



Leon G. Wilczynski

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Leon G. Wilczynski, 83, of Covington, Louisiana, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, October 13, 2024.

Lee was born on January 22, 1941, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Alex and Leone Wilczynski. He graduated from West Catholic High School and, shortly after, enlisted in the U.S. Army. While stationed in Hawaii, he developed a lifelong passion for cooking.

Lee was married to Elaine (Laidlaw) Wilczynski for sixty-one years, and together they raised three daughters: Christine Wilczynski-Vogel (Jim Vogel), Danielle Wilczynski and Erinn Neyrey (Christopher Neyrey). Lee cherished his role as a grandfather to his three beloved grandchildren: Casey, Erinn, and Beckett.

Throughout his sales career, Lee was known for his unwavering work ethic and passion for life. He was an active participant in Toastmasters and the Kiwanis Club, where he connected with his community and honed his public speaking skills. Lee enjoyed mentoring and coaching sales professionals and was the author of *Choose Your Destination: Discover the Motivation Equation = Results*, a book reflecting his deeply held belief in personal growth and determination.

An avid music fan and exceptional baritone, Lee was a long-time member of the choir at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church and truly cherished his participation in that group.

In retirement, Lee found joy in his regular gatherings with his lunch and breakfast groups. He remained active, forming close friendships with his morning walking and bicycling companions.

Lee will be remembered for his strong opinions and beliefs and enthusiasm for life's simple pleasures. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and dedication to his family, friends, and community.



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In lieu of flowers, the family requests you consider donating to Covenant House, 611 North Rampart Street, New Orleans, LA 70112; 504-584-1111; www.covenanthouse.org.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 West 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433 on Monday, October 21, 2024, with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m. until a Mass of Christian Burial at 2:00 p.m.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. Please sign the guestbook at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



Events


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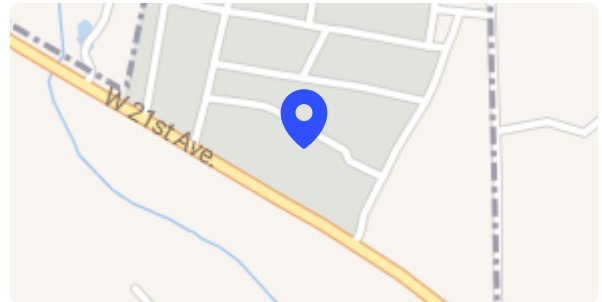
Visitation

 **Monday**, October 21, 2024


 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

 **E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**

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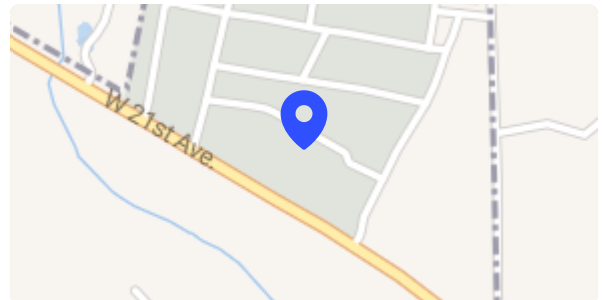
Mass

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 2:00 PM CT

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Joe Savarese posted:

My favorite quote by Leon when he was asked why he is still working.His reply:"I'd rather make money than spend money".Straightforward logic. BTW I'm still working at 72...Leon told me to.And he's a gentleman, a man of his word.The world lost a good one.-Joe Savarese

November 6 at 11:43 AM



Tom Mooney posted:

Leon and I formed the four roses quartet in high school. Our friendship has lasted over sixty years. Leon was a true friend and I will miss him.Tom Mooney

October 25 at 4:24 PM



Mike & Betsy Soltysiak planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Leon.



October 22 at 8:49 AM



Mike & Betsy Soltysiak sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wilczynski family.



October 22 at 8:49 AM



The Harris Family posted:

Our family was blessed to know Lee for 20+ years as parishioners of OLL. Via his friendship, speaking and writing, DISC profiling, egg roll dinners, Christmas candy and endless hours of mentoring in Toastmasters, Lee truly shared his values and beliefs. Peace and comfort to Elaine and family.

