



Lester "Butch" Malloy Sr.

January 23, 1950 - January 9, 2026

Lester Malloy, Sr. (nickname Butch), age 75, of Kankakee, Illinois, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2026. Born on January 23, 1950, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, he grew up in the Cedar Creek area. He was the beloved son of the late Eva Mae Malloy and William Wesley Gardner, Sr. He leaves behind sisters: Elizabeth Ann Riley, Grace Gardner Melvin (Duncan Melvin), Callie Gardner, Janice McNeil and brother, William Wesley Gardner, Jr. (Ethel Gardner), along with a host of nieces and nephews.

A proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, he served in the Vietnam War. Lester was an experienced independent, long-haul truck driver with an extensive 30+ year career in the commercial trucking industry. He thoroughly enjoyed the open road and traveling cross-country to new places. He found solace in the arts often expressing his creativity through writing and drawings. An avid football fan, he demonstrated an unwavering loyalty for his favorite sports team. Known for his love of traditional southern cooking and sharing a good home-cooked meal, his greatest joy was the time spent surrounded by his family and friends. He believed in the power of prayer and frequently encouraged others to pray for him, and he would do the same.

Lester's legacy of love and strength lives on through his children: daughters, Tyshell Jones (Claude Jones, Sr.), Venecia Carr (Jamal Carr), Kristina Stephens, and Julie Perry; son's Lester Malloy, Jr. (Angela Malloy), and L'Shea Malloy. He was a doting grandfather to Tre Tolbert, Imani Carr, Kalyn Hood-Stephens, and Kyrie Stephens. All of whom will forever cherish the

lessons he taught and the memories they created together.

The family finds comfort knowing his spirit remains with them in every story shared and every meal prepared in his honor.

Please sign his guestbook at www.clancygernon.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences goes out to all of you. I know how difficult this is.

Melissa Knight - January 23 at 11:17 PM

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“ Tyshell, My heart goes out to you and your family. You're in my prayers.”

Teresa McLean - January 21 at 11:28 PM

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“ Uncle Lester told me this story with a smile on his face. He said when he was in Vietnam he shared a meal with a Vietnamese family, they made a stew and he said it was really good!. He saw a rat and he attempted to step on it with his boots and one person said No! SAME! SAME! and pointed to the stew! It made him laugh and he loved telling this story! So myself and other members of the family still say SAME! SAME! and think of Uncle Lester.



Linda Sue - January 19 at 03:08 PM

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“ Mae Melvin lit a candle in memory of Lester "Butch" Malloy Sr.



Mae Melvin - January 18 at 10:53 PM