



Lester "Les" Shepperd

August 3, 1930 - May 21, 2026

Lester "Les" Shepperd, age 95 of Granville, Ohio, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2026. He was blessed with a long, well-lived life. He valued being a good listener, a lover of animals and admirer of nature; however, his best quality was always being a loving husband, father and grandfather. He maintained an optimistic attitude and sweet smile until the end.

He was born near New Lexington, Ohio to Virgil and Florabelle Shepperd on August 3, 1930. Les is survived by his wife, Kay, daughters Holly (Brian) Wooden, Suzan Peters, grandchildren, Brad (Adair) Clark, Katie (Bryan) Smith, Adam (Heidi) Peters and Emily Peters along with five great-grandchildren and a niece and five nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, and sisters Novella Brownfield and Wanda Etter, and his first wife, Mary Lou Shepperd.

Les graduated from New Lexington High School, in 1948, where he was vice-president of his senior class and played football and basketball. He moved to Columbus and started a successful career in sales as a manufacture's representative. While working at Tracy-Wells, he met Mary Lou Raymer and they were married for the next 44 years. They had twin daughters who they raised in Worthington, Ohio. Les was a charter members of All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington where he was active in many service and fellowship roles.

In 1981, he moved to Granville, Ohio and he and Mary Lou enjoyed their “gentleman’s farm,” operating Cherry Traditions furniture and renovating their historic home. After Mary Lou’s death in 1997, he met and married Kay Thompson in 2000. Les and Kay travelled a great deal. He was grateful to become a beloved part of her family, sharing many good times together. A special thank you to the wonderful team at Ohio Living Ganzhorn Suites and Capital City Hospice for their compassionate care.

Visitation with the family will be at noon on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at All Saints Lutheran Church, 6770 N. High Street, Worthington, Ohio followed by a memorial service at 1 pm. Inurnment will take place at the church columbarium. A light reception for family and friends will be provided. Instead of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to All Saints Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Lutheran Church Columbarium

6770 North High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Lutheran Church
6770 North High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Regis and Marilyn Birckbichler purchased the Firey Lily and Rose for the family of Lester "Les" Shepperd.*



Regis and Marilyn Birckbichler - June 16 at 07:25 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lester "Les" Shepperd.*



June 15 at 09:39 AM

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“ *Lester was my mom's beloved younger brother. They shared many memories together, reminiscing about their growing-up years in New Lexington, Ohio. Mom remembered Lester's pony, Billy, and how Lester and Billy set up a little business delivering groceries to the neighbors. When I was a child, our family would visit Lester's family. We always felt welcome. I even stayed there by myself for a week when I was six. Lester was a prince of a man. So to Uncle Lester, one of my favorite quotes: "Good night, sweet prince, And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest." ---Bev Holmes, Lester's niece.*

Beverly Holmes - June 01 at 05:24 PM

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“ Dear Kay, I am so sorry to learn of Les' passing and wanted you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Les and my son, Doug, were good friends, and I knew his first wife, also. Sue Henry-Mounts

Sue Henry-Mounts - May 30 at 01:34 PM