



Lester Douglas Cockerille

October 2, 1929 - March 2, 2017

Lester Douglas Cockerille, age 87, of Nokesville, VA passed away peacefully Thursday, March 2, 2017 at his home on Lake Manassas surrounded by family.

He was born on October 2, 1929 in Warrenton, VA the son of the late Joseph F. and Mary (Burke) Cockerille. He married his high school sweetheart on March 18, 1950. Over the years, the couple built their home at Clover Hill Farm and welcomed three children into their home. Lester was an accomplished horseman that trained race horses at Belmont Park in New York, Laurel and The Fairgrounds in Louisiana. He began his career at his father's riding academy where the Kennedy Center now stands. He was a consultant to John Marsh of Marsh thoroughbred farm in Boyce, Virginia and an expert driver of horse carriages of the Rivière Stable in Aiken, SC. He was a member of Greenwich Presbyterian Church. His family remembers him as a patient and the most kind-hearted man, he was loved by everyone.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Evelyn Cockerille, brother Stephen F. Cockerille and father Joseph Franklin Cockerille. Survivors include his loving wife of 67 years, Mary Ann Cockerille; two children, Katherine Cockerille and William Cockerille; nephew, Craig Cockerille; two grandchildren, Susan Bacus and Jessica Ross; two great grandchildren, Allison and Tucker Bacus.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 AM -11:00 AM Thursday, March 9, 2017 at Greenwich Presbyterian Church, 15305 Vint Hill Rd, Nokesville, VA where funeral services will be held at 11:00AM with Pastor Don Meeks and Pastor Bill Lover officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Greenwich Presbyterian Church, 15305 Vint Hill Rd, Nokesville, VA 20181

Cemetery Details

Greenwich Presbyterian Church Cemetery

15305 Vint Hill Rd.
Nokesville, VA 20181

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greenwich Presbyterian Church
15305 Vint Hill Rd.
Nokesville, VA 20181
(703) 754-7933
office@greenwichpres.org
<http://greenwichpres.org/>

Service

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Tribute Wall

GS

“ Dear Mary Ann, Bill, Kathy, Susie and Jessica,

I was so saddened to hear of Lester's passing. I have spent the day remembering all the wonderful times we had with you and Lester at the farm with the guys at the home; especially the beautiful times at christmas. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to meet you and Lester! He was truly a great Southern Gentleman! His passing leaves a huge void in humanity. I shall forever cherish the memory of his gentle spirit for the remainder of my days.

All of my love and prayers to you and your family.

*Greg Stosnider
1406 Cherry Avenue
Tularosa, New Mexico 88352*

Gregory Strosnider - March 09, 2017 at 03:43 PM

DN

“ *Mary Ann, I have so many beautiful memories as a child while growing up beside of you and Lester. He always showed kindness and patience when the girls would get together. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

Diane Moore Neal

Diane Moore Neal - March 06, 2017 at 07:39 PM

CH

“ *Mary I am so sorry for your loss! May the Lord lift you up and hold your hand through your sorrow and pain. Although I only got to chat with Lester a little, I truly enjoyed talking about airplanes and Boeing with him. God bless you and your family.*
Sincerely, Cheryl Lemoi and family



cheryl - March 04, 2017 at 07:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lester Douglas Cockerille.*



March 04, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Lester Douglas Cockerille.*



March 04, 2017 at 02:46 PM

RS

“ *Lesters love of Baseball. He loved the Nationals. He would watch the TV and let Rod and I know he Ana Mary Ann saw us on TV. He made my heart sing with his life very for his family. We will miss him everyday.*
Love to the family. Rod and Lorie Spelman.

Rod and Lorie Spelman - March 04, 2017 at 01:38 PM

RS

Sorry his love for his family.

Rod and Lorie Spelman - March 04, 2017 at 01:40 PM

SY

Mary Ann so sorry to hear of Leste's passing. He was such a great guy. My prayers are with you on your loss.

Sophia Young

Sophia Young - March 04, 2017 at 02:47 PM

PL

Mary Ann, this breaks my heart...I have been away from the computer and missed this. please accept my deepest condolences . my memories of you and Lester always bring a smile to my face

Peggy Langford - March 11, 2017 at 01:53 PM