



Leonard Leslie Willard

February 10, 1945 - January 15, 2020

Fairfield, NE resident Leonard Leslie Willard, 74, passed away Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Grand Island, NE.

The family will be conducting a memorial service at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 25, 2020, at the Sutton Community Church in Sutton, NE with Rev. Bill Richards officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date in the Clay Center Cemetery. In honoring his wish to be cremated there will not be visitation or viewing.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated later.

Leonard was born February 10, 1945, in Lexington, MO to Mitchell and Nelly (Hughes) Willard, he was the youngest of 7 Siblings. Leonard and his siblings and extended family spent their childhood playing in the woods of his hometown, where he developed a love for the old west and a lifelong passion for horses. As a young adult, he enlisted in the U.S. Airforce and served in Thailand during the Vietnam War, as an aircraft mechanic, later he returned to the states and enlisted in the Army National Guard. He served his country throughout most of the '70s. He later went on to get an education in Engineering. He worked for several years for Greys Communications and 10/11 news channel. He will be missed by many as he was a kind man with an incredible sense of humor, he never failed to lend a hand or be there for the

people that needed him.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Willard; his four children, David, Sean, Alicia, and Blair; and by his ten grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 5 of his siblings.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ Joy i am so sorry,
there are no words for your loss
Leonard was one of a kind, I loved his Sense of humor
His laugh and most of all I loved him for stating the obvious
He will be missed, he is running in the woods, he is swimming in the
river,
And he is having a cold beer and laughing....He Is Home
SJ

Scott J Smith - January 27, 2020 at 08:20 AM

BH

“ Joy and family, I am so sorry for your loss and Leonard's passing.
He always brought a little happiness and humor to every situation
as you know. Sometimes the situations were very difficult and
stressful and even in the worst of them, he always brought a
positive attitude. As you know he had a way with words that often
made me laugh. We will miss him.

Brent Haun - January 23, 2020 at 04:24 PM

WG

“ Blair and Joy- sorry to hear about your loss. I always looked forward
to visiting with Leonard when he would come to Lincoln or would
see him at some of our other locations. I would like to hear what he
would have to say about the impeachment hearings! May God's
peace be with you in the coming days.

Wayne Gudgel - January 23, 2020 at 01:19 PM

CR

“ we are so so sorry for lost of leonard passing & will try to come for his sevices , depends on the weather sat ! with our L ❤️ VE always !

carla bourg & james burress(red) - January 22, 2020 at 08:53 PM

AV

“ Joy, I'm sorry to hear of Leonard's passing. While we worked together at the TV station he always joked that I kind of talked him into taking the job. I think over all he enjoyed it and I enjoyed working with him. It always amazed me that he was never afraid to jump right into something if it needed done, whether he knew anything about it at the time or not. Leonard was the type of guy that was good at figuring things out and ways to make them work. That kind of man is always good to work with. My condolences to you and the family. I pray the Lord watch over and comfort you through this loss.

Andy VanDerslice - January 22, 2020 at 01:28 PM

PM

“ Dave, Sean and family, so very sorry yo hear of your fathers passing.May he rest in peace and the family can find peace and love during this difficult time. If there is anything you need please call. We love you and will continue to have you in our prayers.

Paddi Mack - January 22, 2020 at 01:08 AM

BJ

“ Joy, I'm so very sorry to hear of his passing. He was a GREAT man and I loved visiting him when I had the chance.

Britni Johanson - January 21, 2020 at 07:41 PM

KC

“ Dear Dave,
Sorry to read about the loss of your dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. If you need anything, just call.
Love you!

Kathy Cochnar - January 21, 2020 at 07:26 PM

JO

“ Joy and Blair and the rest of the family, he will be missed thoughts and prayers for u

Jazmine oliver - January 21, 2020 at 07:13 PM

SG

“ Joy david and blair and family my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of need . Leonard was always a sweet funny friendly person and I am blessed to have known leanord and got to know you all sending lots of love

Samantha gibson - January 21, 2020 at 05:09 PM

CL

“ My thoughts and prays are with You and Your Family during this difficult time. Leonard may be gone but will always be in your heart.
HUGS

Chris Lacy - January 21, 2020 at 02:46 PM

R)

“ So sorry to hear this Joy. I know it is a heartbreaker.
Hold your family near and cherish the memories you had with Leonard and make new ones with your loved ones.

Roberta Chaney (Patches) - January 21, 2020 at 01:32 PM

VM

“ So sorry to hear of Leonard's passing. I have so many fond memories of him. Our prayers for all the family.

Valerie Hughes Martinez - January 20, 2020 at 12:23 PM

NH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Joy and family

Neal an Terri Hoagland - January 18, 2020 at 05:22 PM

BL

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with your entire family. Rest in peace Leonard, you will be deeply missed by all who knew & loved you. Your pain is gone & you suffer no more. God Bless & Comfort everyone. Love you!

Bill & Sharon Lockhart - January 18, 2020 at 08:12 AM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Leonard's passing. Sending prayers and hugs for each of you .

Dixie and Marshal Burgmaier - January 18, 2020 at 06:30 AM

CA

“ Joy, Blair and family, I am so sorry to hear of Leonard's passing. Just remember he will always be with you in your heart. Please call if you just need to talk or better yet stop by.

Connie Abell - January 17, 2020 at 03:55 AM

MS

“ Joy and family, I am sorry for your loss. I didn't know Leonard well but I know he will be missed by many. My prayers are for his family left behind and my friend Joy.

Marlene Shirey - January 16, 2020 at 11:28 AM