



Thomas William Lester

September 23, 1938 - April 20, 2020

Thomas William Lester, an American actor and evangelist best known as Eb Dawson on the television series *Green Acres*, has died. He was 81. Lester died of complications from Parkinson's Disease on April 20, 2020 in the Nashville, Tennessee home of his fiancée and long-term caregiver, Jackie Peters.

Lester appeared in nearly every *Green Acres* episode between 1965–71 and appeared in two feature films, *Gordy* and *Benji*. He was the last surviving regular cast member of *Green Acres*.

In 1948, Lester became a born-again Christian. During and after his role as Eb, he became more involved traveling the nation, preaching a message of Christian faith and obedience.

Lester was a conservationist and spent many enjoyable years on his farm in Jasper County, Mississippi, where in 1997, he was the recipient of Mississippi's "Wildlife Farmer of the Year" award.

Lester was born (September 23, 1938) in Laurel, Mississippi, one of two sons of Pat W. Lester (1913-2009), an accountant with Gulf Oil, and Mary Sue (Thornton) Lester (1914-2009), a manager with Home Interiors and Gifts. He is survived by his brother, Michael T. Lester, a retiree of Corporate Energy, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, two great-nieces, Haleigh and McKenzie, one great-great niece, Scarlett, and one great-great nephew, Wes in Newnan, Georgia.

Death leaves a heartache,

No one can heal.

Love leaves a memory,

No one can steal.

There will be a graveside service attended by family and close friends at Noon on Friday, April 24, 2020 at Hickory Grove Cemetery, Laurel, Mississippi.

The service will be officiated by Dr. Randy Turner of the First Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi, where Tom was a member for most of his life. There will be a celebration of life service held at a later date to be determined.

Service arrangements by Memory Chapel Funeral Home, Laurel, Mississippi.

To sign the online guest book visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Events

APR Graveside Service

12:00PM

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Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay Springs Rd, Laurel, MS, US, 39440

Comments



“ My deepest condolences to the Lester family and friends. My name is Michael Lewis. I live in Palos Verdes Estates, California. I have very fond memories during my teenage years of the TV show Green acres; and of the humorous character that Tom portrayed as Eb Dawson. The show aired during the Vietnam war era, and made the social and political maelstrom that surrounded those circumstances much more bearable. Since I am a retired publisher and writer, i've had time to teach teenagers and direct the youth group at my church. I did not realize Tom was so involved with the preaching of The Word. To leave that as a legacy along with making people laugh In the 60s and early 70s is a gift from God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Tom rest in peace.

Michael Lewis - April 28, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ Beautiful memories of him on the set of Green acres. He made the show better. He will be missed

margo dodson - April 26, 2020 at 08:57 PM



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Gregory Keogh - April 26, 2020 at 08:34 PM



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GREG KEOGH - April 26, 2020 at 03:06 AM



“ I first met Tom in 1964 when I was editing the TV series, Green Acres. Over the years we became good friends, hunting birds in our off times, sharing many dinners with family and friends. My wife, Holly and our children, Duke, Casey, Jarrett, Erin and Hillary, enjoyed Tom's company and his many stories, and rides in his Jaguar!. His laugh was so infectious that when Tom laughed, we all laughed. He was a wonderful person and will be missed very much by all of us! Michael Brown,

Michael Brown - April 24, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ I was in grade school (about 50 years ago) when he came to speak at our church in Avondale Estates, Georgia! I remember a few things he said to this day and I have told others about his faith in Jesus. I am sadden that he is no longer with us but glad to know he is now in the presence of Jesus! Praying for your family.

Nancy - April 24, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ I met Tom in 1976. I picked him up at the Louisville Airport and took him to our home for a nice supper and a good conversation. From there I took him to Fort Knox where he spent the night. The following day he shared his faith at three worship services before I took him back to the airport. My wife and I still talk about his visit from time to time.

