



Lester Hugh Boden Jr.

August 18, 1944 - March 2, 2021

Lester Hugh Boden, Jr., age 76, went to be with the Lord on March 2nd, 2021, at his daughter's home, surrounded by loved ones. Les was faced with numerous hurdles throughout a major surgery recovery; yet, he remained strong and determined to regain his independence.

Les was born in Cumberland, Maryland, on August 18th, 1944. He fondly spoke of his childhood growing up in Cumberland. He went to Allegany High School. He was a "Camper" for life! He even enjoyed watching his alma mater's football games and stories on the history of Cumberland until his final days. He really enjoyed attending his high school reunions. He was a proud Eagle Scout. Following his graduation he enlisted in the Air Force, where he was stationed in Japan, and Laredo, Texas.

Les moved from Maryland to Florida where he met his love, Martha Boden (Payne), at Matheson Hammock Park in Coral Gables, Florida. He was a loving husband to Martha and they were married for fifty years.

Les was a Computer Engineer for many years and loved all things high tech, especially Tesla's and green energy. He was intrigued with NASA and the exploration of space, because of his father's career at The Cape.

Martha and Les lived in Miami for over thirty years. Once they retired, they

decided to build on the lot they purchased twenty years earlier in Golden Hills Country Club, in Ocala, Florida. They spent a lot of time together gardening, landscaping, watching the news and of course, lots of the Weather Channel, since Les was a fanatic about the weather.

They spent a lot of time traveling to North Carolina to spend precious time with their daughter, Natalie and granddaughter Ashton. They eventually built a home in the mountains of North Carolina to spend more quality time with family and the family dog, Lila Grace. He spent the last three years being a devoted, incredible caregiver to Martha while she endured Alzheimer's.

If anyone knew Les, even the slightest bit, they knew he LOVED model trains. He enjoyed working on his train layouts for countless hours, making them come to life. He enjoyed sharing this passion with his buddies from his train club, The Ocala Three Railers. He found so much joy in making his layouts unique and full of holiday spirit to share with his friends and family. He especially loved showing off specialty trains to his granddaughter, Ashton. They developed quite a bond making funny signs and displays while listening to Conway Twitty and Brenda Lee.

He was full of spirit about holidays, particularly holidays that represent our amazing country. He would set up incredible Christmas displays with Martha. He spent days decorating with Martha to make sure it was memorable for all. He was a loving father to Natalie and amazing Pop Pop to Ashton.

Les was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Boden; parents, Lester H. Boden Sr. and Margaret Jane Boden (Dashiell), siblings, Perry Boden and Keith Boden. He is survived by his sister, Linda Boden, of Denver, Colorado; and daughter, Natalie Dilling (Jason Dilling) of Monroe, North Carolina and granddaughter, Ashton Williams and grandsons, Addison Dilling, Aubrey Dilling and Anderson Dilling.

A service will be held at Chapman Funeral Home in Winfield, WV on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11:00 am, followed by a brief graveside ceremony at the Payne family cemetery located on Rocky Step Road in Winfield, WV.

Visitation will be 30 minutes prior to the service at the funeral home.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 12848 Winfield Road, Winfield is honored to serve the Boden/Payne family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield
12848 Winfield Road
Winfield, WV 25213
(304) 586-2542
info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield
12848 Winfield Road
Winfield, WV 25213
(304) 586-2542
info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lester Hugh Boden Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Living next door until they moved to Florida, i got to know the Boden family. Lester, Perry and i along with other neighborhood friends spent countless hours playing sandlot football, baseball and basketball. I have many fond memories of the childhood i shared with them. My condolences to Lesters family.*

Brad Stone - March 05, 2021 at 07:37 PM



Hi Brad, my Dad had me look for you a few times but we couldn't locate you.

Martha Boden - March 07, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *Living next for to the Bodens from grade school until they moved to Florida, i got to know all of them. Lester, Perry and i became very close friends. Many fond memories of playing sandlot football, baseball and basketball. Hello to Linda and best wishes to Lester's immediate family.*
Brad Stone

Brad Stone - March 05, 2021 at 06:39 PM

LB

“ *My family lived next door to the Bodens in Bowling Green when we were all kids. I remember how sad I was waving goodbye when they packed up and moved to Florida. I hope his family and friends find comfort in all the fond memories.*

Leslie S Bellard - March 05, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lester Hugh Boden Jr..*



March 05, 2021 at 01:41 PM

JS

“ *I remember Lester and his family well. They were wonderful neighbors to my family in Cumberland. They were the kindest most welcoming folks you would ever be blessed to meet. My sincerest condolences to all. May God bless and comfort you. Jane Troutman-Sloan*

Jane L. Sloan - March 05, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Lester Hugh Boden, Jr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Air Force Veteran, Lester Hugh Boden, Jr., is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 05, 2021 at 01:59 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lester Hugh Boden Jr..*



March 04, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ *Ghirardelli Galore was purchased for the family of Lester Hugh Boden Jr..*



March 04, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ *Mary Payne lit a candle in memory of Lester Hugh Boden Jr.*



Mary Payne - March 04, 2021 at 03:27 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Lester Hugh Boden Jr..*



March 03, 2021 at 09:36 PM