



## Lester McCurry

August 20, 1931 - May 24, 2022

Lester C. McCurry, 90, of Dorchester, South Carolina, husband of Ida Lee Hilton McCurry, entered the gates of heaven on 24 May 2022. Visitation with the family will be on 28 May 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with the funeral at 11:00 a.m. at Limestone Baptist Church, 1890 East Main Street Dorchester, SC 29437. Burial will be at the adjacent church graveyard. Lester was born on 20 August 1931 in Unicoi County, Tennessee. His parents were Lester McCurry and Lurla Mae Brummett McCurry. During the 1940s his family moved to an area outside of Washington, D.C. for a time. The rest of his early life was spent in Unicoi County. Like a true Appalachian, he had a penchant for telling tall tales and exaggeration. Following the lead of some of his paternal ancestors, who served in the American Revolution and the Civil War, Lester decided to join the United States Air Force. He wanted to travel and see other places. He served in several capacities from airplane mechanic in his early enlisted years to the chief of automatic flight control as an instructor. He achieved the rank of Senior Master Sergeant during his twenty years of service. He earned a number of medals/ribbons including the USAF Good Conduct Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters and the USAF Outstanding Unit Award. He served at several air force bases including the following- Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas, Hickam AFB in Oahu, HA, Travis AFB in Fairfield-Suisun, CA, Chanutte AFB in Rantoul, IL, Seymore Johnson AFB in Goldsboro, NC, and Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage Alaska. He retired after a second duty post at Chanutte AFB.

Lester's education included the following- a Unicoi County High School diploma, an Associate of Arts degree in Business from Vallejo Junior College in Vallejo, CA. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Science from The Baptist College at Charleston/Charleston Southern University. He also earned a Master of Arts in Teaching and a Specialist in Education degree from The Citadel. Upon his USAF retirement, he and his family moved to South Carolina where he became a teacher and worked in Dorchester School Districts Two and Four as well as at Dorchester Academy. Lester influenced the lives of thousands of young people in the community. He served as a deacon and teacher for decades at Limestone Baptist Church. He also served in The Gideon's International to help share the gospel around the world. Lester is survived by his wife of sixty-seven years, Ida Hilton McCurry. Left to cherish his memory are three daughters: Cynthia McCurry Putman (Wayne), Deborah McCurry Peek (Michael), and Angela McCurry Cartin (Leyon). His grandchildren are: Jonathan Wayne Putman (Kasia), Caroline Peek Dix (Alan), Philip Levern Cartin (Jenna), Brandon Michael Peek, Alex Leyon Cartin, and Curtis Lee Peek (Katherine). Great-grandsons include Braden Dix and Remington James Cartin. He was predeceased by his brother, Donald James McCurry, Sr. Flowers will be accepted or donations may be made to The Gideons International. Arrangements are coordinated by James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 S. Main Street, Summerville, SC.

# Cemetery Details

## Limestone Baptist Church Cemetery

1890 East Main Street  
Dorchester, SC 29437

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

Limestone Baptist Church  
1890 East Main Street  
Dorchester, SC 29437

## Funeral Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lester McCurry*



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**James A Dyal Funeral Home** - May 27, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *Lester McCurry*

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September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *My prayers are with you Cindy and family. May God bless you with peace and comfort.*

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**Tara Fender** - May 29, 2022 at 07:07 AM



“ *To Ida and Family - May God continue to comfort you during this time of sadness. Lester was a kind person; always had a smile and a word of encouragement. He will be missed by many people. Remember the times you spent together. He loved all of you so much.*

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**Emily Watts** - May 27, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ 79 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - May 27, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Lester McCurry.



May 27, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *The Michigan McCurrys* purchased the *Sacred Duty Spray* for the family of Lester McCurry.



The Michigan McCurrys - May 26, 2022 at 07:42 PM

MR

“ Mr McCurry was a fantastic teacher. I had him at Clay Hill in 80's, in one of the mobile classrooms. He had east, west, south, north posted in his room. To this day, finding my way, while figuring out my location, I'm transported back to his class room. He was a warm, friendly and encouraging teacher and I was a challenging student. I'm sorry for your loss. Please know he was loved by his students.

*Melanie Mowrer Rauch*

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**Melanie Rauch** - May 26, 2022 at 05:42 PM


OM

“ Dear Family Please know my love and prayers have you in mind. At this moment my thoughts of Bro. Lester are friend, man of achievement with humility, and true deacon. His suffering has been difficult for you, but the blessings of his life has enriched everyone!

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**Owen McAlister** - May 25, 2022 at 07:29 PM

JG

Our hearts  are saddened over the death of Lester. He was such a godly man and a great man. Lester, Elze and Scott became best friends thru the Sunday School class at Limestone Baptist Church and I nicknamed them The Three Musketeers. Lester now sleeps in Christ awaiting our Jesus return on that Grand Resurrection Morning. We'll see you soon Mr. Lester

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**Jan Gividen** - May 25, 2022 at 09:01 PM

MC

Hi my name is Mary Brown Conner Mr McCurry was my teacher at Harleyville-Ridgeville Mr McCurry was a Awesome teacher. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers with u and the family.

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**Mary Brown Conner** - May 26, 2022 at 09:48 AM



*Thoughts and prayers to you and your family, Angie. Hazel Moorer (Rickenbaker)*

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**Hazel Moorer** - May 26, 2022 at 09:53 AM