



## Leonard Edward Pfeiffer

October 14, 1931 - August 6, 2020

Leonard Edward Pfeiffer, 88, of Jackson, Missouri died Thursday, August 6, 2020 at his residence.

He was born October 14, 1931 in Shawneetown, Missouri to Oswald Arthur and Ella Lydia Oswald Pfeiffer.

He and Dorothy Ruth Eggers were married July 31, 1954.

He served in the Air Force as military police. After completing Air Police training in Camp Gordon, Georgia, he served a tour of duty in French Morocco during the Korean conflict. He was then transferred to Neah Bay, Washington where he was later honorably discharged.

For over 40 years he was owner/operator of his own trucking company. After he retired from trucking, he enjoyed being a charter bus driver. He drove for Eggemeyer Transportation and later Southwestern Illinois Bus Company.

He was a member of New McKendree United Methodist Church in Jackson and Altenthal Joerns American Legion Post 158.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Ruth Pfeiffer of Jackson, Missouri; one daughter, Linda (Jerry) Mowery of Jackson, Missouri; two grandchildren, Christopher (Libby) Leimer and Caroline (Robert) Thornburgh; and three great-grandchildren, Brayden and Quinton Thornburgh and Madeleine Leimer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Harold Pfeiffer; two sisters, Verna Schade and Helen Hecht.

A graveside service will be 10:00 am Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson with the Rev. Jimmie Corbin officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to New McKendree United Methodist Church, 209 S. High St., Jackson, MO 63775.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Jackson is in charge of arrangements.

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## Russell Heights Cemetery

Jackson, MO, 63755

# Events

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# Comments

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“ I will always remember his kindness, the twinkle in his eye, that his love for his family knew no bounds. Family gatherings with all the cousins are some of my fondest childhood memories. I know he will be missed dearly, but I can only think of the reunion that is happening in Heaven with his sisters and brother right now. Sending prayers of strength and comfort for the whole family.

Erica Trickey and family

Erica Trickey - August 10, 2020 at 03:07 PM

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Sarah Juelfs - August 10, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ We will forever remember Leonard for his big heart and many talents. He was not only a valuable employee but more importantly family.

Jerry and Wanda Eggemeyer - August 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM

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“ -I have many fond memories of Leonard. I conducted a lot of historical tours for the University when I was employed there. Leonard was often the driver for those tours. On our very first tour together I could tell by the time we had gone many miles that "this driver" was a professional. I had so many tours with Leonard that I told later groups that we had a great driver for this trip, that he and I had traveled "a million miles together and never had an accident or a bus break down." And we did have a lot of miles together. All of the trips I ever took with Leonard were reassuring and fun.

Leonard was a great driver----personable, safe, considerate and always polite and fun. He was the epitome of a safe and careful professional driver. One of the best I have encountered. On one occasion we did a tour of regional Civil War sites with a planned stop at Lambert's, in Sikeston, for lunch. About five miles south of Sikeston the bus died on I-55. Leonard got out, did some magical things with the transmission, and soon had the bus ready to go -- but there was something substantially wrong. He apologized to the passengers, and said that we did have a bit of a problem and he would try to get us into Sikeston and take care of it while we were having lunch.

So it was! He dropped us off at about 12:00 noon, we had a great lunch, Leonard tore out of the parking lot after telling me he would try to be back by 1:00 o'clock. When we came out of Lamberts Leonard was pulling in right at 1:00 p.m. I am not sure what he did, perhaps it is good that I did not know then, but I believe he went to one of the salvage shops in Sikeston, bought the essential part, installed it himself, and had us back on the road at 1:00 p.m. That was Leonard. I never knew what he did, and it may be good that I did not. When I asked him what he did, he simply smiled that warm shy smile that I will never forget, and said "well, it works now." He missed lunch at Lamberts that day, and would not take anything to compensate. He knew everything about what made engines work, and not work.

Leonard Edward Pfeiffer was one of the best drivers to turn a bus onto a highway. He was also one of the best human beings to walk on this earth. What a fine and memorable person. When driving and I meet a bus, I look for Leonard.

