



Leonard C. Hines

July 18, 1944 - October 22, 2024

Leonard Charles Hines, 80, of Cape Girardeau, passed from this life on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at his home. He was born July 18, 1944, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Charles Andrew and Betty Jane Hollingsworth Hines.

The tapestry of his life was woven with service. At a young age he joined and proudly served in the United States Navy from 1961-1968. He served aboard the USS Coral Sea during the Vietnam war.

Leonard received his certification in Law Enforcement from the University of Missouri in 1975. He continued his law enforcement training and education throughout his career. He was with the Piedmont Police Department 1975-1981, serving as the Chief of Police 1977-1981. He was the Chief Deputy at the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff's Department 1984-1994, serving as the interim Sheriff before retiring. He proudly served on the 911 Committee and the Major Case Squad.

After retiring, he had his own Private Investigations and Process Service business. He also served as the Deputy Coroner for Cape Girardeau County.

Leonard was a part of the fabric of the Cape Girardeau community. He raised money to help several worthy causes. When the Cape Girardeau Police Department needed additional equipment, he raised the money for it. He

enjoyed competing to raise the most money for fundraisers for Southeast Missouri Pets for several years. You will see his mark in multiple city and county parks where he chaired projects to build gazebos, shelters and public restrooms for the parks. Leonard helped start the St. Mary's Food Pantry after making a promise to Sister Lucille Zerr.

Leonard was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral Church in Cape Girardeau, a 4th Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Evening Optimist Club, VFW 3838, and The Elk's Club.

Survivors include his daughters, Terry (Bob) Caldwell in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Dawn (Richard) Roark-Mastervich in West Bloomfield, Michigan; Requi (Gerry) Salter of Cape Girardeau; Cheryl Moen of Springfield, Missouri; grandchildren, Joshua Caldwell; Charles, Rebecca and Kyle Slabinski; Jeff, Amanda and Melissa Mastervich; Edie (Austin) Salter-Ewing, Matthew, Emily, Audrey, Michael and Regan Salter; Lily Schaffer, Lauren and Jack Moen; great-grandson, Wren Ewing of Saint Charles, Missouri, and seven great-grandchildren in Michigan; and siblings Bill Hines, Laurie Canter and John Hines, all of Michigan. Leonard is also survived by his faithful canine companion, Penny the perfect dog.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Bob Hines, Rick Hines, Ron Hines, Michael Hines and a sister, Katherine Hines.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday, October 28, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Parish prayers will be at 7:00 pm with Knights of Columbus Rosary immediately following.

Funeral mass will be at 10:00 am Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Jesse Hiatt officiating.

Burial will follow at Fairmount Cemetery with graveside military rites provided by Missouri Honors Team.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Southeast Missouri Pets in Cape Girardeau.

Cemetery Details

Fairmount Cemetery

835 Caruthers
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Parish Prayers and Knights of Columbus Rosary

OCT 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Mass

OCT 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral
615 William St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tribute Wall

RB

“ I don't know why, but I was thinking about Leonard today. He was the process server when I worked for a law firm in Cape. I did not know he had passed, but googled his name and found his obituary. He was the nicest man. He was always kind and we would have a nice chat when he stopped by the office. He was one of my favorite people when I worked there and I have wondered how he was doing. I had no idea he was such a pillar in the community and had a soft spot for animals. He truly was an amazing man and will be missed.

Robyn Bryan - October 30, 2024 at 04:17 PM

DC

“ Leonard was such a kind person. I always enjoyed visiting with him, as a deputy's circuit clerk and as the Presiding Judge's secretary. He was one of the best law enforcement officers. For all the conversations we had, I was not aware we had Ann Arbor in common. Please know your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Cato - October 30, 2024 at 09:11 AM

JR

“ Leonard was truly an outstanding Law Enforcement officer. May he rest in peace. Judge A. J. Seier, Retired

Judge A. J. Seier, Retired - October 28, 2024 at 04:41 PM

BA

“ *Boy Scouts Troup 5- Ann Arbor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leonard C. Hines.*



Boy Scouts Troup 5- Ann Arbor - October 28, 2024 at 04:35 PM

SP

“ *Will miss you Leonard, was always glad to see you at the VFW*

Sandy Prichard - October 27, 2024 at 10:53 AM

LM

“ *I worked with Leonard at Cape county sheriff dept where I was a dispatcher. He was a good man. I know he went through a lot of trials and tribulations in his life. Prayers for his family and friends. He will be missed.*

leasi miller-McIver - October 27, 2024 at 08:53 AM

SE

We thank God for the gift of Leonard to his family, community, country and to the rest of us. Leonard has done well his part which he was allocated by God, he has run his race, he set a good example to us. It is our turn to do good as he did, to live his legacy. He supported the sisters and his family carries on the tradition. May he fly into the wide open arms of Jesus Christ our Lord and savior.

Sister Evelyn Ekese - October 28, 2024 at 10:21 AM



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October 26, 2024 at 10:22 PM



“ *Beth Bridges lit a candle in memory of Leonard C. Hines*



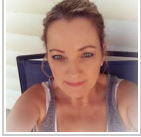
Beth Bridges - October 26, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ *I met Leonard Hines amongst a sea of strangers upon my arrival in Cape Girardeau in late 2001. We fast became lasting friends. Although I moved away a few years later, during nearly every return visit I would do breakfast or coffee with Leonard and some of his friends. The place would overflow with joy, smiles and laughter on each occassion! Leonard and I would also catch up over a sip at the VFW. I will truly miss my friend. Condolences to the Family! Willie J Stigler LCDR (US Navy Retired)*



Willie J Stigler - October 24, 2024 at 11:06 PM



“ I was heartbroken to hear of Leonard's passing. I came to know Leonard through his work as a process server. He always had a smile on his face and was always so pleasant when he would stop by our office. I always referred to him as my "buddy" anytime he'd come by. The last time I spoke with him he said we needed to have lunch sometime to catch up. I'm sorry we never got to have our lunch. He will be deeply missed. Melanie ~ Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell

Melanie Dawn - October 24, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ Linda Harris lit a candle in memory of Leonard C. Hines



Linda Harris - October 24, 2024 at 09:12 AM



“ I was proud to know Leonard and to call him a good friend. We shared a love of reading and often shared suggestions on books and authors. We met often over breakfast and talked of politics and literature. He was an excellent public servant right up to the end. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Mike Sprouse - October 23, 2024 at 06:29 PM

SD

“ Saint Francis Public Safety Department purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leonard C. Hines.



Saint Francis Public Safety Department - October 23, 2024 at 05:55 PM

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