



Joel Nicholas "Nick" Hester

February 26, 1923 - August 12, 2018

Funeral services for Joel "Nick" Nicholas Hester, 95, of Lexington, Texas are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the First Baptist Church in Lexington with Pastor Chris Bruce officiating. Burial with military honors provided by the Lexington American Legion Post 6, will immediately follow in the Lexington Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, August 16, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The Hester family will be present for visitation Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Joel Nicholas Hester was born on February 26, 1923 in Lexington, Texas, the son of Samuel Nicholas Hester and Maggie Ann (Fails) Hester. Nick graduated from Boling High School. He joined the United States Army on February 26, 1943, his 20th birthday. Nick served as a tank driver for the 20th Armored Division in the 33rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron and fought in six separate countries during World War II. He served briefly under General Patton. He received his Honorable Discharge on February 14, 1946 having obtained the rank of Technician Fifth Grade. Nick worked for the Texas Gulf Sulfur Company for 30 years. After retiring in 1982, he moved back to Lexington. Nick was elected Lee County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace in 1995 and retired in 2010. He also served as the City of Lexington Municipal Judge from 1995 until 2012. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in

Lexington, the Lee County Sheriff's Posse, the Texas Municipal Court Association, the Justice of the Peaces and Constables Association (JPCA), the American Quarter Horse Association and the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District. Nick enjoyed raising cattle, but his passion was raising and showing Quarter Horses. He enjoyed team penning and participating in cutting horse competitions and was still riding cutting horses at the age of 88.

Nick passed away the evening of Sunday, August 12, 2018 at his residence in Lexington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife and the mother of his children, Marion Hester Carlile; his second wife, Nancy Hester; his brother, Bruce Hester, and four grandchildren, Toby Blankenburg, Christopher Bristow, Madison Bristow, and Ricky Jones.

Nick is survived by his wife, Melanie Hester of Lexington; four children, Darlene Jones & her husband, Dicky of Sweeny, William Hester and his wife, Denise of Needville, Carolyn Kalina & her husband, Mike of Lexington, and Beverly Fine & her husband, Mike of Sweeny; seven step children, Glenda Meador of Rockdale, Sue Burris of Magnolia, Lynda Whitbey of Corpus Christi, Jeff Whitbey & his wife, Carrie of Rockdale, Gerilyn Hibbeler & her husband, Jason of Port Aransas, Traci Thelen & her husband, Bill of Shilo, and Michael Couch & his wife, Grace of Lexington. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and a great, great grandchild.

Nick's grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Lexington, the Lexington Cemetery Association, or the Lexington Volunteer EMS and Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

5900 County Road 326
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Family Present for Visitation

AUG **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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3950 East Austin Street
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Visitation

AUG **16**. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Church Service

AUG **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Lexington
221 Third Street
Lexington, TX 78947

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joel Nicholas "Nick" Hester*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - August 15, 2018 at 12:55 PM

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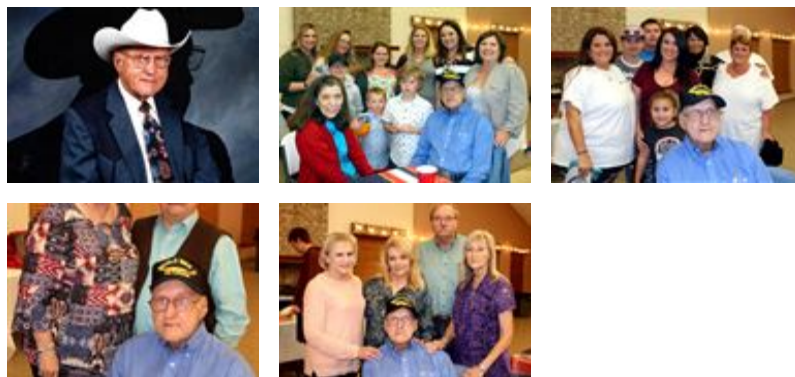
“ *Whitbey, Burris, Bush, Lambert, Rosecrans,Beits,Pittmans purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Joel Nicholas "Nick" Hester.*



Whitbey, Burris, Bush, Lambert, Rosecrans,Beits,Pittmans - August 15, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ *81 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - August 15, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joel Nicholas "Nick" Hester.*



August 15, 2018 at 08:29 AM



“ *Jeff and I are so very sorry for the families loss. We lost a great neighbor who was willing to help you in any way. We pinned and vaccinated cows together and laughed a lot. Nick was a true gentle Texas cowboy. He will be missed.*

Jeff and Melody Hooper - August 14, 2018 at 04:35 PM



“ *Sincerely, Cruz, Zoe, and Trinity Guzman purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joel Nicholas "Nick" Hester.*



Sincerely, Cruz, Zoe, and Trinity Guzman - August 14, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ *John Kalina purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joel Nicholas "Nick" Hester.*



John Kalina - August 14, 2018 at 02:58 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Nicholas "Nick" Hester.*



August 14, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ *Nick Hester*



John Kalina - August 14, 2018 at 12:19 PM



I was driving into Lexington that morning with my kids, and my daughter said: "The sky looks really pretty over Great Grandpa Nick's house!" So I took this picture. We all miss miss him very much. -John, Jessica, and Jake Kalina

John Kalina - August 14, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ *Darlene Jenke lit a candle in memory of Joel Nicholas "Nick" Hester*



Darlene Jenke - August 13, 2018 at 04:46 PM

PW

“ *My condolences to the family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*



Paula & Curtis Worley - August 13, 2018 at 11:30 AM

CM

Prayers for Nick's family. He was such an amazing friend to so many. He was truly loved by all. God be with you all in this very sad time.

Cathy meza - August 13, 2018 at 11:51 PM

LI

Nick has been a family friend and was a wonderful intelligent man. There are no words to express how much he meant to my husband Buster and I. We got married at his home over 22 years ago. I know he will be missed by friends and family very much. He will always hold a special place in my life. I am sorry for his family and know that no one will ever replace him. Condolences to his wife and children and many other relatives and friends you will all be in my prayers I know it will be difficult not having him to visit when you want to. Sincerely Linda Dussetschleger

LindaDussetschleger - August 15, 2018 at 11:49 PM