

## **Hester, Larry Douglas**

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Larry Douglas Hester, 71, a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather went to be with our Lord Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, in Hurst.

Larry was born Jan. 4, 1950, to Victor Hester and Helen Brindle in Temple. He was united in marriage to the love of his life, Susan Adelia Mann, in Bridgeport. Following their marriage, they began their Godly journey, building a large family and touching many peoples lives.

During his time here with us, his career and passion was serving on the Highway Patrol, Bridgeport Police Department, Haltom City Police Department and Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. He finished out his career as Chief Deputy of Administration at the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office.

He was the kind of man who kept a Bible open by his bed and his Medal of Valor hidden in his closet. He prayed daily, led inmates to Jesus and addicts into rehab. He was the officer who arrested someone and the following day he was back at the jail with Bible in tow and praying with the person he had brought in the day

before. He was a foster father who rocked children to sleep and sang "Jesus Loves Me" over each of them each night. He was a husband who absolutely adored his wife every day by leaving notes for no reason and provoking the statement from a neighbor "You're making us all look bad," after he had decorated half the block in giant love notes that led to his home on Valentine's Day.

His legacy isn't fame or earthly riches, and he didn't need anyone's praise. His legacy is generations of children who know the love of Christ. Every opportunity he got, he poured into his family the truth of God's word and the reverence for His name. Serving his community, his country, his family and 49 wonderful foster children is the never-ending memory he left with all.

Larry knew true treasure and success along with knowing true peace and accomplishment. When Larry worked, he worked hard for his family, not for his pride. He would work hard for his wife, not his desire to be rich or to be the most known. He worked hard to love every child and grandchild that was his and for those who he was a guardian angel over. It was not just a legacy the newspaper might mention or fancy parties would acknowledge but to leave the endless unfathomable love of God and reverence for His name in the hearts of his children and generations to come. God gave us all a great honor to know and love such an absolutely amazing human being. From his immediate family to every niece and nephew, he always showed up whenever they called. Now he celebrates his birthday with those who've gone before and with our wonderful Abba Father.

Our cowboy hats tip to the man of God, the husband who blew other's in the dust, the father to all children and to the man whose legacy was bigger then anyone knew. He will be missed greatly by all, but we will see him again. He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen Brindle and Victor Hester; his stepmother, Dorothy Hester; and his brother, Glenn Craig.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 45 years, Susan Adelia Mann Hester of Hurst; his children Jennifer Choins and husband, John, of Waco, Jason Hester of Hurst, Brindle Burton and husband, Mike, of Benbrook, Fatimat Martin and husband, Durell, of Desoto and Kendon Fair of The Colony; his grandchildren Jonathan, Christopher, Victoria, Elizabeth, Bryson, Kaylin, Raelee, Michael, Daniel, Uriah, Nateya, Aiden, Kyla, Lincoln, Durell Jr. and Callie; his great-grandchild Madelyn Rose; his brother Richard Hester and wife, Betty. He is also survived by numerous extended family members, a host of friends and a never-ending list of people whose lives he touched forever.