

*God's Garden*

*God looked around the garden,  
And found an empty space.  
He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
For He only takes the best.  
He knew that you were weary,  
and He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
be well on earth again.  
He saw the roads were getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
and whispered peace be thine.*



**In Loving Memory Of Lloyd G Lester**

**Born to Fern (Wetherelt) and Joseph Lester**  
March 8, 1938 ~ Troy, Idaho

**Passed Away**  
October 12, 2024 ~ LaMoure, North Dakota

**Memorial Service**  
Tuesday October 22, 2024 at 10:00 am  
Community Presbyterian Church ~ Fairview, MT

**Officiating**  
Pastor David Meehan

**Urn Bearers**  
Lloyd's Beloved Grand and Great-Grandchildren

**Ushers**  
Josh Leithead    Devon Obergfell

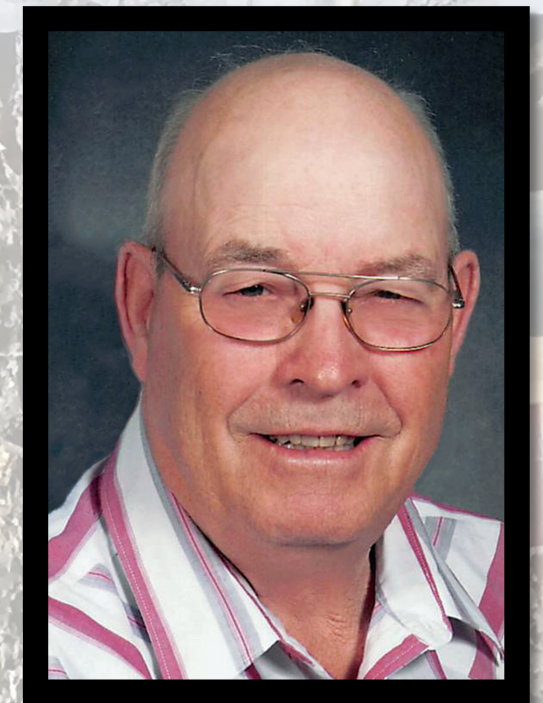
**Music**  
Leslie Bieber ~ Vocalist  
Larry Riggs ~ Accompanist

**Final Resting Place**  
Fairview Cemetery ~ Fairview, North Dakota

**Arrangements By**  
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Sidney, MT



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Lloyd George Lester, 86, of Fairview, MT passed away October 12, 2024, at St. Rose Care Center, LaMoure, ND.

He was born March 8, 1938, at Troy, Idaho to parents Joseph and Fern (Wetherelt) Lester, the fifth of what would be eight children. He spent his childhood in Charbonneau, ND where he attended school until the eighth grade. At 14 years old he went to work at the C. F. Martell Ranch. He especially loved to tell stories of his time there in his final years. He worked various other jobs until moving to Fairview where he married Charleen Best at Towner, ND and began working for Vernon Klose. While working there they added Shane in 1962 and Ginger in 1963 to the family. In 1964 he began renting land and started farming on his own. That same year Shelly joined the family. In 1970 he bought the farm at Dore, ND where he farmed and raised cattle until 1980.

In the late 70's and early 80's he worked various jobs related to the oil field. He worked as seismograph permitter, helped build seismographing rigs, and dynamite storage containers. After farming he and others built a rig for filling coal mines. They were the first to fill coal mines to 100%.



Shortly after building their log home in 1981, he began working for McKenzie County, eventually becoming road supervisor for the Cartwright district. This he did until his retirement.

In 1990, his wife Charleen passed. In 1993 he was united in marriage to Sammie Bieber (Hurley). Throughout his years he enjoyed the outdoors spending time camping, fishing, and hunting. Trips to the mountains were always a highlight for him and the family. Even though he no longer farmed he spent a lot of time gardening and planting trees which kept him connected to the land. He always found it a challenge to grow something that shouldn't grow here such as peanuts, cotton, tobacco, okra, and his black walnut trees.

He was always a collector of anything old and saw value in all of it. He especially enjoyed restoring tractors, mostly John Deeres. Not only did he like old things, but he was also drawn to young children, and they were drawn to him. He had a special connection to young children.

Lloyd and Sammie spent their years together traveling to see family. They even managed a trip to Alaska, taking their car on a ferry, spending time on the island at Petersburg in

Alaska, and then driving through Alaska and back to Fairview.

He had a quirky sense of humor. He liked collecting unique hats and any other odd items he ran across.

He is survived by his wife Sammie (Hurley Bieber), Fairview, MT, Son Shane Lester, Newburg, ND, daughters, Ginger (David) Podoll, Fullerton, ND, and Shelly (Jay) Obergfell, Fairview, MT, stepsons Don Bieber, Petersburg, AK, Duane (Karen) Bieber, Sidney, MT, Dennis (Amanda) Bieber, Sentinel Butte, ND, Stepdaughters, Diane (Jeff) Siefert, Barrow, AK, Denise Massey, Sidney, MT. Sisters Thelma Vrana, Upton, Wy, Ida Harmon, Williston, ND, and Hazel (Dan) Brossman, Lander, Wy. In-laws Renee Best Officer and Mike (Mary) Hurley as well as 16 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his wife, Charleen Lester, parents, Joseph and Fern (Wetherelt), brothers Tom and Merle Lester, and sisters Annie Tysver and Elsie Carstens.

Special thanks to the staff of St. Rose Care Center and Hospice of the Red River Valley.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Martha's Place – future Hospice House of Eastern Montana.

