



## Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr.

August 16, 1952 - April 28, 2023

Charles Carlton Hesser, Jr., of Gillett, passed away at his home on Friday April 28, 2023 surrounded by his family. Charles was born August 16, 1952 in DeWitt, AR to the late Charles Carlton Hesser, Sr. and late Elizabeth Wallace Hesser. Charles graduated from Gillett High School in 1970. While at GHS, he was an outstanding athlete and was awarded All State and All District for football and baseball. After high school, Charles attended Henderson State University where he played linebacker and halfback for the Henderson Reddie Football Team; as well as, short stop for the Reddie Baseball Team. After college, he moved back to Arkansas County to farm the Hesser Family Farm with his father and uncle. Later, Charles was so proud to farm with his son, Heath.

Charles is the past President of Gillett Farmers and Business Club, President of the Gillett / Tichnor Ducks Unlimited Chapter, and past Chairman of the Board for Tichnor Dryer and Storage. In 2008, Henderson State University honored him with the distinguished "H" Award for his service and charitable donations in support of the university. Charles started Hesser Auction Company as a hobby and used his auctioneering talent to support several local charities and communities. In his younger years, Charles was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed riding horses, competing in rodeos, and playing softball. His favorite time was spent riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle and spending time at his houseboat on the Arkansas River.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Linda Hesser McMillian. He is survived by his beloved wife, Kim Hocking Hesser; four children, Heath Williams (Kristie), Heidi Hesser Jester (Kevin), Heather Hesser Blackmon (Chris), and Casey Hesser; 8 grandchildren, Bailey Blackmon McNeil (Aaron), Marly Blackmon, Cutter Jester (Tessa), Jaycee Jester, Lizzie Beth Jester, Harper Hesser, Jordan Currie and Baylee Currie; 2 siblings, Carla Hesser Hestir (Rusty) and Don Hesser (Mike). Charles was blessed to extend his family with 3 stepchildren Tyler Joe Goodell (Cami), Hunter Goodell (Stacey) and Charlie Bearden; as well as, step grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, and a special friend of the family, Bo Wright.

Visitation will be Monday May 1, 2023 at Essex Funeral Home from 6-8. Funeral services will be at 2 pm. Tues May 2, 2023 at Gillett United Methodist Church where Charles was a lifelong member. The Hesser family will receive family and friends at Main Street Lodge after the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Gillett / DeWitt Community Scholarship Fund or DeWitt Hospital.

The Hesser Family would like to extend a special thanks to Hospice Home Care and Shanda Coleman for their wonderful care.

# Cemetery Details

## Gillett Cemetery

Gillett, AR 72055

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home  
1405 South Grandview  
DeWitt, AR 72042  
(870) 946-3104  
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

## Service

MAY 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Gillett United Methodist Church  
3rd St  
Gillett, AR 72055  
(870) 548-2574

# Tribute Wall



“ Kim, keeping you and the family in thoughts and prayers in the coming days and months. Sorry we couldn't be with you at this time. Hugs and Love,  
Molly Donahoe



Molly Donahoe - May 02, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr..



May 02, 2023 at 09:17 AM



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May 02, 2023 at 08:54 AM



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May 01, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr..*



May 01, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *To Carla & Don Hesser from Joyce Larry & the Larry family our deepest condolences & sincere prayers to both of you & the entire family. May God give you peace that surpasses all understanding during this time & beyond is my prayer 🙏 Carla (my classmate) I'm thinking of you & praying for you 🙏🙏🙏 Heidi & Heather I remember you twins when yall were little beautiful girls ❤️ To you both & your siblings my prayers are with you all & to Charles wife 🙏🙏🙏*

Joyce Larry - May 01, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr..*



May 01, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ *Prentice And Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr.*



Prentice and Sue Davis - May 01, 2023 at 08:52 AM

PD

*Mr. Charles was always a very nice man.*

**Prentice and Sue Davis** - May 01, 2023 at 08:53 AM

MS

*I am so sorry I know what you are going through. Days don't easier. But pray that God will help see you all through it each day that comes.*

**Mary Smith** - May 02, 2023 at 06:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr..*



April 30, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr..*



April 30, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr..*



April 30, 2023 at 12:09 PM

NP

“ Nubbin/Maureen and Paige/Andy/John purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr..



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**Nubbin/Maureen and Paige/Andy/John** - April 30, 2023 at 10:49 AM

RT

“ Heidi and family prayers for your family as you go through this difficult time. God keep His hand over all of you.  
Rhonda and David Thigpen

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**Rhonda Thigpen** - April 30, 2023 at 10:01 AM

LS

“ Heidi and family my prayers are with you! May God give you peace and comfort!

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**Linda Smith** - April 30, 2023 at 08:35 AM

KT

“ Kathy Truax. It was snowing in Gillett. Snowing! Charles got the dune buggy out Stopped and picked up the crew in town. We went to the airstrip having a blast until blue lights pulled in. Mr. Jr. could have given fines. Probably big ones. He just told us to get off the airstrip, we were tearing up the surface. I have so many but that was a good one. Thought we were in big trouble. Lol

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**Kathy Truax** - April 30, 2023 at 08:34 AM

KT

My prayers are with the Hesser family. ❤️❤️

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**Kathy Truax** - April 30, 2023 at 08:35 AM

KD

“ Prayers for the family.



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**Kathrene Damron** - April 30, 2023 at 12:59 AM

HD

“ Harrell and Kathy Damron purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr..



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**Harrell and Kathy Damron** - April 30, 2023 at 12:56 AM

MR

“ My deepest condolences to Kim and all the Hesser families. Charles was a great friend when we attended Gillett High School and Henderson State Teachers College. He was the ultimate competitor and unselfish teammate. He believed in team first, me second. He contributed to any community in which he lived. May God Bless Kim and family as Charles has found peace and comfort.

*With respect,*

*Mark Roberts  
Texarkana, Tx*

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**Mark Roberts** - April 29, 2023 at 11:11 PM

LW

“ *Laura Womack-Holthoff lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr.*



Laura Womack-Holthoff - April 29, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr..*



April 29, 2023 at 10:52 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr..*



April 29, 2023 at 10:44 PM

DB

“ *I remember Charles well from our days as members of the Henderson State Reddies football team. Charles was a great guy and teammate. Rest In Peace Charles.*

*Dickie Black*

Dickie Black - April 29, 2023 at 09:24 PM

TO

“ Charles was a great friend to me. He was a special person like no other. We love you Kim and if you ever need anything just let me know.

Ted Scallion and Jennifer O’Kelley - April 29, 2023 at 09:19 PM

WR

“ Wade Richter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr.



Wade Richter - April 29, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Carlton Hesser Jr..



April 29, 2023 at 06:24 PM

EH

“ Prayers for the Charles Hesser family and friends!



Ester Hageman, LPN DeWitt Hospital - April 29, 2023 at 03:45 PM