



Leslie Frank Honey

July 13, 1936 - November 7, 2017

Leslie Frank Honey, age 81, passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at his home in Cairo, Illinois, surrounded by loved ones.

He was born on July 13, 1936, in Tamms, Illinois, to Charles Frank and Zula Anderson Honey. He married Cecelia E. Cummings on September 2, 1960.

Les is survived by his wife, Cecelia; one daughter and son-in-law, Ellen Denise Honey and Ira Erlich; sister-in-law, Sandy Potts (Larry); brother-in-law, Elmer Cummings (Tara); and nephews and nieces and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Lois Beasley; and his brother, Jim Honey.

Les lived a life of service to God, family, country, and his fellow man. He was a member of Mighty Rivers Regional Worship Center (Cairo Baptist) where he served as a Deacon, Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, member of several Mission Teams, Church Clerk, and Chairman of the Advisory Board. The 18th season of Upward Basketball was dedicated to Les, celebrating his service and his Upward spirit.

He began his professional career as a teacher, first at Olive Branch and Tamms, and then in the Cairo Public School System. Les became a social

worker in 1961, working his way from case worker to Administrator of Alexander and Pulaski Counties Department of Public Aid.

He served in the United States Navy from 1963-1965 aboard the USS Point Defiance.

His hobbies and interests were varied and numerous--wood carving, building and flying model airplanes, photography, hiking, guns, and hunting until Ellen put her foot down about the "poor little squirrels."

He volunteered at Fish & Wildlife Refuge. He was both a conservationist "tree hugger" and a member of the NRA.

Les was a volunteer for Hospice of Southern Illinois. He and Cecelia were recipients of the coveted "Butterfly Award" for their excellent service.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Cairo for more than 50 years and a former member of the Elks Club, where he was on the ritual team.

His deep love of family was returned in kind as he was cherished and cared for at home through his long battle with Alzheimer's disease by his devoted wife Cecelia, his daughter Ellen, and other family members and friends.

Visitation will be held at Mighty Rivers from 4:00-7:00 on Thursday, Nov. 9. The funeral celebration of his life will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 at Mighty Rivers, with his brother-in-law, Rev. Larry Potts, officiating. Interment will be at 11:30am Monday, Nov. 13 at the National Cemetery in Mound City with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Mighty Rivers in memory of Les.

Cemetery Details

Mound City National Cemetery

Mound City, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mighty Rivers Worship Center
1000 Poplar St
Cairo, IL 62914
(618) 734-0319

church service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie Frank Honey*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *We were sorry to hear of Les's passing. He, his siblings and parents were multi-generational friends of our families. His struggle during what should have been his golden years was simply heartbreaking. I'll always fondly recall my last "good" conversation with him. The topic was completely inconsequential, but it felt good and right. I'm certain Lois and Jim were excited to see him.*

Jeff Farris - November 10, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ *Cheryl Walston lit a candle in memory of Leslie Frank Honey*



Cheryl Walston - November 09, 2017 at 10:24 PM



“ *Sending Love and prayers to Pud and Ellen. May all your beautiful memories help you on your journey without Les. He will forever be in your hearts. Love you both, Cindy Fry Gilfoyle*



Cindy Fry Gilfoyle - November 09, 2017 at 03:37 PM

KC

“ *Kanda & Mark Cummings lit a candle in memory of Leslie Frank Honey*



Kanda & Mark Cummings - November 09, 2017 at 01:55 PM

CG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Carol and Randy George - November 09, 2017 at 10:41 AM

MC

“ *Morrissa Clanahan lit a candle in memory of Leslie Frank Honey*



Morrissa Clanahan - November 09, 2017 at 10:35 AM

ID

I will always remember Les as one who loved the outdoors and the wild creatures of nature. For many years, he participated in the Spring Bird Count in Alexander County and clearly enjoyed the opportunity to witness the return of spring birds. He was also instrumental in establishing safe havens for wildlife. The world has lost a caring and generous man. My sincere condolences go out to the family.
Ida Domazlicky, Cape Girardeau

Ida Domazlicky - November 15, 2017 at 10:17 AM

MC

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. The devotion you and Les shared will live on in your wonderful memories. I will always remember him as one of the nicest people i have met. I will keep you and your family in my prayers
Peace is with him now as he makes his new home in heaven with our Lord.

Morrissa Clanahan - November 09, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ Kay Vick lit a candle in memory of Leslie Frank Honey



Kay Vick - November 08, 2017 at 03:17 PM

DP

“ Cecelia, so sorry for your loss Les was A wonderful person Mom and Dad thought so much of you all, they always spoke so highly of Les.
Will be keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Dave Petermichel - November 08, 2017 at 09:24 AM

CB

“ I went to church with Les he lived what he believed.He always knew who you was if he seen you out

Crystal (Chrissy Grace) Baker - November 08, 2017 at 03:22 AM