Pastor Dan Heaberlin - April 24, 2020 at 03:15 AM



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My name is Camille Fadia. I met Tom when I was 21, in 1968. I am a writer. He was my second actor that I interviewed. He wanted to be interviewed at Beverly Hills Public Library. True to form, he also shared with me his faith. Tom recommended I read Norman Vincent Peale's Book, "The Power of Positive Thinking. I did read it. It was a wonderful interview. He was his genuine self, which I like to see when I interview an actor. I had a miracle after reading Peale's Book. I was in India. I was six months pregnant, in 1975. I caught a cold, and my ears were stuffed up, and my nose. I prayed to God in faith, and He healed me. The very next morning I woke up, I was healed. I didn't have a cold anymore. I could fly on the plane back to U.S. and California where I lived then.

I met Tom again years later, from 1990-1992. I joined this Bible study group at Shepherd of the Hills Baptist Church, and he was in the Bible study group. After Bible study we talked and fellowship and shared our faith. I enjoyed the time we shared together in Bible Study.

I am very sad he died. My condolences to his family and friends. I loved him very much as a friend. I have found memories of him.

You can contact me at: (336)501-2720 is you want to share stories with me. That is, his family and personal friends only.

Sincerely,

Camille Fadia

Sympathy card to follow.

Camille Fadia - April 23, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas William Lester.



April 23, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ As a child, everything stopped when Green Acres came on. Classic show with great people. All the way from, Milton, Ky... rest easy, Eb! May God comfort your hearts during time.

Jacklyn Fink - April 23, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ So sorry for your loss . I watch Green acres every night and saw about his passing last night. Bless his heart I'm sure he is happy at home with the lord now.

annette gibson - April 23, 2020 at 07:31 AM



“ Kyle Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas William Lester



Kyle Smith - April 22, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ Have always enjoyed watching him on Green Acres. Prayers for Tom and his family RIP Brad Keen fan from Lebanon Missouri

Brad Keen - April 22, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ RIP eb...

Edward Fails - April 22, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ I send my prayers from Johnson, Vermont. In 2014, I hosted and produced my own Country Music radio show, “Rooted In The Country.” It was the Monday before Easter that year that I interviewed Tom live by phone. We would talk a few times on the telephone before the show and even prayed together. He was the first and only actor I ever interviewed. It is among one of my favorites and one that I talk about a lot. His life and testimony is a blessing. I never met him in person, but I will see him one day.

Corey Ryder - April 22, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ Fly high Tom you will be missed. Tell uncle Scott and Buddy hey for me. I love you alway and forever. Thanks for the laughs and memories

Patti Hendry Shackelford - April 22, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ I only met Tom a couple of times. He was one of the nicest, most humble men I have ever met.

Mike Bray - April 22, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ Michael B. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas William Lester.



Michael B. - April 22, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ It's funny that I was looking up green acres cast members and saw Tom had just died. I'm watching the entire series now and he brought many laffs to this dull life here in Oklahoma. Tom you will be missed .

Ray M - April 22, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ I loved it when they played a rerun of Green Acres and he came to Mr. Douglas and asked what time it is because he would usually do that but since Mr. Douglas owned it he came to him

Addison - April 22, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ I was literally stopped in my tracks when my best half told me about Lester's passing yesterday. He certainly led a full and worthy life. He's Home now and walking in the Lord's Light. Your separation is just for a blink in time. Lester will be waiting to greet you with that 'grab you up and pull you in' wide grin of his. He smiled with all of himself, not just his face. But, I gotta say: a fiancée at 81 years old? You go Lester!

Annie Davenport - April 22, 2020 at 10:50 AM



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Jamie Driskell Herring - April 22, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ Thanks for the memories and the laughs on Green Acres. We were neighbors when I lived in Smith County and you lived in Jasper County. I will enjoy the Green Acres reruns.
Rest In Peace.

Omera Peoples

omera peoples - April 22, 2020 at 04:40 AM



“ I didn't personally know you. But I do appreciate the laughs from Green Acres. I'm from Michigan and I watch the show every night at 9:30 pm, wouldn't miss it. Rest peacefully.
Litina Reese

Litina reese - April 22, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ Thank you for Eb, his Christian life, and his family. Tom will be missed, but he is home with the Lord. Thank you, Tom for your positive impact on my life and the lives of others..... just think, folks, if a thousand years is but a day for the Lord, just wait 15 minutes and we all will be with you... blessings to the family..

