



Leonard Lunsford

March 17, 1920 - June 26, 2021

Leonard Stokley (L.S.) Lunsford, age 101, of Davidson, passed peacefully into eternal life on June 26, 2021 at his home. He was born in Del Rio, Tennessee, March 17, 1920 to Lonnie and Hattie Click Lunsford. Leonard was always a sweet boy from Tennessee, a consummate gentleman, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather.

Leonard served as a Medic in the United States Army during WWII, stationed in Germany. He met and married the love of his life, Bettie Sue Helms in 1947. Together they raised five children.

Leonard, with brothers Chester and Frank Lunsford owned and operated Lunsford's Grocery, an independent grocery on the corner of Fifth and Irvin Streets in Charlotte, NC for over 37 years.

Foremost in Leonard's life was his love for our Lord. He was compassionate and caring, modeling a beautiful Christian life. Leonard and Bettie found great joy in visiting family and friends who were shut in. Their generosity of spirit was a blessing.

Being the last surviving member of his birth family, Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings Lorene Lunsford, Beulah Clark (Ed), Chester Lunsford (Reba), Frank Lunsford, and Doris Gunter (Winston). Left to cherish his remarkable life are his wife, Bettie Helms Lunsford, his children, Michael Lunsford (Sandra), Wanda McCord, Sharon Wiggins (Stephen), Arista Lunsford-Dunn (Christopher), and Jeffrey Lunsford (Nancy), 14 grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and their spouses and sisters-in-laws Betty Ruth Lunsford and Cindy Helms.

We wish to especially thank Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region, Lake Norman Team for their attentive, compassionate care in walking us through a beautiful end-of-life journey. We also wish to thank Sharon Taylor, RN and Kia Livingston, NP and the Team of the Veterans Administration for serving our country's veterans, in particular Leonard, with compassion and exemplary care.

Dr. Michael B. Thomas was our father's primary care physician and a family friend for many years. We credit his care and expertise for helping our father live a long, healthy life. We will forever be grateful for God placing him in our path.

Leonard's graveside service will take place on Wednesday, June 30th at 11:00 a.m. at Sharon Memorial Park, 5716 Monroe Road, Charlotte, NC, Reverend Dale Breidinger officiating. Viewing will be 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at James Funeral Home, 10520 Arahova Drive, Huntersville, NC.

If you wish to send a memorial to honor the life of Leonard Lunsford, please consider a donation in his memory to Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region, 7845 Little Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28226-8198 or Samaritan's Purse, P. O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607-3000.

James Funeral Home in Huntersville, NC will serve the Lunsford family.

Events

JUN **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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James Funeral Home

10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville, NC, US, 28078

JUN **Graveside Service** 11:00AM - 11:30AM

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Sharon Memorial Park

5716 Monroe Road, Charlotte, NC, US, 28212

Comments



“ Harold lit a candle in memory of Leonard Lunsford



Harold - August 01, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ To the sweet Lunsford family,

I send love and prayers to you all in loss of Mr. Lunsford (your daddy, your husband, your uncle, and your friend) here on this earth. We all know he is in heaven awaiting all of you one day when we are called home. I still grieve the loss of my sweet mom in 2018. I know she is in heaven as well. I will remember all of you by name daily in my prayers and hold you close in my heart in the coming days. He was a lovely, kind and quiet gentleman. He adored his family and our Lord. He will be missed dearly by you all and all who knew him.

Love and hugs,
Beverly Stevens Wright

Beverly Wright - July 02, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ Ms.Lunsford, Mike, Wanda, Sherry, Arista and Jeff,
So sorry to hear of the passing or Mr..Lunsford. I didn't get the time of service until after it was over I wanted to be there for all of you. It was such a pleasure to have been your neighbor for all those years. I remember his kindness , always being a good neighbor, lending a hand when asked. What a good life he had, now resting in the arms of God.
May the peace of God comfort you durning this sad time. With deepest sympathy
Keta Huffstetler Pender

Keta Pender - July 02, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ To Aunt Betty and family,
I will forever remember Uncle Leonard as being one of the kindest people I have ever known. While a loved ones passing is always sad, the fond memories and God's infinite love will sustain you. Love you all and keeping you in thought and in prayer.

Laura Clark-Klavonic - June 29, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard Lunsford.



June 29, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ Uncle Len will always hold a special place in my heart. We shared so many memories including much time spent eating dinner at Great-grandma Hattie Lunsford's home enjoying fresh veggies we had picked from her garden and helped prepare. Then enjoying a game of Rook or Parchese afterwards. Praying especially hard for Aunt Betty, he was her rock for nearly her entire life Love you all!



Angela Clark Teasley - June 28, 2021 at 03:26 PM