



Lester Lawrence Hollenback

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Lester Lawrence Hollenback 97 of Deltona passed away July 16, 2020. He was born August 24, 1922 in Macomb, Illinois to Earl & Janie Hollenback. Lester is preceded in death by his parents, and his wife Betty Mae DeWeese Hollenback.

He is survived by his children Johnny & Diane Hollenback, Sandy Rogers, and Linda & Michael Hoffman; 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Lester was self-employed as a Horseshoer, he served in the U.S. Army and was a lifetime member of the Barberville Pioneer Settlement. His hobbies included Blacksmith and Wheelwright.

A Graveside Service will be held at Deltona Memorial Gardens



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Sonny Belson posted:

I am sorry to read of your loss. I always looked forward to seeing, hearing and watching Lester as he demonstrated or tutored us in various blacksmithing skills he had so perfectly mastered. I would see him at Barberville or sometimes at the Ft. Christmas "Crackerday" Festivities. For us he was a major attraction and we really enjoyed his presence. I still use an anvil I bought from him at Ft. Christmas.

August 18 at 1:34 PM



Robert Howland shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Lester and I served with Merrill's Marauders in Burma during WWII. We were both in the 2 BN-Green Combat Team. Without Lester and the other muleskinners we would have never survived our mission behind Japanese lines for four months. Those 10 days at Nphum Ga surrounded by the Japanese were tough. We had many wounded and killed on that mountain but we made it because we were well trained and worked as a team. I finally got to meet Lester in New Orleans in August 2018 at our last reunion. We were able to talk about our experiences in Burma. I wish that Lester could still be with us when we finally get the Congressional Gold Medal for our unit from Congress. There are only eight of us left out of the original 3,000 men. We will carry on and finish our mission to get the medal just like we did in Burma. Lester and all the other Marauders, living and dead, will be with us in spirit. We all volunteered for that mission in 1943. We did it for our country. Duty, Honor, Country. God Bless You Lester. Ret. MSGT Gilbert H. Howland- 5307th CUP



July 21 at 7:47 AM



Ret Msgt Gilbert H Howland & Family sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Hollenback family.



July 21 at 7:19 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Hollenback family.



July 20 at 5:58 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hollenback family.



July 19 at 4:28 PM



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July 21 at 7:47 AM



Muleskinners



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lester by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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