



Leon Paul Root

November 10, 1927 - November 25, 2014

Retired Maitland police captain, Leon Paul Root, passed gently away following a very lengthy illness, on November 25th, 2014. Born on November 10th 1927. His mother, Elsa Tesch Root became a widow two months prior to his birth. His father Gordon Root passed away at age 37. Leon was preceded in death by his Parent's, Brothers: Harold Root - Ontario, New York; Richard Root - Fairport, New York; and Sisters: Laura LaBarr - Rochester, NY; Betty Lee Rochester, NY. He is survived by Brother Donald Root, Greece, New York and many nieces and nephews.

Leon enlisted in the US Coast Guard Merchant Marine and the US Army from 1944-1949.

Dad married Laura Wawro in 1950, and had three Daughters: Christine, and twins, Marcia and Jacqueline. They divorced in the late 1960's. Laura passed away in 1993. Dad, was re-married to Barbara Watson in 1969, who passed away in 2011.

He is survived by his children, Christine Branch and husband Mark, Topton, NC; Jacqueline Lee McClure also of Topton, NC; Marcia Nicarry and husband Steven of Greenville, NH. Four Grandchildren, James Vernon, Jennifer Allman, Derek Nicarry and Daniel Young. Six great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

He is also survived by his step-children: Lawrence Watson, wife Lynne and family of Winter Park, Fl; Thom Watson and family of Bath, Maine; Kate Gelabert, husband Tony and family of Tallahassee, Fl.

We will forever be grateful to Dad and Barbara' s long-time friend Laretta Dinan, and his housekeeper and true friend, Karen. Thank you to Liz and the Vitas Hospice Team for his ongoing care, which allowed Dad to remain in the home he and Barbara so loved.

A graveside Memorial Service for Leon and Barbara Root is scheduled for January 18th, 2015 at 2:30PM, Greenwood Cemetery, Orlando, Fl.

Both Leon and his wife Barbara will be interred following the memorial service.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Miss and love you immensely Granpa
Miss fishing and Herschel and Rocky and funtimes with you and
Gma Barbara and the Cuckoo clocks*

Jennifer Thatcher - January 14, 2023 at 04:20 PM

 Liz
Schlueter

“ *I was Mr Leon's nurse, he was an amazing man and it was a
blessing to be his nurse. He always told me to be careful out there
because he worried about me. It is really strange not seeing him
and Hey You every Monday and Friday. See you one of these days
Mr Leon*

Liz Schlueter - January 17, 2015 at 05:31 PM

ED

“ *Leon-I will always value our friendship and your mentorship as I was
beginning my career with the Maitland Police Department. I have
many fond memories of a vast variety of experiences we shared at
the PD, all of them interesting! You were blessed to have a
wonderful family and the love of three great daughters and their
families. Rest peacefully my friend.*

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Ed Doyle - December 16, 2014 at 04:54 PM

JL

“ My mom, Laura, was the eldest sister of Uncle Leon and so very fond of him. I hope Uncle Leon felt comfort knowing that his mother, and siblings, and other already passed family members were waiting expectantly and excitedly for him. My condolences to my cousins Christine, Jacqueline and Marcia. Thinking of you, Jan (Janette LaBarr) Levenson.

Jan (Janette LaBarr) Levenson - December 15, 2014 at 05:27 PM

MN

“ Dad, you taught us right from wrong,, to always be honest with others,, the courage to stand up for ourselves and our beliefs and the ability to be able to take care of of ourselves... You gave me the knowledge to be able to to tackle home repairs on my own home.. you showed me how to be creative...and how to be brave in living on my own.I will always be grateful for that. Love, your daughter, Jacqueline Lee McClure

Marcia Nicarry - December 12, 2014 at 04:47 PM

JV

“ love you grandpa

james vernon - December 08, 2014 at 05:21 AM

CB

“ Dad is in a safe, comfortable, worry-free place where he no longer wonders about people's motivations, wonders if he's going to hell (he didn't), and where he doesn't have to keep up the tough s-o-b persona. Deep in his heart and soul, there was a place of softness, kept hidden so he wouldn't get hurt, but too many folks never saw that side of him. I promise you it was there. With regard to our blended family, I can only say what my mother said, " I love all of you the same, but different."

christine h branch - December 05, 2014 at 03:08 PM

CB

“ *Please send any condolence cards to Marcia Nicarry via the funeral home if you don't have her address. She's taking care of things.*

christine h branch - December 05, 2014 at 02:57 PM

CB

“ *MOST OF YOU FOLKS WHO KNOW MY DAD, LEON, KNOW HE HAD VERY LITTLE USE FOR FLOWERS, CARDS, CANDLES, GIFTS. WHEN 'MOTHER' (BARBARA) PASSED, SHE WISHED A LITTLE SOMETHING SENT TO THE AUDOBAN BIRDS OF PREY CENTER IN MAITLAND, FL. THEY BOTH LOVED BIRDS. AND THEY BOTH LOVED CATS. A MEMORIUM TO AUDOBAN SOCIETY, OR TO A CAT RESCUE SHELTER WOULD BE A SWEET, GENEROUS REMEMBRANCE.*

THE FOLKS ALSO DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE USA SENDS SO MUCH MONEY OVERSEAS TO FEED PEOPLE WHEN THERE ARE A GREAT MANY PEOPLE HERE STARVING EVERY DAY.

christine h branch - December 05, 2014 at 02:55 PM

MN

“ *Well PaPa, at the end of our nightly phone calls, you would always tell me "I will talk with you tomorrow...if the Good Lord willing and the creek doesn't rise", on the day He took you Home, he raised that creek with seven inches of rain in Osteen and all of my tears. I miss you so much already...I know that we are promised no more suffering, pain or loneliness and that is my comfort in knowing that you are with Him and resting in peace. Love Always.....your daughter Marcia*

Marcia Nicarry - December 05, 2014 at 10:05 AM