



Leon R. Quesnette Sr.

May 2, 1944 - December 22, 2023

Leon R Quesnette, Sr. 79, formerly of Broad Brook, CT and now of Estero, FL passed away Friday, December 22nd at Gulf Coast Medical Center succumbing to a brief illness after a years long battle with complications from intestinal cancer. He is predeceased by his wife, Kathleen and his son, Michael.

He was born in Springfield, VT to the late Rudolph and Anna Quesnette. He was married to the love of his life Kathleen A. Quesnette for nearly 50 years and was a proud and loving father to Leon R. Quesnette, Jr. and also to Michael J. Quesnette.

Leon grew up in Springfield, VT before moving to East Hartford in 1957, and graduated from East Hartford High School in 1962. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1965 and enlisted in the US Navy Reserve in late 1965.

Leon was a proud Navy veteran who served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. In 1969, he married Kathleen Gurn and they began their lives together in Broad Brook, CT. He worked as a store manager for Mott's Shop Rite, then Shop Rite Supermarkets, Inc. in CT, and then relocated to Bonita Springs, FL, where he worked for Albertson's in Fort Myers, FL before retiring to Estero, FL. After retiring, he devoted his efforts either through the Knights of Columbus or directly to assisting Veterans. The family offers many thanks for

the tireless assistance of his brother Knights in getting him to his appointments during his recent illness as well as Kevin and Jill Clem, his neighbors for looking after him like family.

Survivors include his son, Leon Jr., and his wife, Deborah; three grandchildren, Aidan, Riona, and Caomh all of Southwick, MA; one brother, Robert (Carol) of Tucson, AZ; and two sisters, Margaret Maine of Middletown, CT and Kathleen (David) MacCasland of Southington, CT. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and numerous cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Ft. Myers, FL 33967.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to:
Hearts and Homes for Veterans Inc., 2230 Alicia Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901.

Burial will be at Sarasota National Veteran's Cemetery, 9810 State Rd 72, Sarasota, FL on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 1:00 PM.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Graveside Service

JAN 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Tribute Wall

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“ Rest in Peace Leon - remember when younger down at Uncle Joe/Aunt Mille's place when they lived in the "cellar hole" playing hide n seek and then off to Fenway to watch the Red Sox. Playing hide n seek scared the heck out of me but you were there to calm . young nerves - it was exciting to roam around the dark and spooky place. You took me aside and hugged me so I would not be afraid.....I realized later on in life even though time and space separated us - you into the hay calmed the my spirit. Like also when we used to jump in the hay at the farm where the family lived before moving to Connecticut....each time it was for your Mom to give us haircuts! Rest in Peace Leon and thanks for saving me from the spooky things lurking in Uncle Joe's cellar....My sympathy to the family. Love - Cousin Bill

Bill Carey - February 29, 2024 at 02:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leon R. Quesnette Sr..



January 19, 2024 at 10:20 AM

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“ Ray & Lyn Robitaille planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leon R. Quesnette Sr..

Ray & Lyn Robitaille - January 19, 2024 at 10:20 AM