

Poem

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be
so He put His arms around you
and whispered, "Come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you pass away
and although we love you dearly
we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Acknowledgement

The Hester family wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy and compassion shown to us during these most difficult time.

Repass

All are invited to the repass at
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 26
Edwards St.
Hamden, CT 06517



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Celebration of Life



Stanley Hester

SUNRISE
OCTOBER 24, 1968

SUNSET
DECEMBER 31, 2025

SERVICE: JANUARY 3, 2026

VIEWING: 3:00PM SERVICE: 4:00PM

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Obituary

Stanley Hester, 57, passed away on December 31, 2025, in Meriden, Connecticut. Born on October 24, 1968, in New York City. Stanley lived a life marked by service, passion, and an unforgettable presence.

Stan was raised in Connecticut and educated in the Wallingford School System. From a young age, he exhibited a bold spirit and an outgoing nature that would become his hallmark throughout life. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps and was deployed during the Gulf War—a chapter of his life that reflected his courage and commitment.

Following his military service, Stan built a career rooted in dedication and hard work. For over a decade, he was a faithful employee of Ulbrich Steel. In addition to his work there, he pursued real estate with enthusiasm and drive. His professional endeavors were matched only by the energy he brought to every aspect of his life.

Stan's personality was larger than life—both literally and figuratively. A towering figure with a booming voice that could fill any room, he had an extraordinary ability to connect with people from all walks of life. Whether among close friends or complete strangers, Stan's warmth and charisma made everyone feel welcome. His presence was magnetic; if Stan was in the room, you knew it.

A devoted Christian raised in the church, Stan carried those values with him throughout his life. His faith provided a foundation for the way he treated others—with kindness, openness, and generosity.

One of Stan's greatest passions was golf. He approached the game with fierce competitiveness and unshakable confidence—there was never a golfer created that Stan didn't think he could beat. His love for golf extended far beyond the fairways; it connected him to countless friends across many courses and communities. His highly competitive golf group brought him immense joy and camaraderie over the years.

Stan also held a lifelong allegiance to the San Francisco 49ers. Through wins and losses alike, he remained a loyal fan—cheering passionately for his team with the same intensity he brought to everything else in life.

Stan leaves behind a family who will forever cherish his memory: his loving son, Stanley Hester Jr, his parents Roland and Patricia Gilliam; his older brother Bryan; and his two younger sisters Tara and Catherine. In addition to his siblings, Stan is predeceased by his younger brother Hatari Hester.

To know Stanley Hester was to experience joy, laughter, spirited conversation—and perhaps some good-natured trash talk on the golf course or during football season.

He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him and continue to inspire strength, humor, and connection in their lives.

Order Of Service

Final Viewing & Family Processional

Hymn

Blessed Assurance

Prayer

Rev. Clyde Bowman

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 &14 NIV

Tara Hood

Remarks

Selected Representatives

Selection: "Center of My Joy"

Quartez Thomas

Eulogy

Minister Jennifer Jenkins

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Final Words

Patricia Bowman Gilliam

Benediction



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