



Leon Sanders

September 15, 1945 - June 2, 2020

Leon Sanders, 74 of Lakeland FL, passed away on June 2nd 2020.

Leon was born on September 15th 1945 to Hoyd and Barbara Sanders in Calico Rock Arkansas. Leon married the love of his life Barbara J Kingsley on June 18th 1965 and was a member of Cleveland Heights Baptist Church in Lakeland FL.

He was preceded in death by his father Hoyd Sanders, mother Barbara Sanders, sister Billie Marie Lieske, and granddaughter Rebecca Rappold. He is survived by wife Barbara J Sanders, sister Connie Baker, brother Hoyd (Sandy) Sanders, daughters Carlina Wakefield and Janet Barthle, grandchildren, Kristen Conner, Samantha Rappold, Addie Anderson, Kenneth (Kenny) Barthle, Jenna Young, and Kevin Barthle, great grandchildren, Easton Lawson, Cayden Lawson, Lilly Young, and Cerah Michon. Once retired from the United States Army Leon worked for the City of Lakeland where he retired from Water Distribution after 25 years.

A memorial service will be held at Cleveland Heights Baptist Church 3120 Cleveland Heights Blvd. at 2PM on Thursday June 11th. The family is asking for donations to Lighthouse Ministries, Ronald McDonald house, or Wounded Warriors foundation in lieu of Flowers.

Comments



“ I used to go to church with him and his family all the time when I was a younger. And he was such a nice man. And there were always times that he would say things that were funny. So sorry for everybody loss.

Julie Bucci - June 10, 2020 at 10:11 PM



“ Leon was a great neighbor for over three decades. During the last couple of years, I did not see him very often - only wave from the car as I passed him with occasional short conversations.

However, back in the 80s and 90s, I would see him and his family several times each week. During the 2000s and 2010s, visits were further apart as lived, jobs, and family dynamics changed. We still chatted but probably only once a week and then once a month next decade. I remember when his electric wheel chair got stuck (temporarily) while I was replacing my water line. He drove me in his truck and helped me figure out what materials I needed for the job. Then, he supervised as I went to work. Lol. He helped me fine tune the pipes to work perfectly. I remember when I had to jump his fence twice a day to feed his animals when the original animal feeding person was unable to continue the job. I hoped everyone who saw me realized that I was helping as I went over the fence. Lol

You will be missed Leon.

Ms. Susie Hardee
Lakeland

Susie Hardee - June 08, 2020 at 10:25 PM