



Marion Leon McLemore

July 14, 1935 - March 16, 2015

Marion Leon McLemore, 79, died March 16, 2015 at Pelham Medical Center. A native of Lyman, son of the late Marion Lee and Agnes Poole McLemore, he retired as terminal manager for Roadway Express and Spartan Express, was a former employee of Swift Transportation and a member of Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Joy Keller McLemore of the home; two sons, Mark McLemore (Susan) of Simpsonville and Chris McLemore (Teresa) of Woodruff; five grandchildren, John and Chris Peake, C.J., Casey and Kaleb McLemore; and two great-granddaughters, Maddy McLemore and Kylie Young.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. Thomas "Bud" Griffith.

Visitation will be held after the service at the church.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Crusader Club at North Greenville University, P.O. Box 1892, Tigerville, SC 29688 or Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 893, Greer, SC 29652.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church
2094 N. Highway 101
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Shirley Cannon Madden lit a candle in memory of Marion Leon McLemore



Shirley Cannon Madden - March 23, 2015 at 09:50 PM

ME

“ Joy and family, you have my deepest heartfelt sympathy. I know you and Leon had a wonderful life together. I remember Leon mostly from high school years. He would come by and visit our family. Mrs. Melanie Godfrey Edwards

Mrs. Melanie Godfrey Edwards - March 22, 2015 at 02:23 PM

CP

“ One of the last couples dancing at our wedding. A long life of love, truly inspirational.

Chris Peake - March 21, 2015 at 11:57 AM



“ Joy & family, we have such wonderful memories of our times with Joy & Leon mostly through Sorority. We just visited with Leon Sunday afternoon & he was doing so well. Butch & I are in shock, still. We are here for you and love you. Hold on to your memories of that wonderful teddy bear and to the many friends who love you. Thoughts and prayers...Sandy & Butch



Sandy Kayse - March 20, 2015 at 06:30 PM

Emily
Smith

“ Emily Smith lit a candle in memory of Marion
Leon McLemore



Emily Smith - March 20, 2015 at 01:25 PM

DA

“ Met Leon at Greer CC in the 80s. Went on to do a little building at
his house in the early 90s. He and the whole family are such nice
people. Haven't seen him for a while. I know he will be missed
mainly because of that big smile he always had. Prayers for the
family and sent a gift to cops for tots in memory of Leon.

Dwight Anderson - March 20, 2015 at 11:01 AM

IM

“ Thoughts and prayers for family and friends,
peace be with all of you. Burrell and Imelda
McLemore/Family



Imelda McLemore - March 20, 2015 at 10:31 AM

AJ

“ Dear McLemore family [RIP Leon]. Joy, it has been a pleasure
seeing you and Leon at KCBS events. Arthur Jordan

Arthur Jordan - March 20, 2015 at 10:29 AM

JT

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



joe Treacy - March 20, 2015 at 08:00 AM

JT

One of my most remembered times with him spending a relaxing time together

Joe Treacy - March 20, 2015 at 03:40 PM

JT

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



joe Treacy - March 20, 2015 at 07:59 AM

JT

Boy did we ever have a great day in the Keys, Just one of many great times together. I will miss this Rock forever.

Joe Treacy - March 20, 2015 at 03:42 PM

PH

“ *Joy and family*

I am so sorry to learn of Leon's passing. We have such happy memories of trips, parties and fun times together. He was the most gentle man I ever met and was always so kind and caring. I am praying for you and your family as you move ahead without him.

Pat Hayes, Murrells Inlet, SC

Pat Hayes - March 19, 2015 at 10:19 PM

 Ed
Evans

“ *Ed Evans lit a candle in memory of Marion
Leon McLemore*



Ed Evans - March 19, 2015 at 06:37 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Marion Leon McLemore.*



March 19, 2015 at 06:28 PM

KB

“ Kim And Steve Bagwell lit a candle in memory of Marion Leon McLemore



Kim and Steve Bagwell - March 19, 2015 at 05:37 PM



“ Leon was one of the people you looked for at each BBQ contest - when you'd spot him and Joy you could be certain he'd always greet you with a big smile and a joke. He was as passionate about the people of our community as he was the responsibility of BBQ judges.

