



Leon Florence

January 14, 2023

Leon Florence “Paw Paw” was born on October 6, 1937, in Opelousas, Louisiana, and moved to Galveston as a young adult.

Leon was married to Hazel Florence for over sixty years until her death in 2021, and they were the proud parents of three daughters.

Leon retired from UTMB after thirty-one years of dedicated service. He fought mightily against dementia for the last ten years.

Leon loved bowling, singing, fishing, playing cards, watching old black-and-white television shows, and scratching his beloved lottery tickets until his health failed. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend whose memory will live on in their hearts forever.

Leon Florence “Paw Paw” passed away peacefully on January 14, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Leon was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Florence; parents, Israel Sr. and Gertrude Florence;

granddaughter, Shayla Joseph; great-grandson, Brayan Joseph; and siblings, Israel Florence, Jr., Ernest Florence, Sr., Lillian Caldwell, Dorothy Minix, Lessie Mae Thomas, and Isabelle Romas.

Leon leaves precious memories with loving and devoted daughters, Mertis Edwards, Venita Florence, and Leona Florence (Lee King); grandson, Desmond Florence (Courtney); great-granddaughter, Chloe Florence; brother, Allen Florence; godson, Lloyd Cooper; grandson-in-law, Bryan Joseph; sisters-in-law, Mary Levine and Delores Florence; extended family, Leon James, Reverend Vincent and Georgia Fontenot; Mary and Sheena Edwards; Jonie Cooper and Liz Ivory.

Special Thanks to:

Pastor Paul Wingate, Jessica den Herder, AGNP and the UTMB House Calls Team, HCA Mainland Hospital, and staff with the City of Texas EMS

Cemetery Details

Hayes Grace Memorial Park Cemetery

10708 Highway 6
Hitchcock, TX 77563

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 9:00 AM (CT)

Norris D. Burkley Professional Services
322 Laurel St.
La Marque, TX 77568

Celebration of Life

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Internment

JAN 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I apology for the late condolence for the loss of Mr Leon Florence. He played such a role in my life as a little boy. You never know when someone is watching you. That is exactly what I was doing. His work ethic and the way he loved his family. I was talking to my sister Barbara and she said y'all mom has passed. Another great person. It just took me back. To Palm Terrace, when y'all mother and our mother would sit under that shade tree till dark talking. Blessings to the family. Amen

Curtis Chatman - February 24, 2024 at 04:36 PM

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“ Leon worked with us for close to 25 years in our catering business on the Island. He was such a kind, dependable and responsible co-worker and friend who was well liked by all and a good deal of our success was due to our good fortune of having him associated with our business. God bless and keep he and Hazel in his loving arms. Gene and Kathy Austin (Kathy s Katerers)

Gene and Kathy Austin - January 18, 2023 at 10:55 PM

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“ Donald James sent a virtual gift in memory of Leon Florence



Donald James - January 18, 2023 at 07:00 PM