Suzanne - April 22, 2020 at 12:47 AM



“ I am a big fan of Green Acres. I read the biography of the stars I like. I've done this since a child. When I read about your Christian life, while playing Eb, I was so impressed. Now as I watch Green Acres, you are an inspiration. I know you are in the arms of our Savior and I pray your family and friends will find peace and comfort in the love of our Savior. I will continue enjoying Green Acres reruns.

Sylvia Jordan - April 22, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ He was such a funny guy,I love looking at green acres, I still look at it today may God bless him and his family,much love to his family and Mr.Thomas.

MISS.BRENDA - April 21, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ I just watched an episode of Green Acres and at the end it was dedicated to the memory of Tom Lester. My deepest condolences to the family. I always enjoyed dear Eb on the show.
RIP Eb.

Pam Herndon - April 21, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ Green Acres is the place to be thanks for all the wonderful memories watching you on TV, land spreading out so far and wide you represented the of MS with pride R.I.P Eb Dawson we miss you buddy

Lewis Dampeer - April 21, 2020 at 10:04 PM



“ Appreciated Tom's ability to share his faith so effectively. Always enjoyed Green Acres. May God comfort you during this time. I'm sure there's laughter in Heaven today because he has arrived.

Doug Warren - April 21, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ I hadn't seem Tom in many years but he would visit at Martin Motor Co. back in the day and we would chat for a while. I'll never forget the amazement of one of the vendors that called on us when he saw that Eb from Green Acres was at the store. Tom always marched to his own unique beat but his faith in his GOD was always apparent. Rest well, Tom!

Dennis Henley - April 21, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ I am a huge Green Acres fan and just heard of his passing as I am watching him now. So sorry to hear, my business associate and I watch faithfully every night, and he passed away on Friday April 17, was watching in his honor tonight. Loved watching Eb for all these years, RIP and God Be With You, Bob Matich, Pennsylvania.

Bob Matich - April 21, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ I have always loved watching Eb (Thomas) on Green Acres. That's how I found out about his passing. He is another Star whose light has been put about. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family.

Carlos Fong - April 21, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ I've been watching Lester over and over again on METV. He brought me laughter in my childhood and again later in life. He was a Godsend!
B. Cherry —Fredericksburg, VA

Brenda Cherry - April 21, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ My heart and prayers are with you your time of loss I love watching green acres he made you laugh he be forever miss Georgia Velasquez Denver Colorado



georgia velasquez - April 21, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ Thank you for years of laughter on television. May god bless you and yours

lee seiden - April 21, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ Always fun to watch Green Acres and Eb, so funny and he always seemed so genuine.
RIP.
Kay Turnmire
Collierville, Tn. 38017

kay turnmire - April 21, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Enjoyed watching you on Green Acres. Brought lots of joy to many people. Thank you. RIP
Joyceann Goodno - April 22, 2020 at 01:34 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Tom in Enterprise Alabama many years ago. He was so sweet and so humble. Turned no one away that wanted to meet him and just say hello and tell him how much they enjoyed watching him on Green Acres. Thanks for the memories Tom

Chequita Taylor - April 21, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ God bless Tom and to your family. Nothing more noble than making people laugh. Later in life serving our Lord. You are truly a great person.
Chris Cooper - April 21, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ I remember Tom for his sweet compliments and friendship. Thanks for the long phone conversation many years ago with words of encouragement during a tough time. You will be missed.
Brenda Zugg Holifield - April 21, 2020 at 10:39 PM



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dana driskell - April 21, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ Sure loved to watch him on the Green acres show. So sorry for your loss prayers. I would love to have one of his cards if possible Brenda McMurray 614 Barnard lane New Tazewell Tn 37825 Thank you

Brenda McMurray - April 21, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a great friend in years past. My husband Bob Mack was once a classmate. We have enjoyed hearing his Testimony many times. He was a great Christian who lived his Faith.

Bob Mack - April 21, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ Sorry for your loss he's in Heaven now. He was a good actor, he made everyone happy.

Deborah Sauer - April 21, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ As a film editor on Green Acres, my family and I came to know Tom very well. He was a one-of-a-kind personality, generous, funny, gifted, and a good friend who had one of the best laughs I have ever heard. When he started laughing my whole family would just start laughing along with him! On many occasions, we hunted birds together and then shared the bounty with friends and family. We would often discuss God and how He related to mankind. Great discussions! Always civilized and respectful. In all the years I knew Tom I never heard take God's name in vain. A remarkable man and a good friend. He will be missed! Michael Brown.

