



Norman James Leisure, Sr.

August 21, 1933 - October 31, 2018

Norman "Pop" J. Leisure, Sr., 85, of Lexington, died Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Born in Chester, WV, on August 21, 1933, he was the son of the late Okey W. Leisure, Sr. and the late Bernice Newman Leisure. He was a US Army retiree who honorably served his country for 20 years. During his enlistment, Mr. Leisure was deployed in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars where he received many commendations. After his military retirement, he enjoyed a 30-year career with the Richland County Sheriff's Department. When Mr. Leisure wasn't serving his country or community, he enjoyed playing golf.

Survivors include his loving wife of 47 years, Peggy Ann Myrick Leisure; children, Angela Stone (Kenneth) of Columbia, Norman J. "Jim" Leisure, Jr. of Lexington; grandchildren, Jeffrey Nettles (Courtney), Matthew Nettles (Megan), James Leisure (Kristen), Alexander Leisure, Brandon Leisure (Braylea), and Ashton Leisure; great-grandchildren, Xiyah, Londyn, Allison, Everett, Chloe, Jamia, and Benjamin; sister, Judy Swope; as well as his dog, Clyde. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings, Okey W. Leisure, Jr., Orville Leisure, and Thelma Bennett; as well as a great granddaughter, Laney Nettles.

The graveside service for Mr. Leisure will be held at 2 o'clock, Monday, November 5th at Woodridge Memorial Park, 138 Corley Mill Rd, Lexington, SC. The family will receive friends from 4 until 6 o'clock, Sunday afternoon at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia. The family will also receive friends prior to the graveside service at the residence of his daughter.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 200 Center Point Circle, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210.

Cemetery

Woodridge Memorial Park

138 Corley Mill Rd
Lexington, SC - SOUTH
CAROLINA, 29072

Events

NOV **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel
7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC,
US, 29223

NOV **Service** 02:00PM

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Woodridge Memorial Park
138 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC, US,
29072

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - November 03, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ Happy Father's Day to my Daddy!!! God knows I miss you so much every single day! I miss talking to you, laughing with you and even arguing with you!! I wish you were here for one more chat!! One more doctor's appointment... One more anything!! I know you're all well and all healthy now but this hurts like hell not having you here!! It doesn't get easier but I know you're in a better place and that sure helps!! I love you Daddy!!

Angie - June 15 at 07:52 PM



“ Sorry day now you can rest in peace.. Love you always your loving daughter Kathryn Leisure

Katie Leisure Sams - November 14, 2018 at 03:30 AM



“ Rest in peace pops there's none like you you will be well missed at RCSD God bless you and your family eternally now and forever more, your brother in Christ and The Thin Blue Line member (Matthew McCants "Ret Richland County Sheriff's Deputy SRO").

Matthew McCants - November 05, 2018 at 10:22 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Thanks you for your Service. You will truly be missed.

Eargle's Paint and Bodyshop - November 05, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ I am very proud to have served with Pop 72/75 at Fort Jackson, after retiring from US Army he work at Richland County Sheriff's Dept RIP my friend. Prayers for the family

Homer H. Eargle

Homer Eargle - November 04, 2018 at 01:32 PM



“ I served with “Pop” like my brother Gordon did at RCSD. He also served with our dad at Fort Jackson. Didn't believe in resting your arm in an open window of a patrol car you were driving because it looked unprofessional. I believe he ate a honey bun every day I saw him! RIP my friend!

Glenn Ross - November 04, 2018 at 06:22 AM



“ RIP
Sir after a very long tour of duty to the U.S and the county you have earned it. Pops served with my dad in the army then I served with him at the county. We worked the desk , road and when he worked in evidence and supply you had better have that paper work done perfect or else especially the ticket audits loved them !

Gordon Ross - November 03, 2018 at 10:57 PM



“ Pop was my road Sgt at the sheriff's office he's always there for you I always had a lot of respect for him I went buy the sheriff's office a couple years ago he was still working the sheriff's office lost a good employee



Earle seaborn - November 03, 2018 at 06:34 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Norman James Leisure, Sr..



November 02, 2018 at 06:33 PM



“ Pop was my Sergeant several times during my career with Richland County Sheriff Department. He was amazingly well organized and dedicated. He was a classic and one of a kind. He was the kind of man that holds an organization together. He took care of his men. If you needed something he was the person to ask. If you wanted sweet words always wither or not they were true go to someone else. If you wanted the mission accomplished and the troops taken care of he was your man. Dwayne E. King Jr.

Dwayne King - November 02, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ Carmen Powers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Norman James Leasure, Sr..



Carmen Powers - November 02, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ As a rookie in 1986, I remember Pop as a Desk Sergeant when I was on midnight shift. He would make my first patrol assignment to pick his coffee up at the Seaboard Diner, where the Blue Marlin Restaurant is now located. I don't know if the coffee contributed to his longevity or spoke of his strong constitution, but all I can say about that coffee was that the location was convenient to the Sheriff's Department on Huger Street!

One of my last experiences with Pop was at our Headquarters last year. I had my work vehicle backed up to the rear door, getting ready to load about 40 cases of ammo when Pop walked up. As I started to load the first case, Pop grabbed a case and started passing them to me 1 at a time. I thanked him, but told him I could load the rest, but he stayed there and passed me every case. And they weigh about 40 pounds each! He was quite the man!

As I get older and time passes, I lose track of peoples age and got to thinking about Pop and how long we worked together when I realized this 84 year old man was doing this with me in the 98 degree August heat!

Pop used to love working the Fair and all the ladies at Finance loved him, They would bring him food and drinks to keep him going. He worked so many hours, I think he had mastered sleeping standing up with his eyes opened.

I truly enjoyed my time with him at the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

Joe Shampine

