



# Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr.

January 19, 1971 - April 3, 2020

Lester Giordano, described by most who knew him as “larger than life”, passed away on Friday, April 3, 2020, at the age of 49. Lester had a magnetic personality that left a lasting impression on everyone he met. He was truly an unforgettable person.

Lester had a passion for everything he did and lived life to its fullest. Though he worked hard, he played harder. Lester loved LSU football, lazy days on Pickwick lake, crawfish, hosting get togethers on his patio, having a drink with friends, loud dance parties with his girls in the living room, and generally just having a good time. He was loud and boisterous while also kind and generous. Anyone who spent time with Lester will likely have a story to tell about him - not all of which would be G-rated. Even so, faith was just as important to Lester. A member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Lester ensured his children developed a relationship with God.

Known by much of his family as “Little Les”, Lester did everything big. He had the opportunity to have several once-in-a-lifetime adventures, like playing golf at Pebble Beach, attending both a national championship and super bowl with his favorite teams, and hunting and fishing in several corners of the world. In the last two years, Lester and his girls could be seen traveling the States in their RV. Football games, beaches, and theme parks were frequent destinations for this family time. These trips were always memorable, including one that ended with a horse kicking him.

Though he described himself as a “simple tool salesman”, Lester founded and led three successful businesses dedicated to supporting the medical manufacturing industry. His master plan was to build a company that could be passed down to his children. Within 6 short years, he was well on his way to accomplishing that goal. Balancing success in both business and family was important to Lester.

In addition to his love for life, Lester had a love of people. He had a longstanding goal of meeting at least one new person each day. He became personal friends with many of his customers, and made everyone around him feel special.

Lester is survived by his wife of almost 17 years, Janet; his daughters Avery (9) and Brooke (7); mother Nancy; sister Laura Aucoin and her husband, Everett; sister Tiffani Morales; niece Annalise Morales; nephew Abby Morales; in-laws Dianne & Travis Wright and Jimmy Sturdivant; loyal hunting dog, Millie; and numerous friends who were considered family. His father, Lester Giordano, Sr., met him at the gates of heaven. He was also preceded in death by brother-in-law, Donald Morales, and grandparents Setsu & Frank Harp and Jeanne "Billie" & Andrew "Coach" Giordano.

Given the current national conditions and the family's concern for the well-being of others, a memorial mass will follow at a later date. Donations in Lester's memory can be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org), Memorial ID 11982513) or Camp Good Grief ([www.baptistgriefcenters.org](http://www.baptistgriefcenters.org)), an organization dedicated to helping children deal with the loss of a loved one.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery

5668 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38119

# Events

Details are pending.

# Tribute Wall

CB

“Lester, I remember when you first came to the Memphis area as a young, raw, and willing to learn salesperson. You were so energetic and asked for my help and advice numerous times the first 10 years or so. In later years you would call and share with me your successes and always so proud. This is such a shock, but you left a “legacy” in a short period of time with us. I even remember when you met your wife Janet and you called me asking me if I knew where Bellfontaine MS was and I said yes, why? You said, “Charlie I met a girl from there and I’m pretty sure she’s the one I want to spend the rest of my life with.” Well you did buddy, and we are gonna miss you,,,,RIP  
Charlie Brown

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charlie brown - May 03, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..



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May 03, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..



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May 01, 2020 at 02:01 PM

AB

“ Lester,

*I write this with tears in my eyes. You were my hero when I was a kid in junior high. Looked up to the seniors and my cousin Amir was in your class. You were always larger than life to me and will always be. I wore this number with pride and you impacted my life. A source of Joy with the kind of bursting personality that makes you smile. Humanity is at a loss but I know you are home.*

*To the family may the peace that passes all understanding find you in your time of loss.*

*Arlo Burgos*

*Jesus Follower, Husband and Dad of 3, Physician Assistant and Recovery Advocate*



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**Arlo Burgos** - April 27, 2020 at 03:12 PM

LL

“ *To the Family of Lester Giordano Jr. please accept our sincerest condolences from all of us at Star CNC Machine Tool Corp.*

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**Linda LoNigro** - April 21, 2020 at 01:18 PM

LL

“ *Linda LoNigro lit a candle in memory of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr.*



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**Linda LoNigro** - April 21, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ *Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..*



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April 15, 2020 at 01:26 PM

ST

“ Scott Hecht and friends at Seco Tools purchased the Ghirardelli & Fruit Condolences Gift Basket for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..