Michael Brown - April 22, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ I remember meeting Mr. Lester when I was a kid in the early 1970's at a tent revival in my hometown. He was a super nice guy! Obviously a very dedicated Christian man. You were always very, very funny on Green Acres and I am still a fan of the show. I watch you in reruns every night. Rest in Peace Eb and thanks for all the laughs !

Donnie L. Denny - April 21, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ I saw him in gibsons in laurel about 40 years ago and in many green acres shows. He sure was a nice man.

Kathy Huddleston - April 21, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ I met Tom in 1980 when he spoke at Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Ga. We became friends, and I spent a weekend visiting him in his parents' home in Laurel. I believe it was the weekend of New Years 1981. We went hunting, and went to New Orleans. I remember how good his mom's cornbread was. Tom also visited my home in Helena, Ga and spoke at my father's church, First Baptist Helena. Years later, when I was married, Tom visited with my husband Dan and me at our home in Marietta, Ga. in 1992. I made a nice dinner, including banana pudding for dessert, which he did not eat, because he was such a health nut. . Tom was a dear person, who loved Jesus and loved people.

Karen Toholsky - April 21, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ Tom was such an inspiration to me.. I first met Tom when I was with Christ for the World Evangelistic team. We Ministered together in prisons, schools, churches and evangelism He was a great friend. We had so many good times together. He will be greatly missed. My greatest Sympathy goes out to Tom's family. I cannot mourn Tom for He is with our Savior and Lord, and Master... His last breath here was his first breath in Heaven.. All I can say is "I will see you later my Friend"
Love in Jesus,
Ann Marie Fairchild

Ann Marie Fairchild - April 21, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ I always ran home from School to Watch "Green Acres" and enjoyed watching Mr. Lester play Eb! The show and him let me be a child again now that I can watch it in re-runs in the evenings. He will be truly missed and I too am a Child of God and a Christian and I am so glad he has gone to our Lord and Savior and he's now looking down on us with no pain and suffering. God Bless you. Friend always. Lana Jones in Lenexa KS

Lana Jones - April 21, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ Michael my heart is breaking for your loss.
I was lucky enough to have Tom as my brother-in-law when I was married to Michael.
There are so many wonderful memories that I have of Tom. I will miss his wonderful
smile and beautiful heart. Rest in peace and say hello to your parents.
Love and miss you
Debbie Prejean



Deborah Prejean - April 21, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ Michael I am heartbroken learning about Tom.
Tom was a wonderful brother-in-law when I was married to his brother Michael.
Tom was always so kind to me and I will miss his wonderful smile and kind heart.
Peace be with you.
Love
Debbie Prejean



Deborah Prejean - April 21, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ Connie lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Lester



Connie - April 21, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ Tommy was a great inspiration to every one he met. I treasure the memories and will miss him greatly.. He was always counselling me on vitamins and drugs in general, and I cherish always his advise,,William Wells

William Wells - April 21, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ I first met Tom back in the early seventies, even though I had gone to school with his brother Mike. Tom would look me up and ride in the patrol car with me when he came home for Christmas for several years. He was a true Southern gentleman and a true Christian. He will be missed.

Larry Davis - April 21, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting him when he visited Northcrest Baptist Church back in the early 90's. I was in my twenties. I thought that he was not only a wonderful speaker, He was amazing person as well. I had been thinking of him the other day or so, how glad I was to have met him. I know he is our Savior Jesus Christ. I will keep your family in our prayers

Amanda Futral - April 21, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ Bobby Gene lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Lester



Bobby Gene - April 21, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ MAY YOU REST IN PEACE "EB" MY PAL TOM LESTER.... ANOTHER GOD'S ANGEL GONE HOME !!!!!



William Smith - April 21, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ Mike, Jimmy and I send our deepest sympathy to you and family. We talked last night about all the ball games the boys in neighborhood had on the lot next to our house. Prayers and thoughts with u at this time.

Fondly,

Jimmy Sanders
Suzell Sanders Cain

Suzell Cain - April 21, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ I'll always remember you for the countless hours of entertainment while you were on Green Acre's. May God grant you a wonderful passage to Heaven and Bless you for eternity.

