



## Ricky Dow Hester

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Ricky Dow Hester of Roswell passed away peacefully at home on May 17, 2026. Born in Roswell on August 5, 1950, Ricky lived a life filled with love, laughter, and devotion to his family and community.

Ricky began his career with Allstate Corporate in 1985, where he trained and mentored agents while building many lifelong friendships along the way. In 1999, he left the corporate side of the business to become an agency owner in Hobbs. Over the years, he expanded his agencies into Roswell, Carlsbad, and Las Cruces, joining his wife Connie in building a successful family business they were proud of together. In 2017, Ricky and Connie retired and passed their agencies on to their children, Crystal in Roswell and Eric in Hobbs.

Ricky was an extraordinary businessman with a gift for thinking outside the box. More importantly, he was someone people genuinely enjoyed being around. He had a great sense of humor and never met a stranger.

He had a passion for ancestry and genealogy and often helped family and friends uncover pieces of their family history. He loved traveling, dancing, and cheering on the Dallas Cowboys. Above all else, Ricky's greatest joy was Connie and the family they built together. He celebrated their accomplishments, showed up for the people he loved, and cared for them

tirelessly until the very end.

Ricky met Connie Branson at Sears while she was purchasing a sewing machine. He asked for her phone number, took her on a date, and from that day forward, they were inseparable. Connie was the center of Ricky's world. He loved her deeply and spent their 46 years together making sure she was cared for and loved every step of the way. Their marriage was built on loyalty, partnership, laughter, and a love that never faded.

Ricky will be remembered for his kindness, humor, and unwavering dedication to those he loved. His presence touched many lives, and his legacy of family, faith, and love will be cherished forever.

He was the beloved husband of 46 years to Connie Sue (Branson) Hester; a proud dad to Tim Hester (Lisa) of Strafford, MO, Eric Hester (Joyce) of Hobbs, and Crystal Hester of Roswell; and a cherished grandpa to Dallas Hester (Lexii) of Springfield, MO, Dillon Hester (Leah) of Mountain Home, AR, Kayla Fikany (Zane) of Las Cruces, Kendra Jones of Orlando, FL, Kelsey McCormack of Roswell, and Kirstie McClellan (Jacob) of Lawton, OK; seven great grandkids, Cooper and Astyn Fikany, Noah and Melissa McClellan, Andrew and Wrensley McCormack, and Layla Hester, with one more on the way.

Ricky is also survived by his siblings, Marcie Palmer and Sherry Trasp of Roswell and Mike Hester (Judy) of Choctaw, OK; as well as sister in-laws, Karla Villarma of Midwest City, OK, Cindy Branson of Shawnee, OK, and Kathi Beavers (Mike) of Clinton, AR. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members who will carry his memory forward.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dow and Georgia Hester; his brother, Robert Hester; his grandparents, William Presley Hester, Ella Birdie Hall Hester, Robert Pinkney Green, and Theodoca Rodgers Green; his in-laws Ray and Joan Branson; brother in-laws Kenneth Branson and Gary Villarma; and grandma in-laws, Sadie Branson and Harriet Beliel.

Pastor Lonnie Owens (nephew) will officiate the service.

Pallbearers: Dallas Hester, Zane Fikany, Jacob McClellan, Ed Anderson,

William Jacobs, Jason Starnes, Tony Lucero, and Kenneth “Bubba” Branson  
Honorary Pallbearers: Mike Hester, Dillon Hester, Willie Jacobs, Lonnie  
Owens, Michael Martinez, Robert Trasp Sr., and Sean Trasp

A HUGE Thank you to Kymera Independent Physicians, Dr. Khorsand,  
Reception, blood labs, Infusion lab, Radiology and anyone we forgot, you  
guys truly became family. Thank you to Dr. Truitt, Karen and Mag, Dr. Vega,  
Dr. Torres, Dr. Feroze and Dr. Haney. You all hold a special place in our  
hearts.

“Time to make the donuts.”

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
2609 South Main  
Roswell, NM 88203  
(575) 622-5888  
abfh@andersonbethany.com

## Funeral Service

MAY **21**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
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*Interment South Park Cemetery 3101 South Main Roswell, NM 88203*

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Video*



Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - June 05 at 02:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ricky Dow Hester.

May 21 at 01:19 AM



“ Lindsay, Amanda, and Noah Anderson purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Ricky Dow Hester.



Lindsay, Amanda, and Noah Anderson - May 20 at 10:27 AM



“ Lindsay, Amanda, and Noah Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricky Dow Hester.

Lindsay, Amanda, and Noah Anderson - May 20 at 10:27 AM

SS

“ *Strafford Football &Track Coaching Staff purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ricky Dow Hester.*



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**Strafford Football &Track Coaching Staff** - May 19 at 09:42 PM

MS

“ *Micky and Sabrina purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ricky Dow Hester.*



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**Micky and Sabrina** - May 19 at 08:43 PM

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“ *Micky and Sabrina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricky Dow Hester.*

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**Micky and Sabrina** - May 19 at 08:43 PM

KM

“ *Kenny and Shari Merritr purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Ricky Dow Hester.*



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**Kenny and Shari Merritr** - May 19 at 05:47 PM

KM

“ *Kenny and Shari Merritr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricky Dow Hester.*

Kenny and Shari Merritr - May 19 at 05:47 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ricky Dow Hester.*



May 19 at 05:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ricky Dow Hester.*



May 19 at 03:24 PM

TA

“ *Tricia, Chaundra Elizabeth and Angie purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Ricky Dow Hester.*



Tricia, Chaundra Elizabeth and Angie - May 19 at 03:15 PM

OS

“ Olivia, Floyd & Emilio Sisneros purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Ricky Dow Hester.



Olivia, Floyd & Emilio Sisneros - May 19 at 01:27 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricky Dow Hester.



May 19 at 12:55 PM

BG

“ Buddy, Kathy and Joshua Grantham purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ricky Dow Hester.



Buddy, Kathy and Joshua Grantham - May 19 at 09:56 AM

SO

“ So very sad to hear of Ricky's passing. He was such a special man, so generous and so fun to be around and he adored his family. We had some absolutely wonderful times with Ricky and Connie. Our hearts break for Connie and his loved ones. Rest in peace and love, Ricky. You will be missed.

Sabrina Olson - May 18 at 07:55 PM