



Wil A. Leonard

January 21, 1927 - March 21, 2019

Wilbur Allen Leonard was born January 21, 1927, in Carp Lake Michigan and passed away peacefully on March 21, 2019, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was 92 years old.

Wil married Jan in 1958 and had four children. "Family man" was Dad's most cherished role. He frequently told us he was the luckiest man alive because he loved his family so.

Dad was a local barber for 60 years. He opened Leonard Barbers in 1959, and worked on West Stadium Blvd, riding his bike or walking to work every day until he retired at nearly 80 years old. He enjoyed the relationships he had with his customers and considered them his friends.

During retirement, Dad spent his time on several bowling leagues and delivered Meals on Wheels for 10 years. He was a member of Bethlehem United Church of Christ for 60 years and the fellowship he enjoyed through church was a huge part of his life.

He was a partner in ministry for 39 years; making hospital visits to those who were sick. He also volunteered his time driving people to the grocery store that were unable to do so on their own. He loved attending Michigan football and basketball games with his son, Scott and his best friend, Jim. In addition, he was an avid animal lover, adoring all of his dogs.

He always conducted himself with humility and kindness. He was a quiet leader who led by example and was a champion for the underdog or the less fortunate. Dad strongly believed in giving back to others. He had a big smile and laughed easily, especially at himself. Dad was a gentleman and a gentle man.

Wil is survived by his wife, Jan, the love of his life; their four children, Scott Leonard (Carla), Kim Sachtler (Kirk), Julie Bowers (Steve) and Laura Leonard; his grandchildren, Stacey Libra (Justin), Chris Leonard, Madeline Sachtler, Joseph Bowers, Abby Bowers,

and Garrett Courtney; and his great-grandson, Elliot Libra.

A funeral will be held at Bethlehem United Church of Christ at Noon on April 13, 2019, 423 S. 4th Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. A celebration of life luncheon will follow immediately after the service at Bethlehem.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Humane Society or Bethlehem United Church of Christ.

Many thanks to the staff at Grace Hospice, Senior Helpers and BrightStar and a big hug to the girls that helped us, Marcia, Jenny, Jenni, Christina, and Jamie.

“A man is rich, not by what he has, but by how little he requires.”

Events

APR **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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Bethlehem United Church of Christ
423 S. 4th St., Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48104

Comments



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Wil A. Leonard.



April 12 at 05:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wil A. Leonard.



April 12 at 10:24 AM



“ Garry & Julie Sredzinski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wil A. Leonard.



Garry & Julie Sredzinski - April 12 at 10:14 AM



“ As a teenager I had read Guideposts magazine but had let the subscription lapse for several years and lost track of the magazine. Later I had been wanting to subscribe again but since this was before the internet, had not been able to find out how. One day when my son was young (almost 50 years ago), I took him to Wil's barbershop for a haircut. While waiting, I found a copy of Guideposts with the subscription card still in it! I was so excited and pilfered the card! I have been a subscriber ever since! Many thanks to Wil for all the years of reading enjoyment. Heaven has a prize!

Janice - April 06 at 11:08 AM



“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



Scott Leonard - March 28 at 08:49 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Wil A. Leonard.



March 27 at 04:18 PM



“ I only met and spoke with Will one time in Truckee at daughter Kim's home, and the love that shone from that man's eyes for his family was palpable..You were everything to him, it was evident...
And his smile that welcomed any one was so memorable..I will never forget that smile...and here it is in his picture...What a gentle Giant of a man and the epitome of a father he was !! So lucky to have had him in your lives and in this world !!
My heart breaks for you all... What a JOY he was ! He certainly left his mark on all of you that i have had the pleasure to get to know !!
Hugs to you all.
Lilli, and Dick
I will donate to the local humane society there if you give me some directions or I can donate to this local one in his name as they are a "no kill" animal shelter..just let me know

Trincherio Lilliana - March 25 at 11:48 PM



“ From Lilli Trincherio and Dick Blakey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Wil A. Leonard.



From Lilli Trincherio and Dick Blakey - March 25 at 11:41 PM



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Nie Family Funeral Home & Cremation Service - March 25 at 08:59 AM



“ Is this Scott getting a hair cut?

Beckie L Riecks - March 30 at 06:40 PM