



Leon Akeley

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Leon Francis Akeley 92, died in his home in Huntersville, NC on December 14, 2024 surrounded by family and loved ones. Leon was born on August 16, 1932, in Lewiston, Maine to the late Leon Francis Akeley, Sr. and Irene Lelonde Akeley.

Leon grew up in Lewiston and graduated from Lewiston high school in 1950. In 1952, while attending business college at Bliss Business School, he was drafted by the US Army for the Korean war. After basic training at Fort Bliss Texas, he was immediately shipped to Korea. While serving, he obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant with Sergeant Major MOS. Upon his return to the states, he attended the University of Maine in Orono where he earned a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1959. He married his wife of 64 years, Helen Ramsay Akeley, on February, 25, 1956. They shared 4 children together Linda, Peter, Michael and Pamela and remained married until her death in 2018.

Leon spent 40 years in the paper industry, holding positions of design engineer, erector supervisor and sales engineer and eventually being promoted to VP of Sales for a multi-national corporation based out of Finland. He was prestigious in the paper industry and made numerous contributions in the technological advancements and practices of industry. After years of worldwide travel he retired in 1997 and focused on Family.

Proceeding Leon's death are wife and granddaughters,

Helen R. Akeley (wife)

Allyson Akeley

Natalee Van Landingham

Surviving Leon are:

Daughter: Linda Ernst, husband Loren.

Daughter: Pamela Van Landingham.

Son: Peter Akeley, wife Lisa.

Son: Michael Akeley, Wife Jennifer.

Grandchildren: Peter Akeley Jr., wife Katherine, Noelle Shields; Jordan Hallman, husband



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Bryan; Kristin Kennedy, husband Chad.

Great Grand Children: Peter Akeley III, Gabriel Ospina-Smith, Leif Miles, Kaila Miles, Mika Hudson, Alen Kennedy, Kathryn Kennedy, Grayson Hallman, Christian Hallman.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of North Carolina or K9's For Warriors, Warrior Dog foundation etc.

The funeral service will be held at 11 AM Thursday, December 19 at James Funeral Home with visitation one hour prior and burial following at Mount Zion Community Cemetery.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.



Events

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Visitation

- Thursday**, December 19, 2024
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- James Funeral Home**
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078



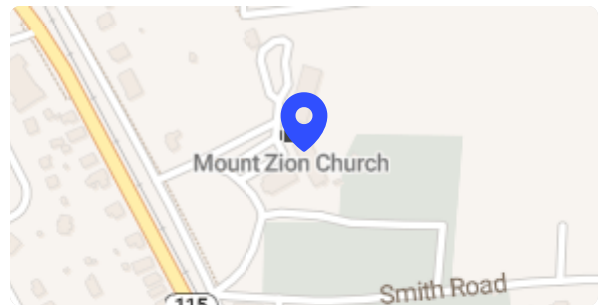
Funeral Service

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- 11:00 AM ET
- James Funeral Home**
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078



Cemetery Details

- Mt. Zion Community Cemetery**
19600 Zion Ave., Cornelius NC 28031





Tribute Wall

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James Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



December 18 at 10:16 AM



Becky Mays posted:

I only found out yesterday, Lee's birthday, that he had passed away. Lee and Ellen were my parents' neighbors on Wendover Road in Charlotte. They were wonderful friends and neighbors to my parents, Claude and Jessie Trapp, who were 25 years older than the Akeley family. They thought the world of the Akeley family, including the grandchildren who would also visit my parents, just two doors up the street. Even after my parents moved into a retirement community in Winston-Salem, their friendship continued. Lee visited my dad just days before dad's 100th birthday in 2005.

August 17 at 10:54 AM



Irene Lopuski & Andrea McClimon sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Akeley family.



December 18 at 8:12 AM



Irene Lopuski & Andrea McClimon planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Leon.



December 18 at 8:12 AM



Anne S. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Leon.



December 17 at 9:11 AM



Anne Shields posted:

Sending our deepest sympathy to the family, on Lee`s passing.The Shields family, Vince, Anne, Matt, Aaron

December 17 at 9:06 AM



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Latta Springs Neighbors sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Akeley family.



December 15 at 5:07 PM



Media

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December 18 at 10:16 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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