October 21 at 6:05 AM



Sue And Steve Denny And Greg Soltysiak sent a Joyful Memory to the Wilczynski family.



October 18 at 9:53 AM



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Vikki W., Dave P., Heather B., Tanya B. sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Wilczynski family.



October 18 at 9:29 AM



Lisa Rodenkirch posted:

Our most sincere condolences to Elaine and her family. Lee was a great neighbor and an endless source of information and inspiration. Thomas and Lisa Rodenkirch

October 17 at 4:35 PM



Maria L. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Leon.



October 17 at 4:14 PM



Ben Motion posted:

It's difficult to put into words all that Lee has been throughout the 20+ years that we have been friends: exceptional family man, devout, fast friend of many, entrepreneur, mentor, salesman, author, cook (especially Polish and egg rolls), public speaker, story teller, singer, philanthropist, national recognized expert in sheet piling - in short a modern renaissance man. Three days before his untimely passing and as he was driving me to the airport, he was wondering whether to start a new venture - just to try new challenges. Many have been blessed by knowing him and will miss his physical presence, but not his spiritual one. He was the epitome of true friendship. I can think of no better way to memorialize him than with a gift to Manresa, which he attended each Spring for many years.

October 17 at 1:33 PM



From April & The Roll Form Group Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Leon.



October 17 at 10:46 AM



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FF

From April & The Roll Form Group Family sent a Serene Retreat to the Wilczynski family.

October 17 at 10:46 AM



MW

Mike Walsdorf posted:

Lee was a sincere wonderful individual. Lee became an Our Lady of the Lake choir member about 1983 when I first met him. He was a very intelligent entrepreneur salesman and a very dedicated caring person. I will miss him . May his soul rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon him.

October 17 at 9:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Wilczynski family.

October 17 at 7:17 AM



DJ

Dawid J. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Leon.

October 17 at 5:27 AM



SA

Sandy posted:

Lee was an exceptional communicator and a man of immense generosity. He kept in touch and called me every year for over 25 years always asking me about my health and happiness. Just a wonderful man who will be missed.Sandy Rich

October 16 at 12:38 PM

RB

Rhonda And Brad Bowles planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Leon.

October 16 at 5:17 AM





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Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Wilczynski family.

October 16 at 5:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Summer's Light Bouquet to the Wilczynski family.

October 16 at 4:13 AM



Frank Massara And Angelina Ellis planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Leon.

October 15 at 3:13 PM



Frank Massara And Angelina Ellis sent an Arrive in Style to the Wilczynski family.

October 15 at 3:13 PM





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MZ

Marymartha And Ed Zyniewicz posted:

Lee was more than a brother to me. He and I attended grade school and high school and worked together in a west side of Grand Rapids gas station starting when I was 15 and he was 16. We kept up with other activities, until one day when Mary and I were setting up our home in New Orleans, Lee gave us a call telling us he was living there. And we continued our brotherhood on so many levels of social, spiritual, and intellectual enjoyment. I could talk without hesitation, clearly and accurately for an hour about our mutual adventures in each of these areas. Underlying all this was a wonderful humor and enjoyment of each others adventures. words can only barely touch the surface of the relationship he had with Mary and I. He visited our house exactly one week before he died; that one visit put the dot on such a cherished relationship. We shall both miss him dearly and love him forever. Mary and Ed Zyniewicz in Grand Haven, Michigan

October 15 at 1:55 PM

BZ

Bob Zayko October 18 at 7:16 AM

I lost a high school classmate & friend who called regularly to check in on me. I think Lee made everyone of our class reunions & probably put on more miles getting there than any other attendee. I spoke to Lee a few weeks ago & he forwarded me an article that he had recently written. I also think that Lee had more LinkedIn connections than anyone else I know. I truly will miss Lee's calls but he has a higher calling now. My condolences to the family. Bob & Joanne Zayko.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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