



Leonard A. Heeke

April 16, 1927 - August 22, 2021

Leonard A. Heeke, age 94 of Celestine, Indiana, passed away at 5:35 p.m. on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at Brookside Village in Jasper, Indiana.

Leonard was born in Gary, Indiana on April 16, 1927 to Raymond and Martina (Jenkins) Heeke. He married Mary Catherine Kluesner on June 30, 1951 in St. Celestine Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on March 30, 2019.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and member of the American Legion Post #147 and the VFW Post #673.

He retired as a clerk from ANR Pipeline in Celestine after many years of service.

Leonard was an active member of St Isidore Parish - St. Celestine Catholic Church, where he served and led many church committees.

He was a founding member of the Celestine Community Club, was the recipient of the first Distinguished Service Award by the then Celestine Jaycees. He served as a torch bearer for the State of Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay in 2016, served as a 4-H leader and was active in many community activities.

Leonard enjoyed outdoors activities around the house, spending time on his computer, and spending time with friends and family, especially attending his grandchildren's events. May we remember Mary and Leonard's motto to living: "love is the key to happiness"

Surviving are three daughters; Debbie Weyer (Steve), Ferdinand, Judy Schnarr (Glenn), Celestine, and Carol Schroering (Mark), Jasper, two sons; Ken Heeke (Joy), Greencastle, and Tom Heeke (Bernadette), Celestine, fourteen grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren with one on the way, stepbrothers and stepsisters.

Preceding him in death beside his wife were his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Leonard A. Heeke will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Monday, August 30, 2021 at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

At the wishes of the family, masks and social distancing will be required for the Mass and visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Isidore Parish or the Celestine Community Club.

Condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

St. Celestine Cemetery

6864 Indiana 164
Celestine, IN 47521

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Celestine Catholic Church
6864 East State Road 164
Celestine, IN 47521

Tribute Wall



“ Leonard A. Heeke

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. I am so very sorry for you loss

Karen Klnnaird

Karen Kinnaird - August 30, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ Just learned of cousin Leonard's death. Our deepest condolences to the family.

Always will be grateful and remember the assistance, and work he did for and at the Heeke reunions. I saved and treasure some of the letters He sent me over the years.

Very sorry I am unable to attend his funeral.

*Sharon (Heeke) Kennedy (Butch).
Brownsburg*

Sharon Kennedy - August 30, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss! Such a dear sweet man! His influence will be felt for generations.

David and Gale Young

Gale Young - August 30, 2021 at 09:36 AM

DC

“ *The bonds and memories of our families are woven like a well crafted quilt. May the loving arms of God our Father welcome Leonard to His heavenly banquet. May the omnipresence of Jesus Christ bring peace and comfort to all who mourn Leonard's passing from this earth. May God's perpetual light shine upon Leonard and his memory be eternal.*

Dawn Cox - August 25, 2021 at 05:16 PM

RW

“ *Ruthie Wiles lit a candle in memory of Leonard A. Heeke*



Ruthie Wiles - August 25, 2021 at 01:46 PM

RW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Leonard was one of friendliest and genuinely loving person I have ever met. He will be truly missed. Love prayers to the family. Ruthie and Billy Wiles.*

Ruthie Wiles - August 25, 2021 at 01:45 PM

CH

“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the entire family.*



Chris Bohnert Hinkle - August 24, 2021 at 07:21 AM

CH

To the Leonard and Mary Heeke family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of the great loss of your Dad, may he Rest in Peace the Carl and Lynn Horvath family

Carl E Horvath - August 26, 2021 at 06:01 PM