



Lester Sutton Sandlin

November 1, 1941 - May 17, 2016

Lester Sutton Sandlin, 74, of Durham died at his home on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. He was born on November 01, 1941 in Onslow Co, NC to R. Hugh Sandlin and Amy Alice Evans Sandlin.

Mr. Sandlin served his country in the U S Army from 1961 to 1963. He is a 1965 graduate of Eckels College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the British Institute of Embalmers and was curator at UNC Hospital, Chapel Hill in the Body Donation Department. In 1979, he founded Professional Mortuary Services in Durham which still serves the community with his son William Lum-Sandlin as the Funeral Director and Embalmer. During his career Mr. Sandlin designed the original knock down wood based air tray which is widely used today in the funeral industry for the transportation of human remains. Mr. Sandlin was a longtime member of Professional Car Society collecting and restoring antique cars.

He is survived by his wife: Martha Epps Sandlin of the home, sons: Preston P. Sandlin of Charlotte, William Lum-Sandlin of the home, Nick Campbell, Jr. of Nashville, TN; Dennis A. Lum, II of Durham, and Jesse J. Copley of the home; brothers: Sidney Sandlin and Edward Sandlin both of Beulaville, NC; sisters: Margaret Thomas of Jacksonville, NC, Lula Hunter and Clara Kellum both of Beulaville, NC. He is also survived by 6 of his cherished grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his brother, Raymond Sandlin of Hickory in 1985.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 3:30 pm Sunday, May

22, 2016 at Wake Memorial Park, 7002 Green Hope School Rd, Cary, NC
27519. The Reverend James Lawson will officiate.

Cemetery Details

Wake Memorial Park Cemetery

7002 Green Hope School Rd
Cary, NC 27519
(919) 465-0888
<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

Previous Events

Committal Service

MAY 22. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ Martha, We at Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home are sorry to learn of Lester's death. You all have been friends and helped us for many years. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Jerry Holcombe

Jerry Holcombe - May 24, 2016 at 11:24 AM

DH

“ Donald Harris/ Wrenn-Yeatts Fual Home lit a candle in memory of Lester Sutton Sandlin



Donald Harris/ Wrenn-Yeatts Fual Home - May 24, 2016 at 08:47 AM

JW

“ So sorry to hear of Lester's death. He was his own man and will be missed.
Keeping you in our prayer.
John W. Wood
Howerton & Bryan Funeral Home

John Wood - May 23, 2016 at 12:17 PM



“ one thing I will cherish and remember about Lester ,is the talks we would always have and when we would talk I could ask him any thing being something outlandish to something practical . my self and the rest of the guys will miss him. you are in my prayers



Robert Cash - May 22, 2016 at 03:55 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lester Sutton Sandlin.*



May 22, 2016 at 10:34 AM



“ *Martha and family I'm so sorry for the loss of Lester. He such a great worker in the funeral profession, bringing great knowledge and professionalism anytime he worked serving families and other funeral directors in need. Lester taught me much as he served as one of my clinical embalming lab instructors during my education at Fayetteville Technical Institute in 1981. My hat's off to a great funeral director and embalmer. He will be missed greatly by funeral professionals everywhere.*

*Robert Osteen
Stanly Funeral And Cremation Care
Albemarle NC*

Robert Osteen - May 21, 2016 at 12:43 PM



“ *Lester was such great help and assistance to our funeral home over the years. God's blessings to his family and friends.*

*Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home
Sanford, NC*

Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home - May 21, 2016 at 10:33 AM

RP

“ Martha, so sorry about Lester's death. He was helpful and dependable with out-of-town calls.

Riley
Phillips Funeral Home

Riley Phillips - May 20, 2016 at 06:05 PM

RJ

“ Martha, I am so sorry to hear about Lester's death. Our prayers are with you, the staff at the Loflin Funeral Home, Ramseur. Richard Jones

Richard Jones - May 20, 2016 at 05:13 PM

JS

“ Martha, I am sorry to hear of Lester's passing. I had not talked to him since I retired from Hartsell Funeral Home in February 2011. He was always so helpful anytime that I sought assistance. He made the best air tray in the industry. Our profession has lost a good funeral professional. Jerry Sanders, Concord, NC



Jerry Sanders - May 20, 2016 at 04:25 PM

HE

“ Sorry to learn of Lester's passing. He will be remembered as a dedicated professional to the funeral industry. Your family is in our prayers.

Staff of Cremation Society of the Carolinas
Henry Davis

Henry - May 20, 2016 at 04:11 PM

RH

“ Prayers for Martha and all the family from your friends at Kennedy Funeral Home. Randy

Randy Hussey - May 20, 2016 at 03:09 PM

TH

“ Martha and Will and family, Mary and I were sorry to hear about Lester's death. We know this is a hard time for you, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you deal with his passing. Tommy and Mary Hudson and staff of Hudson Funeral Home.

Tommy Hudson - May 20, 2016 at 12:53 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lester Sutton Sandlin.



May 20, 2016 at 11:56 AM

VD

“ Vicky (Red Book Directory) lit a candle in memory of Lester Sutton Sandlin



Vicky (Red Book Directory) - May 20, 2016 at 11:40 AM

VD

Many Prayers for you William and your family. Please know I will be thinking of you on Sunday. Vicky (REDBOOK Lady)

Vicky (Red Book Directory) - May 20, 2016 at 11:46 AM



*We extend our prayers and condolences to the family.
The staff of Wiseman Mortuary*

wiseman mortuary - May 20, 2016 at 03:51 PM