Bill Loyd - April 21, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with you! He was a great person and friend! Darrel and Charlene Varner, Gulfport, MS

Charlene Holder Varner - April 21, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ I meet this Dear Soul at my home where me and my late husband L.G.Mosley lived in Laurel Ms.i Thought my husband was playing a joke on me when he told me that Abe from Green Acres was coming by I laughed out loud in a few minutes a Soft knock at the door with a big smile on his face come walking in my front door I was in shock I just met a movie star I was so happy cause I always like to watch him on the greenacre's because he was just a funny goofy man but in real life he was a gentle soul love hanging out with my husband and cracking jokes he will be missed but I'll never forget the day when I met the movie star from green acres. O what a blessing to come to know the man that I watched on TV became a friend that day thanks for sharing your friendship and love of life that you had. You Friend will me missed. Love & Prayers To The Family Neena Mosley Montz

Neena Montz - April 21, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ Condolences

William Glisson - April 21, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ I love watching him on Green arces . Very good actor having them laughing in heaven like you did here on land ! Fly high who I know as Ed fly high , have a happy reunion with your tv family !



chuck n Regina Wilson - April 21, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ Sue Marx lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Lester



Sue Marx - April 21, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ I was suffering with a bad case of staph infection from a hip replacement i had and Bro Tom and Brother Bill Powell came to visit me and my Mom , Brother Tom prayed for my healing and not a month later i was cured . I will forever believe it was Bro Tom Lesters calling on The Lord that cured me and i will Forever be grateful !! Stacy Easterwood

stacy easterwood - April 21, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ Me also being born in Laurel in 1938, I grew up In Laurel with Tommy Lester. Sharing grade school, Junior High, and George S. Gardener High School, we both graduated from LHS. Tommy and I shared membership in Phi Kappa Delta fraternity at LHS. Tommy opted for Ole Miss and I, for LSU. Tommy was a great friend, and I pray that God will rest his soul. James H. (Jimmy) Welsh, St. Francisville, Louisiana.

James H. (Jimmy) Welsh - April 21, 2020 at 07:56 AM



“ One my favorites. So sorry to hear this. I was lucky to be able to meet him in Joplin, Missouri some years ago, what a nice guy.

Lewis - April 21, 2020 at 07:26 AM



“ I am nothing more than a person on the other end of the TV, watching Green Acres faithfully. This was truly a clean, humorous show that has become a lost art. I thank God for his input into my young life. To his family, thank you for sharing him with the world. Robin Gibson

Robin Gibson - April 21, 2020 at 07:06 AM



“ I loved watching him on tv through out the years. Praying for you all. May he Rest In Peace in the arms of his savior Jesus Christ.



diane miller - April 21, 2020 at 01:56 AM



“ Sometime around 1966 when I was 12 years old Mr. Lester happened to be in Jackson, MS at the place my mother was employed. When I came by she made sure she introduced me to him. I was surprised to meet him to the point of being almost speechless but he was very gracious, sincere and attentive during our short visit. I always remembered this about him and never forgot him.

David Hill M.D. ,Brandon, MS - April 21, 2020 at 12:05 AM



“ As a child I enjoyed watching Tom on Green Acres. It was my favorite tv show. As an adult I still enjoy watching the reruns. He brought laughter into our home. You will be missed. May God Bless You.

Susan B.

Susan B. - April 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I watched Green Acres growing up. Life was much simpler and Faith & Family more valued!!! Thanks for your smile and tender heart!!! Now your home I bet you can see miles and miles of “Green Acres”.... my parents are there I’ll see ya one day.... I’ll recognize you for sure you got to wear that hat!!!!

carmen vasquez foster - April 20, 2020 at 11:11 PM



“ I was fortunate to have met Tom and worked out with him early in the mornings at the wellness center. He was a great and very neat guy. He will be missed.

chris Hodge - April 20, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. May God give you his peace that passes all understanding and rejoice that he is now with our savior. I was fortunate to have been entertained for years by Tom’s role in Green Acres. I loved that show and his role. I will see him again someday.

