold, Danny, Vaden and Ronnie.

Bentz is survived by his wife Dorothy of the home, his three daughters, Theresa (Allen) Hopton, Darla (Ricky) Williams and Laverna (Chuck) Helm all of Westville, Oklahoma. Six grandchildren: Tarrna (Brandon) Smith, Dustin (Amber) Williams, Dagan (Chrystal) Williams, Dalila (Neil) Schaub, Bentz (Megan) Helm and Bailey (Blaine Adams) Helm. Nine great-grandchildren, Kaiden, Nicolas, Kamden, Alexa, Hadley, Desmond, Deacon, Oakley, and Jaxon, one sister, Darlene Jones of Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma, many nieces, nephews and other loved ones and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

NOV **26**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

NOV **26**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Cemetery
Chewey Road
Chewey, OK

Tribute Wall

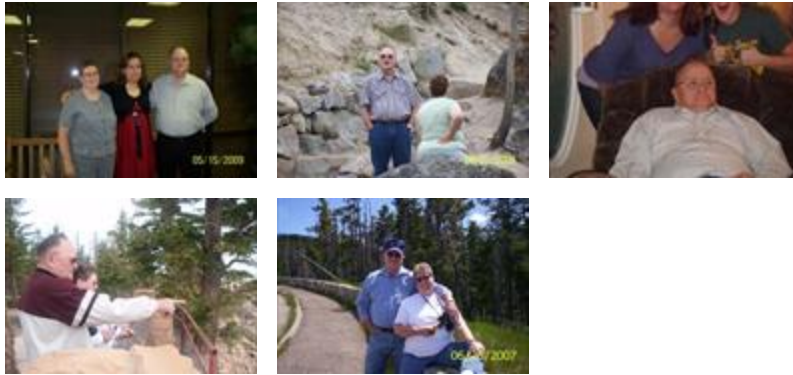
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“ *Darla and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Bentz was a wonderful man, he was a volunteer police officer when I had the opportunity to work with him. When I think of Bentz I remember his sense of humor. Prayers with you all*

Rhonda Renfroe - November 26, 2022 at 02:55 PM

DA

“ *6 files added to the album Grandpa*



Dalila - November 25, 2022 at 10:53 AM

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“ *Our condolences to this lovely family. Bentz will always be remembered as a a friendly helpful person. We are thankful for having known him. The Womack family.*

Maryetta Womack - November 24, 2022 at 04:01 PM

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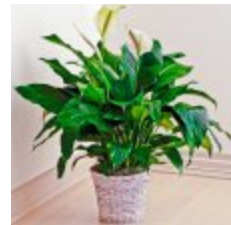
“ *Jeff, Susan and Jonathon Hester purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Bentz Charles Hester.*



Jeff, Susan and Jonathon Hester - November 24, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Bentz Charles Hester.*



November 24, 2022 at 09:25 AM

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“ *Kim Pearson lit a candle in memory of Bentz Hester*



Kim Boswood Pearson - November 23, 2022 at 03:46 PM