



Robert H. Lester

April 7, 1936 - October 18, 2025

CROSWELL- Robert H. Lester, age 89, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at the Blue Water Hospice Residence in Marysville, after a recent fall at home.

He was born on April 7, 1936, a son of the late Harger and Lucille (Barrett) Lester. Robert married Donna E. Lamb on September 23, 1961 in Jeddo Methodist Church. She preceded him in death on March 12, 2015.

Robert was a lifelong area farmer, loving the farm he and his wife, Donna bought in 1962 and all components of daily farm life. He had a generous and giving spirit to help his family, friends and neighbors at any time. Prior to full time farming he had a dairy route with Wilson's Dairy (MMPA) for many years. He also drove trucks for Cosgrove Oil, Brownie Corporation and KG Mark. Robert is survived by his daughter, Sherry (Chris) Petersen of Marysville; two grandchildren, Shawn Robert (Jennifer) and Shelby Krisann; two great grandchildren, Jackson and Jamison; his brother, Barre (Bonnie) Lester and his sister, Lynda Green.

His family and friends will cherish his memory. To honor Robert's wishes cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral service. A private burial will occur with family at a later date. The family welcomes you to share any comforting words, pictures or memories you had with him.

If you wish to honor Robert's memory you may donate to the Future Farmers of America local chapter so our young farmers can learn to love farming as he did. Or you may donate to the Smith-Kingsmore Syndrome Organization (www.sks.org)

w.smithkingmore.org) to assist with research and treatment options for his great grandson, Jackson.

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Holidays were always such a special time. There were so many Christmases, Thanksgivings, and Easters spent at the Lester home.* ”



Shelly Johnson - October 22, 2025 at 08:06 PM

PF

Sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed it when Bob came into Helena(it was UAP when I worked there). He was a great guy.

Penney (Graham) Franzel - December 02, 2025 at 03:28 PM

BL

“ *Sorry for your lose. Bob and Donna were the best neighbors anyone could have. Been friends for over 25 years. They were more like family. Going to be missed by all. Buck and Linda Lashbrook* ”

Buck and Linda Lashbrook - October 22, 2025 at 02:32 PM

KR

“ *The very best neighbors we've ever had. He did a good job and lived a good life.* ”



karen rinke - October 21, 2025 at 09:17 PM

KJ

“ So very sorry! Our families have been friends for years. He, Donna and my mom and dad were best friends for years. A whole bunch of auction sales together. Them boys were trouble! Such a good man! He loved my snickerdoodles, and Russell loved taking them to him. They were buddies too! Rest in Peace Robert 🥹❤️

kim jolley-rush - October 21, 2025 at 06:50 PM

RP

“ We got to know Bob and Donna when we bought the farm down the road 25+ years ago. Bob was always there to help when needed. We were blessed to have them as great friends and neighbors. They both made a huge impact in our lives. They will never be forgotten. Don and Rose Palmateer

Rose Palmateer - October 21, 2025 at 04:17 PM

CR

“ Bob was a long time friend of my dad. Whenever he would go visiting we all knew where he was going, to hang out with Bob! Bob was also our milkman back in the day.

Christine Rankin - October 21, 2025 at 03:25 PM

SJ

I remember riding along with him on his route and stopping at your farm.

Shelly Johnson - October 21, 2025 at 08:05 PM

KN

“ Bob was a great guy and friend over a lot of years. RIP

Kim Nunn - October 21, 2025 at 03:19 PM