



## Truman Leroy Hester, Sr.

September 22, 2007

Truman Leroy Hester Sr., 92, went to be with the Lord Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007. He was a native of Effingham County, Georgia, a member of Western Branch Baptist Church and a retired district sales manager from Sunshine Biscuits. Mr. Hester was active in his community serving as a volunteer at the Churchland House and Maryview Hospital. He taught the men's Bible Class for more than 35 years and served on the board of deacons at Western Branch Baptist Church and Pinecastle Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla. Mr. Hester was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Lola Mae Jenkins Hester. He is survived by two daughters, Jean Ann Hester and Judy Elaine Hester; two sons, Truman Leroy Hester Jr., and his wife Randall and James Joseph Hester and his wife Ann; three sisters-in-law, Virgie Hill, Florence Bridger and Esma Barnwell; seven grandchildren, Julie Hassell and her husband Ronnie, Alan Caputo, Lee Hester III and his wife Melody, Dusty Hester, Trenor Bender, Jason Hester and Jeffery Hester; and four great-grandchildren. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Western Branch Baptist Church by Dr. Walter Black with burial in Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel, Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Truman, Randy and family,*

*You have my deepest sympathy.*

*You are all indeed fortunate to have had your dad with you and in good health for such a long time. It is a blessing.*

*I will be unable to attend the services, so please accept my condolences and know that my thoughts are with you in this sad time.*

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September 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ There are no words than can express how you are feeling from the loss of your loved one.

*Your dad touched the lives of many people, especially when he volunteered at the hospital. He was there to assist in any way he could. No matter where he was he always had a smile and a word for anyone he came in contact with.*

*Time is said to make things easier. Day by day we go on living until our time comes to be with our loved ones again.*

*One thing I have learned over the years is "tears are a language that God understands." When burdens seem to be much more than we can bear, tears may come but we know that God is standing near and sees our falling tears and without words knows our hearts and needs.*

*Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family through this difficult time.*

*May God Bless each of you,##imported-begin##Grover & Cindy Edwards##imported-end##*

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September 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ If Uncle Truman could speak to us today, I believe this is what he would say....

*To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say...  
but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.  
I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.  
Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love.*

*Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight.  
Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night.  
That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through,  
God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you."*

*It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.*

*As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.  
I need you here badly; you're part of my plan.  
There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man."*

*God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.  
And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.  
And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight.  
God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night.*

*When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years  
because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.  
But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.  
Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.*

*I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.  
But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.  
But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er.  
I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before.*

*There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;  
but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.*

*It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too...  
that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.*

*If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain,  
then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain."  
And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile,  
knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile.*

*So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low,  
just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go.  
When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your  
mind;  
I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.*

*And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free,  
remember you're not going.....you're coming here to me.*

*~Author~*

*Ruth Ann Mahaffey*

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Family##imported-end##*

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September 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Truman was a very successful man. Successful in his  
marriage of over 60 years. Successful in family, having reared 4  
wonderful children. Successful in business coming from humble  
beginnings to top the corporate ladder. Successful as a Christian in  
his love of the Lord. His heart never left his roots in South Georgia.  
We shall not say goodbye, rather Until we meet again.##imported-  
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