



Leonard J Tobey

January 26, 1942 - January 28, 2026

Leonard J. Tobey, age 84, of Herscher, passed away on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born on January 26, 1942, in Herscher, the son of Ward and Elma (Meredith) Tobey. He married Jacqueline M. Lynch on January 9, 1964, at St. Patrick Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on October 24, 2023.

Leonard was a graduate of Herscher High School. He was the owner of Tobey's Construction and President of Kankakee Valley Construction Company. Leonard enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time at his farm. He loved spending his winters in the Florida Keys.

Leonard is survived by one son, Dale and Amy Tobey of Kankakee; one daughter, Jana and Steve Langridge of Flower Mound, TX; four grandchildren, Jessica and Jake Langridge and Drew and Dylan Tobey; nephew, Rusty and Lynn Tobey and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and two brothers, Donald Tobey and Les Tobey.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Kankakee. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Options Center for Independent Living.

Leonard was a man whose word was his bond and his handshake meant something.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Thoughts, prayers and sympathies are with all of the family.

Riverview Pharmacy

John Bourrell - February 03 at 10:00 PM

JP

“ Dale, Jana, Rusty, Norm & Families, please accept and extend my deep sympathy regarding Leonard's passing. Leonard was there at the beginning of my practice through the end. He was challenging when he needed to be, tough when he needed to be, compassionate and understanding when he needed to be, and generous when he didn't have to be. It was a pleasure to have known him professionally and as a friend. Anyone who travels the area's roads and bridges or views many improved economic development landscapes may not see his signature, but it's there! Warmest regards, Jim Piekarczyk, County Engineer (Retired)

Jim Piekarczyk - February 02 at 03:43 PM

SJ

“ Dale, Jana, Rusty, Erik and families, you all have my deepest sympathy. My love for your families runs deep. From your grandparents Ward and Elma to shop buddy Lucky, I grew up playing in that shop as Dad changed the oil and greased his semi. Changing tires and washing the truck. He was proud of his job and loved to help your Dad and Uncle learn to drive his trucks. You as well. God bless you all, comfort your hearts. Heaven has gained a great man. He will surely be missed. All my love to you!



Sue Jensen - February 02 at 10:23 AM

MB

“ Condolences to the family. Leonard and I went to first grade together in Herscher, and I always referred to him as my first best friend.

Maynard Denault and wife, Barbara - January 31 at 11:32 AM

GF

“ Leonard Tobey was a great guy, I've have worked for him and his family for 40 years he always spoke and I have great respect for him . Rest in peace .

Gary Kaufman and family - January 30 at 07:17 PM

YB

“ Your Friends at Hove Buick GMC and Bruce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard J Tobey.

Your Friends at Hove Buick GMC and Bruce - January 30 at 05:45 PM



“ Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) was purchased for the family of Leonard J Tobey.



January 30 at 05:45 PM

DM

“ A true friend and rival. For all 4 years he beat me in the pole vault and yet years later he asked me to represent him and his company. He will be missed. Dennis Marek

Dennis Marek - January 30 at 03:37 PM