Kelly Hass - April 20, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ I’m so sorry to hear about Thomas Lester’s passing. What a great life he led and a beautiful testimony he has left. Prayers for all his loved ones. God Bless



drema lester tote - April 20, 2020 at 10:53 PM



“ Thomas Lester brought much joy with his role as Eb on the hit series Green Acres. And went on to an even more important and incredible role as an Evangelist for our Lord Jesus.
A life lived well and now he has gone to live forever with the Lord whom he served. Well done thou good and faithful servant.

David Doggett Sr. - April 20, 2020 at 10:52 PM



“ was fortunate enough to hear him speak at couple of events. wasn't afraid to share some Jesus either. a great Mississippian

Stan Tha Mann - April 20, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ What a fine man. Not surprised he was a man on nature. Thank you sir for all the good times, and the laughs. God Bless you and your family.

Mark Espin - April 20, 2020 at 10:41 PM



“ He will be missed. I grew up watching green acres. sorry for your loss. Joe&melissa keene



Joe & melissa keene - April 20, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ You were a soundtrack of my life. You're so talented..so original..so awesome...and you are a Christian like me. So I'll see ya again soon Brother.....I miss you in this world already.....

Paige Simms - April 20, 2020 at 10:18 PM



“ Tom was such an important part of my Aunt Mary Yount's life. I was the closest living relative and still 2 hours from her. At her advanced age (100) , we could depend on Tom to go by and check on her in our absence and it gave us comfort to know he was so willing. He was a good friend and will be missed by many. God is getting a real character and one who loved Him! Huleeta Smith (Flowood, MS)

Huleeta Smith - April 20, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ I love Green Acres and Tom was my favorite of all on the show. I have all the episodes recorded and watch them everyday. Tom as a great actor and brought joy into all of our lives watching his great performances. God Bless all of the family.

Trish - April 20, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ He came to speak at my church, Eastveiw Baptist church several times during my 11yrs there. Such a kindred spirit. Prayer for comfort for family

Thomas Parker - April 20, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ Tom went to my church, First Baptist. When Green Acres was on, it was a big deal when he came home and went to church. I had a huge crush on him. One Sunday, he sat next to me in church and signed my Bible. I still have that Bible. God bless Tom! I know he is in paradise right now!

Linda Bullock (Blair) - April 20, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ Loved watching him on Green Acres. EB had an innocence that I wish our country shared so sorry for your loss

Kathy Maynard - April 20, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ Jan Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Lester



Jan Ellzey - April 20, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ He brought us so many laughs as Eb and still does as we watch and enjoy the reruns. Sympathy to family and friends. George and Judy Duggan, Gulfport, MS

Judy Duggan - April 20, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ Not only was Mr. Lester a great customer of mine but a good friend. I enjoyed listening to his stories of Hollywood and very much enjoyed hanging out with him at his farm. He loved the outdoors . Rest In Peace my friend!

mike I zachary - April 20, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I live in Mississippi and wanted to extend my condolences to a fellow Mississippian. I loved his work and enjoyed watching him all of my life. Rest in Peace Tom

Karl E Fowler - April 20, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ I had the privilege of meeting him at a Christmas function for William Carey University. What a wonderful person. I am so very sorry for your loss. Prayers to the family and friends. Take care of each other. Peace

Kathleen Cameron - April 20, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ He was definitely one of my favorites on Green Acres. Rest on my brother in Christ, RIP

Sandra Willis - April 20, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ I want to express my sympathy to the family of Thomas Lester. I loved watching Tom on Green Acres and other tv shows. I've still got the autographed picture and note Tom sent me years ago. Rest In Peace Tom and Soar with the angels. David Parker

David Parker - April 20, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ #RIP I loved watching you with my (late) Grandparents & Uncle, thank you dearly for the memories.



Alesha Lane - April 20, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ Sandra Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas William Lester



Sandra Willis - April 20, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ My condolences to the family loved watching him on green acres. May you be comforted at this time of sorrow. RIP! Lucretia Estep

Lucretia Estep - April 20, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ So sad to hear of his passing. He made me smile when I was growing up and watching him. I looked forward to watching Green Acres all the time. He will be missed and remembered forever.
Pam Croft

Pamela Croft - April 20, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ Always enjoyed Thomas(Tommy) on Green Acres. I was particularly proud that he was from my home , Laurel. Even more enduring was his life as a Christian. Tom Lester you are loved.

