



Leland Edward Leonard

December 29, 1926 - January 28, 2011

Leland E. Leonard, 84, of 1305 Boiling Springs Road, died January 28, 2011 at National Health Care. He was the widower of Lucille Grubbs Leonard. They were married for 50 years before her death on February 17, 1998.

A native of Spartanburg county, he was a son of the late Thomas Newport and Hattie Howard Leonard. He was the sole surviving member of his family which included nine brothers, Paul, Cecil, Carol, Bruce, Roy, Bill, Tom, Joe and Broadus Leonard and four sisters, Ellen Waters, Neil Carter, Mary Vaughn and Fannie Byars.

He leaves to cherish his memory, daughter, Charlotte Hastings and son-in-law, Sam Hastings, whom he thought of as his own son; grandchildren, Todd Hastings, wife, Marian of Simpsonville, Chad Hastings, wife, Kim of Marion, Corey and Chelsea Hastings of Simpsonville and Anna Gail Hastings of Pocheon, South Korea; and great-grandchildren, Thomas, Winn, Abigail and Timothy Hastings. Mr. Leonard was a faithful member of Pelham First Baptist Church before his activities were limited by Alzheimer's disease. He served as deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher and many other positions, always eager to serve the Lord. He enjoyed working with the young people in the church and the Pelham community. He retired from the textile industry, having worked for J.P. Stevens, Victor Plant and H & S Textile, Inc. He proudly served his country in World War II as a Seabee in the United

States Navy. He spoke proudly of his tour in the Navy, counted his service as an honorable opportunity to serve his country. He enjoyed golf and enjoyed playing with his grandsons. He also played baseball with the Victor Mill Textile Team and the Pelham Community Team. He loved his family and friends with all his heart, but he loved his Lord most of all. By his life, he showed us how to be faithful to the Lord and what it is like to be a child of God.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the entire staff at National Health Care, who became Mr. Leonard's and his family's extended family; also for the Staff at Solaris Hospice who added additional support. His kind words, his strong arms to lean on and his great wisdom will be greatly missed by his entire family.

It is said a person's life preaches his funeral, in his case, this is so true. Our family was blessed to have him in our lives. He will never be forgotten.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Pelham First Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Gary Rogers, Rev. Ansel Norris and Rev. Chad Hastings. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. prior to the service at the church. The family is at the home of the daughter, Charlotte Hastings. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 301 University Ridge, Suite 5000, Greenville, SC 29601. Online condolences may be made a www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pelham First Baptist Church
2720 S. Old Highway 14
Greer, SC

Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Charlotte, Copper and I wanted you know how sorry we were to hear of the death of your father. We remember your family with such fondness. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers in the coming days. Copper and Anne Horton##imported-begin##Anne Horton##imported-end##

February 07, 2011 at 09:33 PM



“ Charlotte and family,

I was so sorry to hear of Leland's passing. He was such a sweet and gentle man. Fond memories of him fill my heart. He and Daddy (Raymond Cox) were such good friends. I remember them playing ball and hunting together. I can only imagine the reunion that must have had on Friday.

You and your family are in my prayers. May God be with you in the coming days.

Love,

Andrea Cox Styles##imported-begin##Andrea Cox Styles##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 04:33 PM



“ Charlotte and Family - I know you will miss your dad and grandad. I have many fond memories of uncle Leland and will always remember his smile. What a sweet man he was!
If there is anything I can do for you please do not hesitate to ask.
You are all in my prayers.
I love you -
Bonnie###imported-begin##Bonnie Leonard Willis###imported-end##

January 30, 2011 at 05:17 PM



“ I am so-o-o sorry to hear of your dad's death. My heart is heavy for you. It is very hard to lose our first true hero. God has a name for every season in our lives. I know you will experience Him as a "Comforter" at this time. Blessings to you and to your family.
Elaine###imported-begin##Elaine S Catto###imported-end##

January 30, 2011 at 04:50 PM



“ Charlotte,
I am sorry to hear about your dad. I know how much you cared and loved him. I know he will be missed, but I feel now he is released of his pain here and is truly with his lord and his beloved, your mother. I miss seeing you and think of you often. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers and send my sympathy to them also.
Love,
Amy###imported-begin##Amy Hilbaerath###imported-end##

January 30, 2011 at 03:58 PM



“ I would like to offer my condolences to you in the loss of Mr. Leonard. I remember when Leland played baseball with the Victor Pirates as I was the batboy at one time and always thought he was a great person and a heck of a ball player . I will have the family in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days. MAY GOD BLESS. Doug Wilson, Mauldin, SC##imported-begin##Doug Wilson. Mauldin, SC##imported-end##

January 30, 2011 at 12:42 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. My parents and brothers worked with Leland for years at Victor Mill. Leland was a good person and family friend. There has been a big reunion in heaven. God bless and keep you. Judy##imported-begin##Judy Perry##imported-end##

January 29, 2011 at 09:00 PM



“ I worked with Leland at Victor in the late 60's and early 70"s. He and my father Harley Hawkins fixed looms on the first shift upstairs. Leland was a joy to be around and I learned a lot about textiles from him. I haven't seen him in a number of years but have thought about him often. God bless the family during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##James "Carroll" Hawkins##imported-end##

January 29, 2011 at 04:26 PM