Frank Nickell

Frank Nickell - August 10, 2020 at 02:10 PM

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“ The last time I saw Leonard and Dorothy was in a booth at lunch time at the Grecian Steak House. Both, always cheerful. When my dad lived next door, Leonard would always take time to help dad (Rich Lewis) with his yard work. The fish they caught were shared with the neighbors with a fish fry. With fond memories of our talks and visits, I send prayers and condolences. Know that I have forwarded this to brother, Bob. He has memories as well.

Mary Ann Haynes - August 10, 2020 at 10:39 AM

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“ Linda and family,

So very sorry for your loss. The balcony at New McKendree won't be the same without him:)

Larry and Sheila Cunningham

**Sheila Cunningham** - August 09, 2020 at 06:13 PM

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“ I have many special and fun memories of Uncle Leonard....

Uncle Leonard loved baseball, both professional and family games. When I was a child, all the uncles, cousins, and sometimes aunts would gather in my grandparents front yard for a good ole game of baseball. Uncle Leonard always was the first to come up and compliment us kids on a good catch, run, or hit. His love of the game continued as he watched and cheered his grandson and great-grandson play their games.

Uncle Leonard loved to play cards. On Monday nights, my husband hosted poker for the uncles, cousins, and brother-in-law. It was always a night of fun stories, loud laughter, and who could come up with craziest poker game. Uncle Leonard would always arrive carrying the biggest Bubba mug I had ever seen....it was almost as big as him.

My favorite thing about Uncle Leonard was his politeness. He always greeted you and said your name. You always felt welcomed and special.

He will be missed by so many of us. Uncle Leonard, you will always have a special place in my heart.

Sandra Miller

**Sandra Miller** - August 09, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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“ I will sadly miss Uncle Leonard on my visits to Missouri. Him playing with and bragging about his great grandchildren was a real pleasure to hear and see. I've learned a lot from that, playing more with my own grandkids. I always knew on my visits I was in for a real treat when Uncle Leonard would make BBQ pork steaks on the grill. (The best I have ever had). (The Stories) The story about when he had mechanical problems with the bus at a Lambert's Restaurant was my favorite but it also showed how much other people loved him too. Uncle Leonard was very proud of his family and I always knew he had a special place in his heart for Brayden, Quinton and Madeleine.

We will always have great memories and a special place in our hearts for Uncle Leonard.

Larry and Luann Berberich

Larry Berberich - August 09, 2020 at 10:18 AM

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“ Uncle Leonard was a good man who always had a good story from his traveling. I always remember him taking the time to sit and talk with family over the holidays. He would always be able to put a smile to your face. My most vivid memories were always of him and others laughing while playing poker together. I'll never forget how lively he made the day and he will forever be missed.

Nikolas Szwabo - August 08, 2020 at 01:21 PM

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“ Leonard was a true professional as a driver - highly skilled and always courteous. Proud that I was able to run many trips with him and enjoyed each and every one of them. Even more important he was always a gentleman. He loved to talk about his family and especially his grand children and great grand children. His face would always light up when talking about them. He will be greatly missed. Gods blessings to Dorothy and the family.

Gene Dammerman

Gene Dammerman - August 08, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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“ Uncle Leonard was always there for you; always had a story and would always make time for you and take interest in anything you had to say. Both Leonard and Dorothy we're there for myself and my family when my parents were in the hospital and dying; they spent countless hours trying to make it easy for me and keep me at a calm when I could not. They are both angels and always thankful they were there for us. Leonard was a hard working man who always took care of his family and friends; always working hard on the truck and keeping money coming in with that big old green tractor and trailer. I was particularly fond of the truck and remember how proud he was when it was pictured in the Trucking Magazine "Overdrive". As a boy I remembered when he put me in the cab and showed it off and let me blow the horn. What a great memory, as well as the poker table with the rest of Uncles at all of our holiday festivities. God bless him and his family he will be dearly missed.

**Mark and Tammy Szwabo** - August 08, 2020 at 07:52 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard Edward Pfeiffer.



August 08, 2020 at 12:10 AM

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“ Uncle Leonard was the last of my Mother Verna's brothers. While sad to see him leave us all I smile knowing that he is with the Lord and reuniting with my mom, his sister Helen and brother Harold and my grand parents. May god be with Uncle Harolds family especially Christopher. All of you will be survivors. Blessings, Steve Schade and family

**Steve Schade** - August 07, 2020 at 10:46 PM