



Vestal Estes

March 7, 1936 - July 3, 2023

Vestal Estes – of Siloam Springs, Arkansas was born in Alison, Texas during a West Texas sandstorm, on March 7, 1936, the son of Vance and Alberta Estes. He graduated to his coronation with Jesus, on July 3, 2023 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Vestal was born into an era with no electricity at home and no indoor plumbing. He was educated in a one-room school house during his elementary years and graduated from High School in Dalhart, Texas. He was always a farmer at heart, with a wealth of experience from farming along with his brother and father in his early years. He loved ranching and breaking horses for other cattlemen. Vestal was drafted into the United States Army and served near the time of the Korean War. He was stationed on the Czechoslovakian border with a towed-howitzer unit to which he was assigned for the purpose of calculating fire-direction long before there were computers and was honorably discharged.

After dating his love for seven years, Vestal married the young lady who visited his home church, Shirley Branson Estes, on June 27, 1963 in Dalhart, Texas. Vestal and Shirley just celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends!

Vestal was skilled in many ways – as a craftsman, fabricator, farmer, pilot,

consultant and much more. He broke colts for cattlemen as a young man, and later bought his own farm in the Texas Panhandle. For a season he was a mail carrier in Dalhart, Texas for the U.S. Postal Service, walking a 7-10 mile route daily. He used his many talents to build many homes, including his own; and assisted in building many churches along with the one he and Shirley pastored for 30 years in Siloam Springs. Vestal answered the call to ministry and served alongside his uncle in Victoria, Texas before moving to Northwest Arkansas in 1968 to become the pastor of a Pentecostal Church in Siloam Springs. For a season Vestal drove a school bus as a bi-vocational pastor, wherein he made many lasting friendships. From his leadership the church grew to need a new, bigger place of worship. Pastor Estes was a Spirit-led man with many notable and miraculous things occurring during his ministry. He was recognized by the United Pentecostal Church for his leadership where he served for 18 years as a Presbyter in Arkansas and served for two years as a Regional Presbyter of the Southcentral Region. In 2013 he was ordained to the honorary role of Bishop by the Global Network of Christian Ministries, now Destiny Ministries. His ministry was marked by his generosity toward God and the church, his fervent love for the Word, as well as his heartfelt dedication to the people he served so well.

He enjoyed many things in life including gardening, playing dominoes, reading from a wide range of authors, cowboy/western art, humor, raiding the candy dish and all the decadents mother kept on the table, spending time with his family, Razorback sports, fishing, travel and most of all studying his Bible. Vestal was preceded in death by his parents Vance and Alberta Estes; one brother, Horace Estes.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, of the home; one son, Tim Estes and wife Tricia of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; one daughter, Tricia Voss of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; six grandchildren, Kendra McCormick and husband Jaran, Justin Estes and wife, Ashley, Brady Voss, Tyler Voss, Kaitlyn Voss and Kendall Butler and husband Terry. Also, seven great-grandchildren; Kaylee,

Kimber, Judah, Jase, Joanna, Audrey and Branson; three beloved nieces and three nephews; his New Life Church family whom he loved and prayed for regularly, as well as a host of other family and friends.

Vestal Estes will be long remembered as a lover of people, a leader of his family, a builder of buildings and men, and one who served God and country.

Services:

Visitation will be held Friday, July 7, 2023 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Wasson Funeral Home chapel in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Homegoing Service will be held Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 10:00 am at New Life Church in Siloam Springs, Arkansas

Interment immediately following homegoing service at Oak Hill Cemetery, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the New Life Church Building Fund at P.O. Box 945, Siloam Springs, Arkansas 72761 or online at nlcss.com/give

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

New Life Church
1611 Cheri Whitlock
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Burial

JUL 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Oak Hill Cemetery
2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

EV

“ To Vestal’s family. I drove a school bus with Vestal in the late 60’s. He was a pleasure to be around & I cherished our friendship. He will be missed by everyone he met. My prayers will be with the family at this time.

Evan Vohs - July 09, 2023 at 09:10 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Vestal Estes.



July 08, 2023 at 08:43 AM

BO

“ Vestal will be missed by many. Please accept our sincerest condolences. The family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Butch & Nancy Overturf - July 07, 2023 at 06:28 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Vestal Estes.



July 06, 2023 at 07:26 PM

LK

“ *Lisa King lit a candle in memory of Vestal Estes*



Lisa King - July 05, 2023 at 10:42 PM

KD

“ *Karen Davis lit a candle in memory of Vestal Estes*



Karen Davis - July 05, 2023 at 10:37 PM