



Leon Jansen

March 25, 1921 - March 11, 2016

Leon Jansen, 94, of Cape Girardeau died Friday, March 11, 2016 at Southeast Hospital.

He was born March 25, 1921 in Oran, Missouri to the late Bernard William and Clara Christine (Brockmeyer) Jansen.

He and Bernice Regina Dirnberger were married January 13, 1943 at St. Denis Church in Benton, Missouri. She preceded him in death on February 26, 2016.

Leon was a graduate of St. Mary's high school where he attended on a Knights of Columbus scholarship. He then served with the U.S. Coast Guard as Fire Control Man 2nd Class; he served on board a patrol frigate in the Atlantic Fleet during WWII. He received the Good Conduct Award, American Theater Ribbon, and European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon. After his service, he enrolled at the Bailey Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heating school in St. Louis. Upon completion, he worked for Midwest Dairy in Cape and in 1959 he started B&J Refrigeration. He later started Jaymac Equipment in 1963 which was one of the longest standing Carrier dealers in the country. He was a member of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church where he served as Chairman of the Building Committee, St. Vincent's Men's Organization, Knights of Columbus Council 1111 and SEMO Chapter Cursillo. He was charter member of SEMO Refrigeration Service Engineer's Society, United

Commercial Travelers, Evening Exchange Club, American Legion and the VFW. He enjoyed riding horses and fishing with friends and family.

Survivors include sons, Larry (Loretta) Jansen of Jackson, Missouri, Jerry (Linda) Jansen of Jackson, and James (Stacy, Jim's former bride) Jansen of St. Louis; sisters, Lucille Klipfel of Cape Girardeau, Irene (Joe) Klueppel of Benton, Missouri, Corena (Leroy) Berkbigler of Jackson; 8 grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 73 years, Bernice Jansen; son, Leonard Jansen; brothers, Herman, Paul, Martin and George Jansen.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau. Parish prayers will be at 7:00 p.m. with Knights of Columbus rosary immediately following.

Funeral mass will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 18, 2016 at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church with Rev. David Hulshof officiating.

Burial with full military honors will follow at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church or given to be used for masses.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Parish Prayers

MAR 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church
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Rosary

MAR 17. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church
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Tribute Wall

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“ WITH SYMPATHY CAROLYN KINDER R.N.

CAROLYN KINDER R.N. - March 16, 2016 at 04:19 PM

PM

“ I am sorry to hear about Leon. I remember him and Bernice very well during my years at St. Vincent's parish. They were always friendly and nice people. May they both rest in the peace and love of God! Fr. Patrick McDevitt, C.M., Associate Pastor at St. Vincent's from 1986-1989.

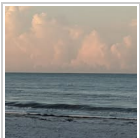
Patrick J. McDevitt - March 15, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Leon Jansen.



March 15, 2016 at 11:05 AM



“ My condolences to the family. Truly one of the greatest love stories. He and Berniece always made me smile.

Wendy Boren - March 14, 2016 at 05:39 PM

MC

“ Godspeed to you Mr. Jansen, you will be missed. Prayers & deepest sympathies for the family!

Melanie Coy - March 14, 2016 at 04:59 AM

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“ *Jennifer Arnold lit a candle in memory of Leon Jansen*



Jennifer Arnold - March 13, 2016 at 06:24 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family he will be greatly missed RIP Mr. Jansen your with Mrs. Jansen now. You both will be greatly missed.*

Jennifer Arnold - March 13, 2016 at 06:23 PM

GS

“ *My sympathies to all the families!!! He will be greatly missed!!*
Georgia smith



georgia smith - March 12, 2016 at 07:30 PM