



Leon F. Jennings

January 19, 1926 - February 17, 2017

Leon "Limp" Jennings, 91, a lifelong resident of Aurora, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at his home on Friday, February 17, 2017. He was born January 19, 1926 in Aurora, Illinois. Leon lived a fulfilling life, with never ending devotion to God, family and friends.

Leon was a proud Marine who was present for the flag raising at Iwo Jima. He was also proud of his accomplishments on the softball diamond and the bowling lanes, having been elected to both Illinois Halls of Fame. Leon was an avid golfer and a lifelong Cubs fan who very happily watched them win it all last year. He was a member of St. Joseph Parish, where he served for many years as a Eucharist Minister. Leon was also a member of the Phoenix, Tiger and Third Ward Clubs, as well as the American Legion Post #84. He worked for Sealmaster Bearing for over 40 years until his retirement in 1986.

Leon leaves behind his loving wife of 48 years, Suzann; eleven children: Lynn (Jim) Riedel, Tom (Pat), Sue, Diane K., David (Linda), Mark (Pam), Donald Sherman (Tina), Gary Sherman (Janet), Diane M. (Bob) Reis, Mari (Greg) Kluber and Jim Sherman (Lynda); twenty one grandchildren: Justin, Jeremy, Jim, Michael, Matthew, William, Timothy, Jennifer, Amanda, Adam, Eric, Jeff, Joseph, Kurt, Ashley, Nicholas, Christa, Kelly, Jacob, Joshua and Lydia; seventeen great grandchildren: Samantha, Gunner, Henry, Frannie, Fisher, Megan, Melissa, Addison, Kennedy, Olivia, Cole, Braxton, Teagan, Livia,

Millicent, Isaac and Caleb; two great great grandchildren: Joshua and Noah; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel (Rausch); his parents, Thomas and Margaret Jennings; his brothers, John and Charlie; his sisters, Margaret Hailstone and Mary Brewbaker; and his great granddaughter, Brittney.

The family would also like to thank Tuya, George and Sheila, his caregivers at The Neighbors Next Door.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 25, 2017 from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY at 11:30 AM to St. Joseph Church at 12:00 PM. Fr. Jerome Leake will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, February 24, 2017 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM, with a Liturgical Wake Service at 4:30 PM, at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. (630) 631-5500.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Leon's family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Leon's name may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 722 High St., Aurora, IL 60505.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Funeral Mass

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
722 High Street
Aurora, IL 60505
1-630-844-7380

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Leon F. Jennings



Daleiden Mortuary - February 22, 2017 at 01:44 PM

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“ Bill Hartman, and Family..... purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Leon F. Jennings.



Bill Hartman, and Family..... - February 23, 2017 at 07:55 PM

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“ I worked with Leon at Sealmaster Bearings from 1956 to 1970 and he was a gentleman and fun guy. I pray that his family will remember, cry, and smile at all the memories of the man. Semper Fi and rest in peace, Limp !
Phil Hurd

Phil Hurd - February 23, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Leon F. Jennings.



February 22, 2017 at 03:24 PM



“ *From the guys at Rockford Fire Station #4. purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers* for the family of Leon F. Jennings.



From the guys at Rockford Fire Station #4. - February 22, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ *All the best to the Jennings Family.*

Matt Lewis and Family

matt lewis - February 22, 2017 at 08:38 AM