



## Leland Helgeson

October 15, 1948 - May 10, 2008

Leland Helgeson -- Manteno Visitation for Leland D. Helgeson, 59, of Manteno, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Manteno, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday. The Rev. Harvey Gaither will officiate. Inurnment will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Manteno. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. He died Saturday (May 10, 2008) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Mr. Helgeson was a cook at Manteno Sportsman's Club. He was also a carpenter. He was born Oct. 15, 1948, in Kankakee, the son of Orville R. and Alma M. Boudreau Helgeson. He was a 1966 graduate of Manteno High School. He was a lifelong member of the Manteno Sportsman's Club. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking and cooking. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Andrea and Dean Lemenager of Clifton, Areca and Michael VanMill of Bourbonnais; four grandchildren, Sara, Jenna and Michael Lemenager, Aubree Smith; one stepgrandson, Matthew VanMill; one sister, Mary LaMore of Manteno; and two brothers and one sister-in-law, Gary and Beth Helgeson of Manteno; and Randy Helgeson of Bradley. Deceased are his parents, and one brother-in-law, Mickey LaMore.

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“ *Our Prayers are with you##imported-begin##Rob Kelly  
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Uncles  
  
Yep, I had a slug of 'em. Not the kind that seem to come as honorary uncles when mom has a date; mom and dad are still married, but the real McCoy. The French seem to pro-create like rabbits and I was lucky enough to grow up with several generations of them, all seemingly vying for position to pass on their special brand of knowlege and trades.  
  
One of my favorites was my uncle Mickey. When he finally got out of the service in '72, it was about the time I was finding my "wings", and "uncles" were exactly what the doctor ordered. You see, I wasn't exactly what one would concider an "angel". It was also about this time that Mickey was sniffing around the ankles of a pretty young thing named Mary Helgeson, whos big brother just so happened to be his best friend. I got to know Leland quite well that summer, in fact to the point of which I actually concidered him (from that time on) as just another "uncle". Uncle Santa Clause in fact. You see, with a family this size and with the LaMore Christmas tradition in tow, we were always seeking a portly prodogy to fill the red suit every December, and Leland was always willing to help put a smile on the faces of the little children in doing this little deed. That alone should get him his own key to the pearly gates (and a cooler full of frosty ones).  
  
Leland was there with a hand up, a hand out, and a hand up side the head when I needed it, wanted it, asked for it, or deserved it, no more or no less than Mickey, Vern, Darrel or Jay. Rondy and Lonnie would hug me or scold me with equal authority, as would Gary and Mike. They would also be right there when it came time to take to the fields on opening day or to the river or Rock Creek, knowing that my father just didn't have the time to do the things with his son(s) that he wanted to. "Thus is the importance of uncles", and those are Lelands' words. As I grew in life and saw what the world had to offer, I grew to cherish those words, as I have growth to cherish the memories and the knowlege past along by my "uncles".  
  
So today I say good-bye to my special uncle, Uncle Leland. Get along now and find the plumber and the cop, and help 'em with that grumpy 'ole electrician put some lights up on the dark side of the moon. My Grandmother should be makin' up some tater salad,

*and papa Jerome will be sittin' on the sideline fixin' to call the shots for the first big LaMore volleyball game. Bring your Mom and Pop, its a family thing. Your sure gonna be missed.<br><br> Mitch Booth*

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*“ To Mary, You have my deepest sympathy, and also to your family, for the loss of a brother and uncle. Years ago, I danced with Leland at a bowling banquet and he was quite a good dancer. I know he was a good cook, too. With Heartfelt Sympathy, Barbara LaMore*

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*“ You were always a quiet person with a big heart and a lot of true wisdom that made friends listen to what you had to say. I had'nt seen you much this last few years but your frindship during a very difficult time in my life really made a difference in the way I looked at life in general. I thank Leland for that and I wish I had of told him so. I beleive he knew all along though...So long Pal, you will be missed...But never forgotten*

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*“ Areca, Mike & Family, Please accept my sincere sympathy regarding the death of Areca's dad, Leland Helgeson. Jim Piekarczyk*

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“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Leland's family.  $i\frac{1}{2}$  **##imported-begin##Bill Jennings##imported-end##**

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“ Having a fresh one in heaven with Mickey, Buzzy, Greg, Richard? **##imported-begin##peabody##imported-end##**

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