



Leonard Rozell

August 29, 1926 - August 2, 2013

Services for Leonard Rozell, 86, of Tyler, will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 10:00AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Allison Thompson officiating.

Burial will follow at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Rozell passed away Friday, August 2, 2013 in Tyler.

Leonard was born August 29, 1926 in Chandler to U.G., Sr. and Dora Blair Rozell. He was raised in Tyler and graduated from Tyler High School in 1943. At 18 years of age, he joined the Navy and served for two years during WWII. After serving in the Pacific Arena, he returned home and became a graduate of Tyler Junior College and Tyler Commercial College where he went on to become an Accounting Instructor at the Business College.

Mr. Rozell was employed by Lloyd James Funeral Home for over 45 years; 29 of which he spent as co-owner before retiring in 1992. Leonard was a lifetime member of the Jaycees, a recipient of the Earl Story Award, a past President of the Tyler Junior Chamber of Commerce, as well as a past President of the Tyler Kiwanis Club and a member of the Tyler Sharon Temple. He was also a 50 year 32nd degree Master Mason in the Grand Lodge of Texas, St. John's Masonic Lodge #53. In youth, Leonard was a member of Pleasant Retreat Methodist Church. He was also a longtime member of Glenwood United Methodist Church.

Leonard enjoyed fishing, hunting, and RV'ing in Colorado. He took the most

pleasure in spending time with his family and grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, JoeAnne and sister, Bonnie Frazier Smith.

He is survived by his loving family including daughters, Kathy Box of Tyler, Cheryl Maxwell and husband Kelly of Frankston; three grandsons, Len Roberson of Arvada, CO, Kent Whitaker of Pittsburgh, PA, Cody Taylor of Tyler; two granddaughters, Nicole Wansley of Whitehouse, Laurie Taylor of Tyler; five great-grandchildren; brothers, U.G. Rozell of Tyler, Clyde Rozell of Jacksonville and Paul Rozell of Chandler; sisters, Cloetis Vickery of Tyler and Barbara Chambless of Houston and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Len Roberson, Kent Whitaker, Cody Taylor, Jeremy Wansley, Jerry Vickery and Bobby Vickery.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607 or the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County.

Cemetery Details

Tyler Memorial Park

12053 SH 64 West
Tyler, TX 75704

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Leonard was a wonderful father and grandfather. He had an enormous impact on my life. He was raised with my father ,Clyde Eugene Roberson and was there for my family when my father died. The loss of such a good and decent man is a loss to all. Till we meet again.

My love goes out to my son Len, Kathy , Cheryl and family

Grady and Family

Grady Roberson - August 06, 2013 at 07:11 PM

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“ i am proud to say Leonard was not only my boss, he was also my friend.

Wayne Sanders

Wayne Sanders - August 05, 2013 at 07:20 PM

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“ Leonard and JoeAnne were special, longtime friends of our mother and dad, Troy & Betty Joe Whiteside. As children, my sister Carol and I spent many evenings at the Rozell's home playing with Kathy and Cheryl while our parents had dinner, talked and laughed. Leonard was such a good friend to Daddy for so many years. He was a source of great comfort - both professionally and personally - when our mother passed away in the late 60's, our grandparents in later years, and more recently, our dad. The last time we saw Leonard was in about 2003, when we were visiting our dad and Leonard brought us a video that he had converted from an old home movie that he had taken at Kathy's birthday party when she was a little girl. The video was the only one we had ever seen that had me, my sister, and our mother together. Leonard knew how much this would mean to us and we were so overwhelmed with his thoughtfulness. We hope that his family will accept our deepest condolences in their loss of such a fine man. Our family was privileged to have known him.

Marilyn Whiteside Ahrens & Carol Whiteside Benter

Marilyn Ahrens - August 05, 2013 at 04:19 PM

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“ I have a fond memory of Uncle Leonard coming all the way to Abilene, TX to see me get married. I had a professional photographer who took great pictures...but Uncle Leonard, on his own, took video and pictures as well. The pictures he took were much more special because he had taken family pictures that the photographer never would have thought to take. His video was even more special than the one the professional had made and, to this day, I'll always remember how sweet and thoughtful that was. He also was my daddy's running buddy, being just two years apart, and they had a lot of fun times and laughter together. I remember how excited daddy was when Uncle Leonard would come by in one of his new vehicles and take him for a spin or for a hamburger. He will be missed by all who knew him. May God bless his children, their spouses and their children, as well as the rest of us as we deal with this second great loss this year.

Susan Hufstedler - August 03, 2013 at 09:31 PM