George Cornett

George Cornett - April 20, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ Prayers for the families he was a great actor

joyce gooden - April 20, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ Tom was a long time friend to our family. We grew to love him when our children were small. He visited with us many times.

Paul Blanchard - April 20, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ My sister and I worked at Baskin Robbins in the early 80s. He stopped by and got some ice cream and gave us his autograph. He was very nice and we enjoyed talking with him. He was checking out a place near the Magnolia Cemetery near Geeslin Corner.

Vivian Blount - April 20, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ Mr. Lester brought countless laughs to many generations as well as spreading the Word of God across the country. What a wonderful thing. May he find everlasting peace with his Lord. God bless!

Lisa S - April 20, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to all loving friends and family. America mourns with you.



Marie Rose - April 20, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ I never knew Tom personally but I felt like I did. My family always watched him on Green Acres He was from my hometown. Tom you will be greatly missed you were a nice person to follow over the years. May you Rest In Peace. Heartfelt condolences to your family. Ann Rushton Morris

Ann Rushton Morris - April 20, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ I remember when Thomas came to Bruce,MS and spoke at a youth revival. We sure enjoyed what he had to say and his humor as well. Sorry to hear about his passing.

Dan Grisham - April 20, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ So sorry, sending prayers and hugs for his family. He was such a wonderful person and actor. You are at peace. Fly high.



Loretta Dickerson-Johnson - April 20, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ John G. Sims Jr. lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Lester



John G. Sims Jr. - April 20, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ I enjoyed watching EB aka Thomas Lester on Green Acres for years as a child and as an adult. God Bless and keep his family in their time of sorrow.

Linda Burdett - April 20, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ It's hard to look at your picture Thomas and not say "Eb!" You were a great actor and a funny guy. I'm so glad to learn you had a close relationship with Jesus, and now you rest in his Glory!
RIP,
A Fan

Paul Nicosia - April 20, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ Tom was a good bird hunting friend we shared a lot of time in the field. I will look forward to seeing him in heaven and I am sorry for your loss a great Christin man will miss him dearly. Jim Crick

Jim Crick - April 20, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ Thanks for the memories. RIP.

Buddy Johnston - April 20, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ God bless you....praying for you and family.... rest in peace,,,,,,you will be missed....thank you

glendon lee stanley - April 20, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ I'm saddened to hear that Thomas passed away. I loved him on Green Acres. EBay and Lisa were my favorite . RIP in heaven.



Faith Buzzelli - April 20, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ Wonderful memories of watching Green Acres as a kid, and Eb’s common sense approach to Mr. Douglas’ problems were always classic!

Never knew Tom was a fellow Mississippian, so that just makes me appreciate him more!

Rest In Peace, young man...

Kelly Daniels

kelly daniels - April 20, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ My family have been fans for our whole lives. Tom brought countless happiness. peace to his family.

Michael Hilliard - April 20, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ Tom was a amazing man and it was a honor to be with him and Mrs Jackie during this time. Love you both and prayers to his family



amanda robertson guardian hospice - April 20, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ Our condolences to all Tom's family.
A couple of years ago while talking to a couple we met while visiting Brookgreen Gardens nighttime Christmas event, they asked where we grew up. When they learned we were both from Laurel, they asked whether we knew Tom. As soon as Gregg told them he grew up in First Baptist and that we were classmates of Mike, they pulled out their phone, called Tom and handed the phone to Gregg. Now, Tom, after all the years had passed since Laurel times and he may have had absolutely no idea who he was talking with, was so gracious--even at 11 pm!!!

Gregg and Shirley Hilton - April 20, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ Thanks for all of the laughs, Tom. The world is a lesser place without you.

Matthew Yesenczki - April 20, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ Condolences to the family of Mr. Lester. Like so many, I enjoyed his portrayal of Eb on Green Acres, but I was also happy to learn many years ago of his faith. May the Lord give comfort during this time.

Barry Flynt - April 20, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ Tom met my daughter and mother in LA, took them on a tour of the city including Rodeo Drive. Arranged for my daughter to model some beautiful clothes. Nice guy

Boyce Green Christopher - April 20, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ The good Lord has welcomed Tom into heaven with open arms. He entertained millions of fans along with that excellent cast, superb writers, and gifting direction on Green Acres. While I did not know him personally, he was a welcomed friend on our television screens. Rest easy Tom.

