



Leonard Leifer

March 3, 1947 - November 3, 2020

A memorial service for Leonard Leifer, 73, of Tyler will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Marvin United Methodist Church with Dr. Doug Baker officiating. Reception with the family will follow afterward in the courtyard.

Leonard Leifer passed away peacefully on Tuesday in Grapevine, Texas after a hard-fought battle with heart disease. His wife and three children were able to be by his side.

Mr. Leifer was born March 3, 1947 in Tyler, Texas to Adeline Leifer. Leonard was a lifelong Tylerite graduating from Robert E. Lee High School. He attended Tyler Jr. College. He was a member of Marvin United Methodist Church for over 35 years. Leonard was a proud veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. He retired after 40 years as owner and operator of Crow Towing. He was a Mason and a Shriner for many years. Leonard loved Tyler and was a member and supporter of the Order of the Rose and in his later years a volunteer for the Tyler Police Department.

He loved traveling and going to the "5G" deer lease and, of course, socializing with his many friends and neighbors. Most of all Leonard loved and cared for his family with all of his heart.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Adeline Leifer; his mother-in-law, Ellen Ellett; his father-in-law, James "Sonny" Ellett; and his nephew, Wayne Kesecker.

Leonard is survived by his loving family including his wife of 51 years, Claire Leifer; his three children: daughter, Lori Boatwright, son, Cody Leifer and wife Leah, and daughter, Libby Leifer. He is also survived by his two granddaughters, Lily Leifer and Cecilia Leifer; and his grandson, Mason Ferguson; brother, Mark Leifer; sister-in-law, Sue Green; brother-in-law, Jamie Ellett; nephew, Ty Green and wife Jordan; as well as countless friends.

Leonard will be missed by so many, but we thank God for his life and our many precious memories of him.

If desired, memorials may be made in Leonard's honor to Marvin United Methodist Church, 300 W. Erwin, Tyler, TX 75702 or Shriners Hospital for Children, Houston Donor Development Office, 6977 Main St., Houston, TX 77030, www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint."
Isaiah 40.31

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Marvin Methodist Church Sanctuary
300 W Erwin St
Tyler, TX 75702
(903) 592-7396

Reception following service

NOV 9.

Marvin Methodist Church - Courtyard
Tyler,, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so very sorry about the loss of your dear loved one. We know that you are always going to miss having Leonard close to you on this earth.

When I was young, Leonard and Mark were members of the church where I was also a member. His mother Adeline and my mother were very close friends. It is hard to believe that so many years have gone by since those happy carefree days of our youth.

We know that you have special treasured memories. Hold these within your mind and your heart and Leonard will always be close to you.

With sincere sympathy,
Hedwig (Garrard) and John Hardie

Hedwig (Garrard) and John Hardie - November 19, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ Many memories of Leonard from Mike's Drive In to the United States Army! Prayers to Claire and family!
James "Noonday" Tomlinson and Family

James Tomlinson - November 10, 2020 at 10:38 AM

LJ

“ Dear Claire and family; I was so sorry to hear about Leonard- seems like yesterday Claire that you were going from camp to camp with him and Ellen and I were saying what babies you were! You and family will miss him dearly but his friends will help you through. Wish I could see you all but send my love. Lynne Justice

lynne justice - November 08, 2020 at 10:34 PM

MH

Many wonderful memories growing up on Lake Tyler with this family. He was an amazing friend to my dad Tony Nash and he will be missed so much!!!! Prayers and love!!!!

Mandy Huffines - November 09, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leonard Leifer.*



November 07, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leonard Leifer.*



November 07, 2020 at 11:30 AM

TG

“ *I drove a wrecker for Then Coy Crow Wrecker Service, that was in 1978. When we weren't busy, Leonard would say, "Let's go flying". We'd go, and he taught me to fly. It was always fun.*

Terry Griffith - November 06, 2020 at 08:00 PM

LC

“ *Lois And Virgil. Also Staff at Coleman’s Children purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Leonard Leifer.*



Lois And Virgil. Also Staff at Coleman’s Children - November 06, 2020 at 04:43 PM

TH

“ *Lennie was a gentle giant ... a great man with a tender, generous heart. There are so many memories: chapstick, his “purse”, boating at Lake Tyler, campfires at the deer lease, the El Camino with ground effects, later moving to big white cars we affectionately called “the marshmallow”, that little scooter (it maybe had fancy lights too). The list goes on and on. Leonard was fun loving. He had lots of little surprises for his family, like the decals for their cars after Claire went sky diving (a gift from Leonard). He loved his backyard and the pool, and running errands. Leonard was a “go to guy” for anything that anyone needed. I loved him dearly and will miss him with all my heart. TJ*

Toni Hibbs - November 06, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Leonard Leifer.*



November 06, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Leonard Leifer.*



November 05, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Leonard Leifer.*



November 05, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ *Lenny will always be one of my all time favorite people. I loved when he would walk in the bank, stop just inside the door and announce "I'm here!". If no one stopped to say hello, he would say "Hello Leonard" to himself. It was so funny. His smile and sweet, funny attitude was infectious wherever he went. I often think, I want to be the kind of person who touches people like he did and still does today. I am so grateful to have gotten to know him and Cody and Claire. My heart aches for each of you.*
Glenda Malone

Glenda Malone - November 05, 2020 at 12:21 PM

AJ

“ Alan & Genifer Jones purchased the Gerberas and Palms Spray for the family of Leonard Leifer.



Alan & Genifer Jones - November 05, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leonard Leifer.



November 04, 2020 at 06:57 PM