



Leonard Carl Franklin

March 17, 1940 - October 1, 2024

Mr. Leonard Carl Franklin, 84, of Elaine, Arkansas, died at his home on Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

Leonard was born in Colt, Arkansas, to the late Gilford Lee and Martha Ada Ponder Franklin on March 17, 1940. He was a graduate of Vanndale High School. Leonard excelled at boxing as a young man, winning the Mid-South Heavy Weight Boxing championship in 5 states. He worked for Entergy for 45 years. Leonard's career with Entergy took him to Saudia Arabia for a year. In 2010 the Elaine City Council declared a "Leonard Franklin Day", which he was extremely proud of. Leonard was a 32nd Degree Mason for 56 years and a member of the Forrest City Lodge, #198. His greatest legacy is being a father and was very proud of his children and grandchildren. He never met a stranger and will be missed by his Elaine community and friends from all over.

Leonard is survived by his children, Sandra Carlton of Elaine, Carol Rodgers of Wynne, Cynthia Jones and husband Bobby of West Helena, grandchildren, Jonathan Wright, Micalah Butler and husband Jackson, Brittany Pritchard, Cody Rodgers, Tyler Jackson and husband Chad and Beth Patton and husband Bo, great grandchildren, Lillian Jackson, Cooper Jackson, Lochlann Patton and sister, Evelyn Haynes.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Loretta Lee Franklin in 2012, parents,

Gilford Lee and Martha Franklin, and sister, Hazel Gray.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 4, 2024, at Kernodle Funeral Home from 6 to 8. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at Kernodle Funeral Home Chapel at 2 pm with Kenny McMahan and Lynn Cobb officiating. Burial will be in Harris Chapel Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Harris Chapel Cemetery

Wynne, AR 72396

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home
315-325 E. Union Avenue
Wynne, AR 72396
(870) 238-2323
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

Funeral service

OCT 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

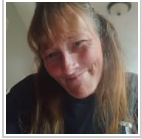
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Interment

OCT 5 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Allred lit a candle in memory of Leonard Franklin*



Betty Allred - November 05, 2024 at 08:02 AM



“ *Kenneth Fincher lit a candle in memory of Leonard Franklin*



Kenneth Fincher - October 09, 2024 at 01:59 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Mr. Leonard. He was always jolly & fun to talk with. And would help you in any way he could. He & Mrs. Loretta were a good part of Elaine for years. Sending sympathy to all the family. Roland & Clara Williamson*

Clara Williamson - October 06, 2024 at 09:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leonard Carl Franklin.*



October 04, 2024 at 11:28 AM

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“ *Mr. Leonard was a wonderful man. Always joking very nice . He will be missed. He was definitely 1 of a kind for sure . I'm so sorry for yalls lost and may God keep yall in He arms during this time . My prayers will be with you all.*

Sheila Sellers - October 03, 2024 at 10:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Leonard Carl Franklin.*



October 03, 2024 at 06:49 PM

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“ *Carol Spencer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard Carl Franklin.*

Carol Spencer - October 03, 2024 at 06:49 PM