



Lester Samuel Bivens

November 12, 1946 - April 11, 2026

Dr. Lester Samuel Bivens of Harvest, Alabama, passed away unexpectedly at age 79 on April 11, 2026.

Les was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on November 12, 1946. He was a proud member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity while attending the University of Kentucky, where he received a bachelor's degree in education in 1968. He also held a master's degree from Butler University and a doctorate in education from Indiana University. During his career in education, he served as a teacher, coach, and principal in schools spanning Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, and Indiana, where he retired as a superintendent.

Les was a devout member of Asbury Church and regularly volunteered with their Prison Ministry, as well as the Downtown Rescue Mission. He never met a sport he didn't like. An avid runner for much of his life, he completed several races, including the Chicago marathon. He loved singing along, loudly, to any Elvis song, and took inexplicable joy in randomly calling family members by their middle names and/or random nicknames he made up himself. His greatest accomplishment was his family.

Les was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Louise Yancy Ezell; stepfather, Allen Ray Ezell; sister, Gail Carrico; and beloved wife, Jan.

He is survived by his sister, Jane Marcus; four children: Michael Bivens (Kim), Jay Bivens (Joyce), Jeff Bivens, and Katie Bivens (Jason); his grandchildren, Claire and Jonathan Bivens; Bailey, JR, and Jessica Bivens, and Jaclyn Elmer; Logan and Bryce Bivens; his nephews, Gustin and Jesse Marcus; and

his dear friend, Susie Talbert.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6th, 2026 at
Asbury Church

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr. Bivens was superintendent of Hart County Schools during the mid 1990s. He played a pivotal role in shaping the teacher that I am today. Katie and Jeff, you and your family are in my prayers.* ”

Carri (Childress) Goodman - April 29 at 02:57 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss Jeff. You and your family are in our prayers.* ”

Kathy Jarrett - April 20 at 05:16 PM

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“ *Kathy Jarrett lit a candle in memory of Lester Bivens* ”



Kathy Jarrett - April 20 at 05:14 PM