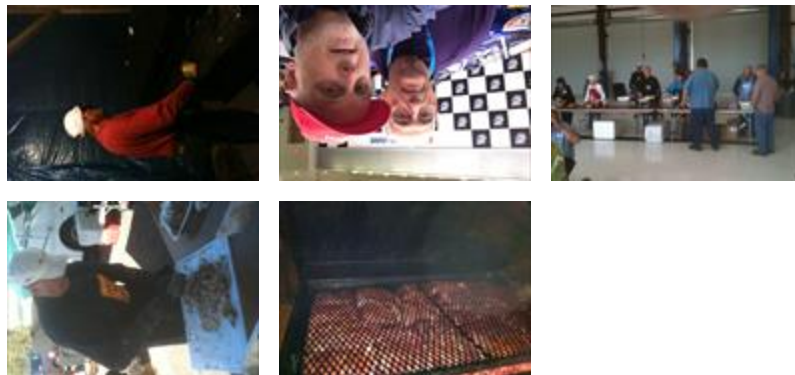
Many of us will think about Leon at cookoff events for years to come. He will be greatly missed, but our lives are the better for having him as a friend.

-Gowan Fenley, Cartersville GA

Gowan Fenley - March 19, 2015 at 04:23 PM



“ 6 files added to the album The Pit Master working his craft



Mark McLemore - March 19, 2015 at 02:37 PM



“ Dad,

You have been taken from us way too soon! You have taught me so much about life, family and how to be a man! You never met a stranger and would give your last dime to a person in need. You have touched many lives and mentored many young men as well. All are much better people today as a result of your influence.

I am going to continue with our dream of opening our own BBQ Restaurant/Catering Service. "Leon's BBQ" will soon become a reality and a tribute to your life.

I know you are happy now as you are back among Papa Mac, Granny Mac, Jim and all of your brothers and sisters. May all your drives from the tees be straight and 300 yards. Keep your nose in the winds and smell the BBQ smoke as we continue the legacy!

I love you tremendously and have a huge hole in my heart that only time can heal! Rest in peace and we will be together again one day and then we can fill the heavens with the smoke from our BBQ pits!

*Lovingly,
Marion Leon McLemore II*

Mark McLemore - March 19, 2015 at 02:09 PM



“ Bob Burnett lit a candle in memory of Marion Leon McLemore



Bob Burnett - March 18, 2015 at 11:11 PM

PM

“ Patricia (Poole) Moats lit a candle in memory of Marion Leon McLemore



Patricia (Poole) Moats - March 18, 2015 at 09:42 PM

PM

So very sorry Joy to hear of the passing of Leon. We all shall keep you and your family in our prayers. God Bless you and stay strong. He is with his other family now, and is probably playing golf with Daddy, Uncle Calvin and Jimmy. He is in a wonderful place. R.I.P. Leon, and we love you.

Patricia (Poole) Moats - March 18, 2015 at 09:50 PM

YA

“ Yvonne Atkins lit a candle in memory of Marion Leon McLemore



yvonne Atkins - March 18, 2015 at 08:12 PM

Casey McLemore

“ I love you poppy!!!! I can hear you singing " shes got freckles on her but shes pretty". Ill forever be your goober!!



Casey McLemore - March 18, 2015 at 08:08 PM

PT

“ *Patty Hammond Tavey lit a candle in memory of Marion Leon McLemore*



Patty Hammond Tavey - March 18, 2015 at 11:04 AM

JL

“ *Jean Long lit a candle in memory of Marion Leon McLemore*



Jean Long - March 18, 2015 at 10:55 AM

DB

“ *Your family is in my prayers for comfort and peace. Dana Bryant Brittain*

Dana Brittain - March 18, 2015 at 10:15 AM

CC

“ *We are so sad to hear of Leon's death. My husband said that they were friends and he thought very highly of him. Our condolences go out to you and your family. We will be praying for you and your family.*

In Christ, Vance and Charlene Waddell Campbell

Charlene Campbell - March 18, 2015 at 08:28 AM

CC

“ Chris & Jenn Chisam lit a candle in memory of Marion Leon McLemore



Chris & Jenn Chisam - March 18, 2015 at 07:48 AM

TL

“ Tony & Trick Lister lit a candle in memory of Marion Leon McLemore



Tony & Trick Lister - March 18, 2015 at 07:30 AM

TO

We are so sorry for your loss. Leon was a good man and we thought a lot of him.

Tony - March 18, 2015 at 07:32 AM

JL

I was so sad to here of your loss and please know that you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Leon was a special person and I thought the world of him. He always had a smile and a hug and I will miss him very much.

Jean Long - March 18, 2015 at 10:52 AM

JP

We have lost the friendly giant of our youth. He was instrumental in bringing championship trophies to Greer when they boosted our perception of ourselves.

He was so friendly and married so well.

Joe and Alice Pugh

Joe Pugh - March 18, 2015 at 09:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marion Leon McLemore.*



March 17, 2015 at 07:18 PM



“ *We are here for u in prayer .please call on us at anytime. Leon was so very special to us and loved him so much. Love bob and alice*

alice burnett - March 17, 2015 at 03:44 PM