Scott Hecht and friends at Seco Tools - April 14, 2020 at 02:55 PM

KS

“ I am so sorry for your great loss, truly. Lester was such a sweet and kind soul who never met a stranger. He is so well-loved and will be missed by so many. Sending many prayers to his family. Hugs!

Kelly Strevia - April 13, 2020 at 07:36 PM

BS

“ Bob Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr.



Bob Schwartz - April 13, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ Kosher Tower of Treats was purchased for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..



April 13, 2020 at 08:23 AM

CM

“ Lester was a student of mine many years ago at Central Catholic in Morgan City. I remember him as a very happy, fun-loving young man. I was very sad to hear of his passing. I will surely be keeping his family in my thoughts and prayers. Much love to Tiffany as well. 🙏  
Cindy Marino,  
Berwick, LA

Cindy Marino - April 12, 2020 at 10:11 PM

GP

*I have only known Lester a short time. Less than two years. In that time Lester treated me like family from the beginning. I witnessed so many generous and kind gestures from him. He had a huge heart and love of the business. If Lester was involved, "it was first class". It was my pleasure to work with him. He will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers to the family.*

*Greg Pomeroy*

Greg Pomeroy - April 21, 2020 at 10:50 AM

LI

*Please accept our sincerest condolences from all of us at StarCNC Machine Tool Corp.*

linda - April 21, 2020 at 12:24 PM

LL

*Please accept our sincerest condolences from all at Star CNC Machine Tool Corp.*

Linda LoNigro - April 21, 2020 at 12:38 PM

SF

*I just now learned of Lester's passing. He was a pleasure to work with and will be missed.*

Stacy Fuchs - August 04, 2020 at 04:56 PM

WV

“ Wayne & Karen Vaagen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..



Wayne & Karen Vaagen - April 12, 2020 at 12:07 PM

PT

“ Janet,  
*It was with great sadness that Daphne and I heard about Lester last night in a phone conversation with Paul. Our hearts go out to you and your family and we are holding you up in prayer through this very difficult time.*

*Paul and Daphne Thompson*

Paul Thompson - April 12, 2020 at 08:38 AM

KH

*Hello Janet,  
We have never met but I got to know Lester thru the Seco Advisory Council that met twice a year. As stated, Lester was always lighting up the room with his insurmountable energy!! The first time we might it was evident that he would succeed in his business and although I offered to mentor him if need be, every time I saw him again his business had grown! He was filled with joy and pride in his family. I am greatly saddened by this premature loss and will miss him dearly but please rejoice that he is in heaven. My family has been praying for peace to be on you all. He will truly be missed. I am sure you have plenty of guidance but if I could ever help in any way I would be happy to assist. God bless you all. Kevin & Kathy Hess, AHB Tooling & Supply, LLC*

Kevin Hess - April 13, 2020 at 08:14 AM

JH

“ *John Heavener lit a candle in memory of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr.*



john Heavener - April 12, 2020 at 01:27 AM

JD

“ *Joy Lynn Dismer lit a candle in memory of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr.*



Joy Lynn Dismer - April 11, 2020 at 02:19 PM

KD

“ *Dear Janet, I so very sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. What beautiful words about him written in his obituary and by people who knew him...very evident he was a really special person. I am praying for you, your children and family for the peace and comfort only God can provide. With love, Kim DeLuca*

Kim DeLuca - April 10, 2020 at 11:54 PM

AS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

Amy Scott

Amy Scott - April 10, 2020 at 10:24 PM



LH

“ *Lee Huey lit a candle in memory of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr.*



Lee Huey - April 10, 2020 at 09:05 PM

JC

“ *Juanita And Tom Campbell lit a candle in memory of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr.*



Juanita and Tom Campbell - April 10, 2020 at 06:07 PM

AS

“ *Andrea Simmons lit a candle in memory of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr.*



Andrea Simmons - April 10, 2020 at 02:00 PM

FM

“ *From: Wright Medical purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..*



From: Wright Medical - April 10, 2020 at 12:36 PM

NT

“ *A memory of Lester:  
One Saturday I ran over something in the street and blew my tire out on the way to Lowe's. Dean was at work in the OR and couldn't come to change my tire. I had tried to change it myself but couldn't get the bolts loosened. So I texted Dean and he said text Janet and see if Lester can come and change it. Sure enough here they come to my rescue! Lester changed my tire and said give Dean a kiss for me! Just the kinda guy he was! RIP Lester!*

Nicole Thomas - April 10, 2020 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ *Dear Janet,  
I was shocked that our beloved Lester has passed away. When I first met Lester coming from the Bahamas, he made me feel so at home and like I was a part of his family. I remember, Michael and I had such a great time when we had dinner together at Lester's favored Italian restaurant. I am still hurt and shocked by this loss, but Michael and I are sitting here thinking about the good times and laughs that will always be memorable to us. Praying for comfort and peace to you and your family  
Toni and Michael*



