



Donald Eugene Leathers

August 2, 1938 - July 16, 2011

Donald Eugene Leathers, age 72, of Evansville, passed away Saturday, July 16, 2011 at his home in Evansville. Mr. Leathers had been diagnosed with throat cancer over 21 years ago and underwent a larengectomy on July 24, 1990. He was again diagnosed with cancer in 2009

Don was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in the city and had been employed as an electrician at Whirlpool and Alcoa where he retired from in June 2002. After his retirement from Alcoa, Don built a workshop at his home, where he built radio controlled airplanes. He led a very active and athletic life both as a young man and adult. He enjoyed swimming, diving, basketball and softball. Don loved racing and had driven cars in drag races. The last car he raced was a 1968 Chevy Camaro at Chandler. He also loved rebuilding cars and was in love with his 1965 Corvette. Mr. Leathers had served his country as a veteran of the United States Navy.

Surviving Don are his wife of 27 years, Sharon Crabtree Hilborn Leathers; his sister, Diana Leathers of Charlotte, NC; two daughters, Kristina (Matt) Roettger of Winslow and Tammy (Jeff) Nix of Boonville; six sons, Sam Leathers of Fargo, ND, Scott Leathers of Evansville, Gary Leathers of Melbourne, FL, Kyle (Anna Maria) Leathers of Bay City, MI, Rik Hilborn of Evansville and Robert Hilborn of Elberfeld, IN. Also surviving are grandchildren, Crystal (Johnny) Jones, Tai Leathers, Sam Leathers, Brea

Marie Flores Willey, Lyric Eugene Leathers, Olivia and Rachel Roettger, Nathan Nix, Danielle (Chuck) Williams, Cody Nix, Kanna, Antill and Ramie Loyd and Adrian and Courtney Hilborn and great grandchildren, Jada and Isaiah Jones, Dosia Torres, Kaela Nix, Becca, Jordan, Jeffrey, Jalynn and Chase Williams.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at Pierre Funeral Home, Sr. Jenny Miller officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL, 33607 or to VNA Hospice, 610 E. Walnut Street, Evansville, IN 47708.

The family would like to thank VNA Hospice, especially nurse, Debbie Nanney and chaplain, Sr. Jenny Miller for their loving care.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Service

JUL 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Eugene Leathers*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *On behalf of my younger siblings, Sarah, John and Mark Rea I express my condolences to the Leathers family.##imported-begin##James Edward Rea Junior##imported-end##*

July 19, 2011 at 11:07 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Don. I do have a wonderful memory of him. My children, Don's cousins, were so much younger than him and were not raised in Evansville, so knew little of some of the finer points of the family. A few years ago at the funeral of Kate, Don sat down with my children and told them many stories. They will always treasure that memory and I will always be grateful to him. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend his funeral, but I will keep all of you in my prayers.*

Margaret Kennedy

(Widow of Leo)##imported-begin##Margaret Kennedy##imported-end##

July 18, 2011 at 05:21 PM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. This is one of the most difficult things we must face in this life. May it comfort you to know that others are deeply touched by your loss. But the bible assures us at Psalms 34:18 that God is near to those broken in heart and those crushed in spirit he saves. He also promises that we will be able to see our loved ones again. Jesus own words found at John 5:28,29 tells us there will be a resurrection. What a wonderful hope! He also says that soon on the earth there will be no more pain, suffering and especially death. Revelation 21:3-5 We anxiously await the day when we will no longer lose those we love. May these bible thoughts bring you comfort at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Stephanie Reyes##imported-end##

July 18, 2011 at 09:58 AM



“ Sharon, Kris, Gary, Kyle.

I am SO sorry to hear about Don. He was a wonderful man and will truly be missed by many. You are in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Tracy##imported-end##

July 18, 2011 at 09:26 AM



“ We will miss you so much here on earth but we know that you are in a much better place now. We love you Grandpa!##imported-begin##Danielle Williams##imported-end##

July 18, 2011 at 07:15 AM



“ To Don's Family:

While an electrician at ALCOA, I worked with Don at times. He was a nice person. My prayers to the family. I will ask for a mass for him.##imported-begin##Tony Nazario##imported-end##

July 18, 2011 at 07:10 AM