Steven Newvine - April 20, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ Sad to lose a good friend. It was always such a joy to see him and have a conversation with him. He is singing and shouting hallelujah because he is home. He will be missed.

Eve Webb - April 20, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ Floyd Moore lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Lester



Floyd Moore - April 20, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family . Rev. Lester and Mary Foreman Jacksonville Texas.

Rev. Lester Foreman - April 20, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ I went to Ackerman Baptist Church to see him and Listen to him preach
He was a very great Christian man
Rest In Peace until we see you again Ebb

Mary Whatley - April 20, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ A great friend as we knew him in school, Tommy, will be remembered as a good dancer and just a great friend. So sorry for your loss. Margaret T Boteler

Margaret T Boteler - April 20, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ Dear Tom you will be missed and remembered. As a teen I had the pleasure to be with a ministry we shared . As part of Main Street Baptist we went on a small tour performing the musical " Tell it like it is" . Thank you for leaving me with some great memories.

Terrie Hambric Bullock - April 20, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ Thank you for years of laughter on Green Acres! My heart goes out to your family and friends. Sending prayers of comfort and peace.

Hotsy Malone - April 20, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ Tom was a wonderful friend in my childhood and growing up in Laurel. He was known as “Tiger” and a great dancer at Phi Kappa parties during high school. I always admired his living testimony to his faith in God. He definitely walked the walk and talked the talk. Have not seen him in the last 20 years but he will be missed.

Jamie Berry Federick - April 20, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ Sorry for your lost

Lela - April 20, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ When I was a little kid, I watched Green Acres a whole lot. I am very happy that Mr. Lester led a good Christian life. It was always a joy to watch him on TV.

Basil H. Pittsburgh, PA

Basil Horn - April 20, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ What a wonderful man and actor he was..I've watched Green Acres,,Petticoat Junction,,Beverly Hillbillies that Eb was in,,He really made the shows better for me..Now God has gained another Angel..Fly High and Rest in Peace,EB...

Debbie Dacus - April 20, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ Anyone of a certain age will always remember "Eb". I am of that certain age. Condolences to his family.

Cathy Clearman - April 20, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of such a nice man. When I was a little boy playing in my uncle's shoe shop, the Economy shoe shop. He came inside the store to visit. I remember him taking time out of his day to speak to a young man and to care. I will always have this memory! God has a good man with him now!! David Turner

David - April 20, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ Did not know Mr.Lester personally but have always heard that he was a truly wonderful man with dignity and virtue.Rest in peace. My sincere condolences to his family.



Linda - April 20, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ My deepest sympathies go out to the family of this wonderful actor and endearing gentleman. Thank you sir for many fine hours of good clean entertaining fun and for your testimony of faith and love to our Living God. May you be resting in the arms of Jesus right now. Susan Gill Orange



Susan Orange - April 20, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ I am sorry earth lost this man but Heaven sure gained an angel. He used to come in where I worked when I was a teenager/young adult and he was so full of Gods love and just flowed happiness. He always brought smiles with him when he came in. If I saw him outside of work at college chapel services or the store he always remembered me by name and asked about my family and how college classes were going and reminded me how much God loved me. He always made a point to come speak to me when he saw me even if he was in a hurry. He was so humble. He didn't act like a stuck up rich actor. He shined Gods love and happiness and was very down to earth. He always took care of his parents when he had them with him. He would order food for them if he had them with him and sometimes just picked it up for them to deliver it to them. Gone but not forgotten ...

Vivian - April 20, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Way back when I had the honor and pleasure to be asked by Tom to shoot an audition tape for a spokesperson role in a Pepsi commercial introducing their new logo at the Super Bowl. We worked on it all morning, with Tom trying different approaches to the lines, and finally wrapped it up mid afternoon to get the tape to his agent. Throughout, Tom was a joy and a a pleasure to work with, a consummate professional and he willingly and with good grace accepted whatever "direction" I attempted. I would later run into Tom at many varied places and always he was Tom! A True Southern Gentleman, Mississippian and fine Christian individual, he will be missed!

John Cox - April 20, 2020 at 12:44 PM