Michael Meyer - April 10, 2020 at 11:02 AM

HL

“ *Dear Janet, I'm so deeply sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved husband Lester. I didn't get the pleasure to meet him personally, but I know he was special because your face lit up every time you spoke about a weekend adventure you all took together. Please know you, and the girls are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Heather Livingston - April 10, 2020 at 07:04 AM

MT

“ *Janet, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort and peace to you and your girls.*

Melissa Trebiani - April 09, 2020 at 11:41 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr.*



Nancy Hollingsworth - April 09, 2020 at 11:21 PM

HC

“ *Hutzel Construction purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..*



Hutzel Construction - April 09, 2020 at 04:30 PM

RM

“ *Russ Messer MA Ford Inc. I have known Lester for many years and his passing came as a shock to me as well as the rest of people all over the southeast who knew Lester. He was so out-going and had such a vibrant personality you just had to know him personally.*  
*Our hearts go out to his entire family as his obituary states so much about who he was and the dedication to God and his family. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

Russell Messer - April 09, 2020 at 02:28 PM

LM

*Janet, I am so very sorry to learn of Lester's passing. May you and your family be wrapped in Jesus' loving arms at this time. Hugs, Libby Montoya*

libby montoya - April 10, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..*



April 09, 2020 at 02:27 PM

ER

“ Ed and I were so very heartbroken to see this news. Prayers of comfort to you, your girls and family. We feel blessed to have known him. You all are in our hearts. So very sorry.



Ed and Elana Richardson - April 09, 2020 at 01:33 PM

PW

“ Any day Lester walked in the door at Wright Medical/MicroPort was a good day! I will never forget when he tried to convince me Steel Magnolias was his favorite movie. Godspeed sweet friend, prayer for Janet and your much loved girls. PJ Watson

PJ Watson - April 09, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..



April 09, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dorothy Smith - April 09, 2020 at 11:59 AM

LD

“ Lester and his family lived down the street from us when we were youngsters. I'm afraid my memories are not that great these days I remember being really sad when they moved away and I do remember he was always kind and considerate to everyone. He had such a big heart. He will be missed. The world has loss a great guy.

Lesley Guidry Dunagin - April 09, 2020 at 11:36 AM

ST

“ Scott Stapp (Navasota Industrial Supply, Texas) purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..



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**Scott Stapp (Navasota Industrial Supply, Texas)** - April 09, 2020 at 11:29 AM

RO

“ I first met Lester in ~2004, He was a young sales guy and establishing himself in the Medical Market. I became quite fond of him with his attitude of 'you are important to me' and his 'you ask it is done' mentality. I never laid eyes on him without him making you feel he was genuinely glad to see you and say hello. This hits home and Lester will be sorely missed.  
God Bless and see you on the flip-side Brother.

*Roger and Kay Ousley*

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**Roger Ousley** - April 09, 2020 at 10:45 AM

YV

“ Janet,  
May loving memories ease your loss and bring you comfort and peace. Today, Lester is resting in God's presence and enjoying Heaven. I am deeply sorry about your loss, I will pray for you, the girls and Lester during these difficult times.  
Yasmine Valentin-Vega

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**Yasmine Valentin** - April 09, 2020 at 10:36 AM

RF

“ Janet  
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My heart breaks for you and your girls. My thoughts are with you.  
Rusty Foster

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**Rusty Foster** - April 09, 2020 at 10:23 AM

JP

“ Been friends with him for 24 years. Full of energy and enthusiasm. He will be missed forever!  
Jag Palanisamy and family

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**Jag Palanisamy** - April 09, 2020 at 10:20 AM

GS

“ He will be missed. A great Guy. George Scherff

George Scherff - April 09, 2020 at 09:46 AM

NC

“ I had the pleasure of going to high school with Lester & seeing him at LSU football games. He remained the same as in high school..fun, great attitude, crazy & loved every one! U were larger than Life & now Heaven get ready bc we all know he will shake things up! We will miss u lots but we know come game time in Tiger Stadium u will be there in spirit! We pray for U & your entire family that God will keep u close to him & give u peace. Rest In Peace my friend...Nichole Cheramie & family

Nichole Cheramie - April 08, 2020 at 11:30 PM

KK

“ I have known Lester a long time. He was so good to my kids. I appreciate him so much for his kindness. He always gave me a hug. Rest In Peace my friend. We will miss you some much.

