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The earthly journey of Leonard F. Endris ended on Sunday, August 22, 2022. A service to honor his life will be held at the First Baptist Church, 1400 Nolan Trace, Leesville, Louisiana on Wednesday, August 24 at 11 a.m. Visitation will be held from 5 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, at Labby Memorial Funeral Home, 601 S. Fourth Street, Leesville, Louisiana. The services will be officiated by Dr. Matthew Endris, assisted by Bro. Darin Worthington and Deacon Bill Endris. Burial will follow at Old Anacoco Baptist Church Cemetery.

Leonard was born in Pana, Illinois, on July 22, 1947 to Marcellus (Puddy) and Juanita Bertin Endris. He was educated in both parochial and township schools in Pana, and was graduated from Pana High School in 1965.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served for four years. He served in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Norway, and Thailand. During his deployment in Thailand, he was assigned to the 56th Special Operations Wing. After a year of distinguished service at Nakhon Phanom AFB, Leonard was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal and was named the First Term Airman of the Year for NKP in the Pacific Air Command. He finished his service at Barksdale AFB in Bossier City as a Staff Sergeant.

Leonard enrolled at Northwestern State University in September, 1970. He received a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management in 1973 and a Master of Science in Zoology in 1974. He served for 28 years on the Alumni Board of Directors and was named as Board Member Emeritus in 2019. He was a loyal Demon football fan and supported athletics through attendance and donations. Since 1980 he faithfully occupied Section F, Row Q, Seat 17 of Turpin Stadium. Tickets for this season were purchased!

He married Robbie Williamson Endris (“Rinkie”) on August 11, 1972, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 11, 2022. They had two sons, Matthew and Paul.



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Serving as a Deacon at Trinity Heights Baptist Church was a great honor for Leonard. After moving to Leesville he was honored to serve as a Deacon at First Baptist Church for one year before illness prevented further service.

Leonard worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the US Department of Agriculture. He enjoyed his career working with landowners and local governments to preserve our natural resources and to improve habitat for wildlife.

He was preceded by his parents and two siblings and their spouses, Richard Eugene and Mary Ann Endris of Virden, Illinois, and Dolores (Endris) and Donald Hill of Effingham, Illinois.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Robbie Endris, two sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew and Jana DeBusk Endris and Paul and Jamie Evans Endris. He had seven grandchildren: Claire, Paris, Levi, Champ, Olivia, Silas, and Judson. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Marilyn Endris of Pana, Illinois along with a large number of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family wishes to thank caregivers including Petra Michaloski of Companion Care and the staffs of Hospice of Leesville, Vernon Home Health Care, and Byrd Regional Hospital. Special appreciation is given to Dr. Gerald Calegan of Baton Rouge and Dr. Guru Ghanta, Dr. Jose' Mathew, and NP Amanda Brown of Leesville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Leesville, the NSU Foundation for the "Leonard F. Endris Memorial Scholarship," 535 University Parkway, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71497, or to the Gideons International.

Words of comfort may be expressed to the Endris Family at www.labbymemorial.com



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JE

John Emerick posted:

I am so sad to hear of the passing of my cousin Lenny.. We went to school together in Pana, and while I didn't know him as well as I would have liked, we shared family kinship.. His grandma Velma Bertin, and my grandma, Eva Slater, were 1st cousins.. Always enjoyed Lenny's smile, attitude, and general love of life.. He is, and always will be greatly missed

August 22 at 7:00 PM

RA

Richard Aycock posted:

Robbie, Matt, Paul I shall always remember him with great joy. He was a wonderful friend. We shared some lively times whether at work, duck hunting, or fishing. He loved his family passionately. I will see you at the funeral. God Bless You.

August 22 at 7:00 PM

AM

Anita Endris Manuel posted:

I know you will be lovingly missed by many. I only wish we had gotten to meet and get acquainted dear Cousin. Give my regards to all our family members living in the "Light of His Face".

August 22 at 7:00 PM

RF

Ronald Fertitta posted:

Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always.

August 21 at 7:00 PM

SD

Sally Word Davis posted:

Rinkie, you and your family are dearly loved by so many. Please know that as I think about Leonard, I am praying for all of you.

August 21 at 7:00 PM

DJ

David Johnson posted:

Prayers will be with your family and Ms.Robbie. A fine man to many and raised some good men.

August 21 at 7:00 PM



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CB

Claude Baines posted:

"A friend closer than a brother" would be fitting for my friend Leonard. Thoughtful, steady, and always there for you. Will see you again soon my brother.

August 21 at 7:00 PM

DA

Dale Tillman Ashfield posted:

Rinkie, I will keep you and your precious family in my prayers. Leonard was one of the best! I love you.

August 21 at 7:00 PM

RP

Ray Presley posted:

Robbie, Matt and Paul, we are so, so sorry to hear about Leonard. He was a very special and wonderful person that will be greatly missed by many. May the Lord bless each of you with the peace that comes from knowing that he is now in a more wonderful place and you will get to see him again one day. Y'all will be in our prayers. Your friends, Ray & Gloria Presley.

August 21 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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