



Leonard R. Wisniewski

September 27, 1935 - October 27, 2019

Leonard R. Wisniewski, age 84, of Martinton, passed away Sunday, October 27, 2019 at his home.

He was born September 27, 1935 in Chicago, the son of Stephen & Therese Celesta Wisniewski.

In 1958, Leonard married Joan Luchek in Chicago. She preceded him in death on February 1, 2009.

He was an architect in the Martinton area for many years. Leonard enjoyed Frank Lloyd Wright architecture and was a published author of 2 books on the subject of Frank Lloyd Wright.

Leonard taught architecture at Prairie State College and also substitute taught in Iroquois County for many years.

For many years, he played a quintessential Santa Claus on Route 1 North of Martinton, handing out candy canes along the highway.

Leonard and Joan were foster parents for many years, caring for 96 children throughout their lives.

Leonard was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was a parishioner of St. Martin Catholic Church in Martinton.

Surviving are his children, George Wisniewski & Margo Mullegan of Iroquois, Daniel & Barb Wisniewski of Minnesota, Laura Wisniewski of Tennessee, Terry & Christine Wisniewski of Waynesville, Amy & Jeff Ruhbeck of Manteno, John Wisniewski of Kankakee, and Bill Havner of Beaverville; and seven grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Joan Wisniewski, he is preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Eleanor.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 1, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home, St. Anne.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 2, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Beaverville. Rev. Dan Belanger will celebrate the Mass.

Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Martinton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Martinton, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne - Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home
214 W. Sheffield
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Beaverville, IL
: (815) 435-2432
<http://www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com/>

Tribute Wall

TM

“ George and Family;
Sending deepest sympathy to you and the family as you endure this great loss. May God grant you peace and see you through the coming weeks. So very sorry to hear of your loss.
Darrell & Tondra Mann-Niswander
John Niswander

Tondra Mann-Niswander - October 31, 2019 at 12:42 PM

AS

“ I met Leonard when we were students in the music program at Lane Tech High School. He always called me "Sax Man". We reconnected at the 50th class reunion. Since then several classmates gather for lunch 4 times a year and Leonard would often make the long ride in to join us. He was a great guy and will be missed by all.
Al Schladt

Al Schladt - October 31, 2019 at 11:43 AM

ML

“ My First year living in Martinton Lenoard was out being Santa and I was so touched. Never got to meet him but was impressed with him, he will not be forgotten, God rest your soul, you are home with your beloved wife, thanks for always being you. MaryAnn Luker

MaryAnn Luker - October 31, 2019 at 10:19 AM

RS

“ My deepest sympathy to the family on Len's passing. We met as adversaries in the courtroom, but we became good friends thereafter. He was quick of wit, long on humor and had great sympathy for those in need of his services. Richard J. Sygulla

Richard J. Sygulla - October 30, 2019 at 08:20 PM

CF

“ Going to miss our long afternoon talks about structure architecture life and raising family. Leonard you were a fine husband a fine father and a great mentor. I am so glad that I never miss the chance to meet you and know you and become your friend. God bless you now you can be with Joan. You will be missed greatly especially by my family and I.

Cj fields - October 30, 2019 at 06:13 PM

RD

“ Leonard was along time frend and classmate, Lane Tech High School June 1953, he wa part of our Lane Tech Class of 1953 Polish Alumni Club. There are 13 members left in our group that meet 4 times a year. Leonard will be respectifly missed. He was a wonderful freind and parent.

*Ron Domkowski
Go-Lane-Go*

Ron Domkowski - October 30, 2019 at 10:37 AM

SK

“ My uncle Len and Aunt Joan took care of me and my brother John during the summer of 1962 while my mother was ill with tuberculosis. I have great memories of that summer in Park Ridge, Illinois. He was a fun guy. A very talented trumpet player and had some real cool toys to play with. Please accept my deepest condolences. His nephew, Steve Kanter.

Steve Kanter - October 30, 2019 at 10:24 AM

KK

“ A kind and amazing man. His knowledge of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture was truly a gift. Kelly and Donna King



kking - October 30, 2019 at 10:12 AM

MC

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Leonard. He was such a sweet, caring person. He would come in our office to have prints made and he was always asking how everyone was. I will miss you Leonard. Sending prayers and hugs to his family.

Mary Clark - October 30, 2019 at 08:50 AM

DK

“ In Sympathy
David, Dianna, and Hunter Komperda



Dianna Komperda - October 30, 2019 at 12:59 AM



“ 5 files added to the album *Doing what he loved*



Dan Wisniewski - October 29, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ *Dottie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Leonard R. Wisniewski*



Dottie Taylor - October 29, 2019 at 07:55 PM



Laura and the Wisniewski Family so sorry to hear of your dads passing, you and yours are in my prayers and thoughts

Dottie Taylor - October 29, 2019 at 07:57 PM

SC

Our first meeting was at Lane Tech H.S. in Chicago Il. Leonard , at that time used to call me "Big Sam". Many years later we reconnected at a "Professional Day" at Lane where he invited me to join fellow 1953 graduates for lunches 4 time a year. That was about 13 years ago. Since then we shared many stories of our formative years at Lane . We maintained phone conversations during many medical issues.he endured. He always demonstrated his caring feelings about me and my wife's health and welfare. He was a truly talented man with a sense of LOVE.

*As we would end our phone conversations ,I say " I love you brother"
Bye Bye! God Be With You!*

Sam J. Clemente

S.J. Clemente - October 31, 2019 at 02:55 PM