Kim and Kali King - April 08, 2020 at 11:12 PM

NC

“ Nichole Cheramie lit a candle in memory of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr.



Nichole Cheramie - April 08, 2020 at 10:29 PM

RT

“ Truly one of the greatest Men I have ever met. One thing I know to be true, is you had the opportunity to meet Lester you could call him a Friend. I meet Lester 20 years ago as a (He) simple tool salesman (Me) A dumb Kid try to call himself a machinist. 20 years of growing up. And, some of the best times I ever had at work were spent with this guy. 5yrs. after leaving the shop I could still give him a call and needed Him if there was anyway he could help he would. I know this because he has.

I'm going to miss you Coon Ass.  
I know I'll see you on the otherside.

Ricky "Skippy" Thompson - April 08, 2020 at 10:15 PM

JD

“ Janet, Lester was such an awesome person. God knows there's going to be a lot of laughs in heaven. Prayers for healing and peace for you and your girls. Rest In Peace Giordano.

Jerry & Cindy Davis

Jerry & Cindy Davis - April 08, 2020 at 10:04 PM

KE

“ Kennametal purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..



Kennametal - April 08, 2020 at 09:53 PM

JM

“ "I don't imagine that Lester ever met a stranger. I can only imagine Jesus standing at the pearly gates with a smile as he is bear hugged by Lester. He will be missed by all who knew him, especially his wonderful family, but one fine day we will all meet again in a place with no pain and suffering, no sorrow and heartache, only peace and happiness. Lester's wonderful family is in our family's prayers and thoughts. Rest IN Peace my friend!!!" Love always, James, Niccole,Lauren, and Stratton

James Mills - April 08, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..



April 08, 2020 at 08:44 PM

EB

“ Janet I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, please know that you are in my prayers . Praying for you and your little ones. I did not know your husband but I am sure he was a wonderful man. May God wrap his comforting arms around you and your daughters during this trying time. Edna Blasingame

Edna Blasingame - April 08, 2020 at 08:42 PM

DW

“ Janet , I am so sorry to hear about your husband. You are in my prayers and thoughts,Debbie White (Denny)



Debbie White - April 08, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..



April 08, 2020 at 07:10 PM

DA

“ My sincere condolences to the Giordano family. So sorry to hear of Lester's passing.

d. Ann - April 08, 2020 at 06:20 PM

AM

“ Anita Mosier lit a candle in memory of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr.



Anita Mosier - April 08, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..



April 08, 2020 at 06:08 PM

EC

“ So sorry to hear this Tiffani. I enjoyed meeting him when I was dating your Dad.

Elaine Cureton - April 08, 2020 at 06:00 PM





“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Lester Lawrence Giordano Jr..*



April 08, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *Lester! Wow what a fun, happy giving person! I just can't believe this. What a shock. He will be missed so so much. He was a great crawfish cooking/LSU loving guy. I can hear your voice like you are standing right here. Cajun sounding sweet guy! I pray for Janet and the girls! I cannot imagine the pain as we feel great pain as well. Hard to make sense of all of this right now. I will continue to pray for his sweet family. Lester will truly be missed!*

**Bobby, Jennifer and Kelsey Brewster** - April 07, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ *Lester I had only known you for a few years, I considered you a friend and as such you will be missed. I never had the pleasure of meeting your wife, children or family but they are in not only my prayers but also my families prayers. Rest In Peace my friend and know your wife will guide your children in your absence.*

*Your pal,  
Rich John and Family*

**Rich John** - April 07, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ *As a business associate and Friend my prayers go out to his family. Great guy, funny and compassionate  
He will be missed by all.  
May he Rest In Peace*

**Bob Berongi** - April 07, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ *RIP and Rise in Glory My Friend. Memories of our friendship will last forever. My sincere condolences to his family. Rest on Bro...*

*Amir Carrillo*

**Amir Carrillo** - April 07, 2020 at 01:45 PM

BB

“ *Our love and memories of Lester will last forever. I pray for the ones he left behind, that they might find peace. Love to you all. Becki and David*

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**Becki Barnett** - April 07, 2020 at 11:19 AM

JB

“ *Janet, my heart goes out to you & your girls!  
Lester was such a fun, outgoing man! We enjoyed our time with him  
I was 7 when my Dad was killed in a car wreck!  
I do plan on doing something special in a few days for the girls! Please just ask if  
Your uncle James or I can do anything at all! We love you so much & will be  
praying for your family!*

*James & Betty*

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**JAMES & Betty** - April 07, 2020 at 08:32 AM