



## Connie D. Hester

September 13, 1952 - November 7, 2017

Connie Williams Hester, age 65, passed away at home on November 7, 2017, surrounded by her loving family. She had bravely battled pancreatic cancer for the past 29 months. Connie was a loving mother, wife, sister, daughter, and grandmother.

The visitation will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 5:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. at Pinkard Funeral Home in Russellville, Alabama. The funeral will be at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, November 10, 2017 in the funeral home chapel, with Bro. James Woodall and Bro. Brad Campbell officiating. Interment will follow in the East Franklin Cemetery.

Connie loved her family and was devoted to them. She is survived by her husband of 47 years Radford Hester, a daughter Dr. Leigh Hester of Rogersville, AL, sons Dr. Gabriel Hester (Lauren) of Birmingham, AL, and Dean Hester (Amy) of Athens, AL; her step-grandchildren, Dylan and Abby Staggs of Athens, AL; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Bobby Williams (Pat) of East Franklin, and Wendell Williams (Betty) of Russellville, AL. She is also survived by her brothers-in-law Johnny Hester and Richie Hester (Amy) of Belgreen, AL, and numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lurra and Herbert Williams of East Franklin, and mother and father-in-law John B. and Grace Hester of Belgreen, AL, as well as a sister-in-law Joyce Hester of Belgreen.

Connie loved her animals which included her two loving feline friends "Lil"

Wayne and Blue Bell, as well as her cherished miniature donkeys, “Porky and Spanky,” and her much loved canine “Petey.”

Connie was a native of Franklin County and a graduate of Phil Campbell High School, class of 1970. She received her B.S. degree from the University of North Alabama, in Florence, AL. She and her family lived in Fayette, Alabama from 1984-2015.

Connie was a renowned artist creating portraits, landscapes, murals, signs, hieroglyphics, calligraphy, and sculptures for schools, churches, towns, and individuals. She was an art and science teacher for 29 years, working 26 years in the Fayette County School System and 3 years in the Franklin County School System.

Above all else, Connie loved the Lord and was a devoted Christian. She was a devoted member of her church and church family, the Beulah Church of God 7th Day in Phil Campbell, AL, which she attended her entire life. She lived her religion daily and never made a disparaging remark against anyone.

Pallbearers will be nephews Chris Williams, Bradley Williams, Jeff Williams, Alan Williams, and Shane Hester, and Chris Karr. Honorary pallbearers will be other nephews and grandnephews and all members of the Phil Campbell senior class of 1970, as well as current and former faculty and staff members of Fayette Middle School and the former Fayette County Vocational School.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Katisha Vance and the staff and nurses at Alabama Oncology at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham for all their care and acts of kindness over the past 29 months. We also want to thank Dr. Brendon Haikes and Dr. Mell Duggan of Baptist Princeton for their care and kindness to Connie as well as the staff at Hospice of North Alabama, especially Nurse Kassie. The family would also like to thank Connie’s church and the family and friends who came by for visits, sent cards, provided food, or offered prayers. We also want to thank all the

churches in Fayette who had Connie on their prayer lists.

Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville, is directing.

# Cemetery Details

## East Franklin Cemetery

Phil Campbell, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **9**. 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home - Russellville  
27305 Hwy 24 East  
P.O. Box 502  
Russellville, AL 35653  
(256) 332-7772  
info@pinkardfh.com  
<https://www.pinkardfh.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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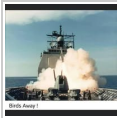
# Tribute Wall



“ *Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Connie D. Hester*



**Pinkard Funeral Home** - November 09, 2017 at 12:45 PM



*Today I thought of this wonderful lady. I enjoyed working with her immensely. Mr. Hester, I miss you man. I hope and pray all is well.*

**Paul Agnew** - August 26, 2020 at 08:48 AM

SM

“ *Sharon Oswalt McCollum lit a candle in memory of Connie D. Hester*



**Sharon Oswalt McCollum** - November 13, 2017 at 10:45 AM

DH

“ *Diane (Bracken) Hulseley lit a candle in memory of Connie D. Hester*



**Diane (Bracken) Hulseley** - November 10, 2017 at 11:26 PM

SB


“ *Mr. Hester, Leigh, Gabe, & Dean -*

*We are so sorry for your loss. Connie was precious and loved by all who knew her. Please know that we are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*The Bass Family  
Fayette, AL*



Steve & Barbara Bass - November 09, 2017 at 12:42 PM

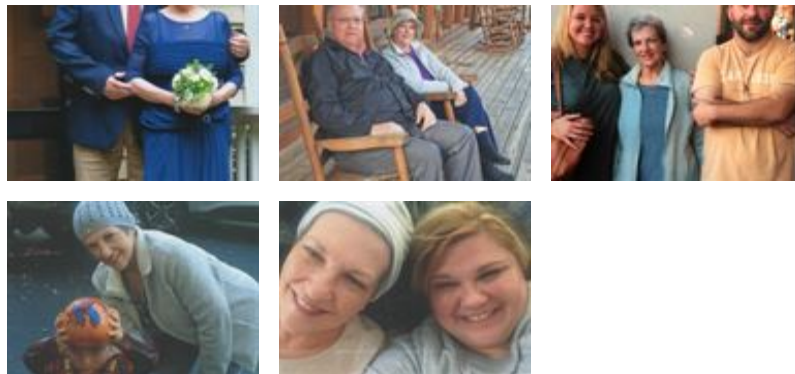
  
ChrisandC  
Irvin

“ *She was one of the Best Teachers I ever had, she loved art and it showed through everything she done. I will never forget her kindness to all of us students at Fayette County High School, We Love You Always Mrs. Hester and You'll never be forgotten!!!  
♥Christy McClain Irvin ♥ FCHS Class of '93 ♥*

ChrisandChristy Irvin - November 09, 2017 at 11:11 AM



“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pinkard Funeral Home - November 09, 2017 at 10:50 AM

JK

“ She was a really good art teacher I’m so sorry for her family my praying for the family

Jo Anne Smith Keeton - November 09, 2017 at 01:11 AM



“ Prayers for your family in the passing of Mrs. Connie. Billy and I enjoyed the years as neighbors with your family in Mountain View in Fayette, especially the afternoon walks we would take to catch up on family and friends. God bless you all. Billy and JoAnn Hollingsworth

Jo Hollingsworth - November 09, 2017 at 12:20 AM

LB

“ Mrs.Hester was my favorite Science Teacher when I was little. She always made learning fun! She once had a “candle” and took a huge bite out of it and we all couldn’t believe she just ate a candle!! It was actually a potato she cut to look like candle. She was so funny! You made a great impact on a lot of people’s lives and will always be remembered! RIP Mrs.Hester! Praying for the family❤️

Laney Bellsnyder - November 08, 2017 at 10:37 PM

MC

“ Love and prayers, Radford and kids. I am so sorry gor your loss. Connie was a sweet and talented person. May God hold you all close.

Mary Ann Copland - November 08, 2017 at 08:10 PM