



Mr. Leon Peterson, Sr.

July 24, 1955 - July 23, 2024

Mr. Leon Francis Peterson Sr. was born on July 24, 1955, to loving parents, Arthur and Helen

Peterson in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Leon received his formal education at Beloit Memorial High School in his hometown. He

earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business at Upper Iowa University.

Leon accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age at Wesley CME Church in Beloit, WI.

While at Wesley CME Church, he was a member of the young adult and adult choirs. He

was also a member and vice president of the Christian Youth Foundation (CYF). Leon later

joined Christ the King Baptist Church in August of 1999, where he served on the Seeds to

Grow by Ministry.

Leon and Gail (Liston) were united in holy matrimony in 1989 at Greater Galilee Missionary

Baptist Church in Milwaukee, WI. His blended family includes two children, Crystal and Leon Jr.

He was employed by Wisconsin Power & Light in Beloit, WI for several years.

He was most

recently employed by We-Energies as a construction supervisor. Leon retired

in 2016 due to

Iness. He was blessed with a heart transplant in January 2016, which allowed him to live life

to the fullest for over 8 years.

Leon loved sports, excelling in basketball, football, and track during high school. He was

an ardent football fan. It was his belief that there is only one team in the National Football

League worth cheering for - the Los Angeles Raiders. His smile and cheer at every touchdown

brought life to any game. Leon was also a passionate golfer; traveling in and out of state to

various golf resorts and tournaments.

His happiest moments were when his family were all gathered together. He looked

forward to family reunions, annual Super Bowl parties, and holiday get-togethers - particularly

Christmas. Leon was affectionately called "Griswold" because of his holiday decorations.

Leon had a great sense of humor and was a devoted friend and confidant to many.

His lighthearted and kind nature radiated and filled our lives with fun that could only come

from him.

Mr. Leon Francis Peterson Sr. departed this life on July 23, 2024. He was preceded in death

by his: parents, Arthur and Helen Peterson; sisters, Gloria Vance and Patricia Thomas; and

brothers, Arthur Peterson and Douglas Peterson.

He leaves to cherish his memory: loving wife, Gail Peterson; daughter, Crystal Peterson;

son, Leon Peterson Jr.; mother-in-law, Renella Liston; brothers-in-law, Jessie Liston Jr., Mark Liston, and Francis Vance; sister-in-law, Patriece Brown; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Baptist Church
7750 N. 60th St.
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Baptist Church
7750 N. 60th St.
Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

MI

“ Patricia Crawford, I Pray For You As You Prepare To Lay Your Father To Rest On Today. Hold The Memories Close And Let No One Take Those Memories From Your Heart. I Love You Patsy ❤️

Muriel Cook, Rockford II - August 03, 2024 at 08:51 AM

EA

“ Eric and Ana Ashley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Leon Peterson, Sr..

Eric and Ana Ashley - August 03, 2024 at 07:55 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Leon Peterson, Sr..



August 03, 2024 at 07:55 AM

CR

“ Dear Gail & Family- May God be with you in the loss of your husband and father.

“Until you meet again & part no more.....”

Our hearts grieve with you all too.

Love,
Cheryl

Cheryl Randall - August 03, 2024 at 07:37 AM

HD

“ Our nickname for Leon was "Babe". A good friend, a good man and a Bid Whist brother. If they let you play Bid Whist in Heaven, then I want to reserve a table for Babe and the boys. We will tone down the trash talking.

We talked about getting together in Vegas this year. i was looking forward to it. I'm going to miss you.

God Bless you Babe and God Bless your family.

Henry Darnell

Henry Darnell - August 03, 2024 at 01:59 AM

BS

“ Brooke Harris & Lakiya Smith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Leon Peterson, Sr..



Brooke Harris & Lakiya Smith - August 02, 2024 at 10:39 AM

RS

“ Rhonda S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Leon Peterson, Sr..

Rhonda S. - August 01, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Leon Peterson, Sr..*



July 31, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Leon Peterson, Sr..*



July 30, 2024 at 11:46 PM



“ *The Hill Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Leon Peterson, Sr..*



The Hill Family - July 30, 2024 at 01:16 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Leon Peterson, Sr..*



July 29, 2024 at 04:04 PM

WS

“ Will & Lakiya Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Leon Peterson, Sr..

Will & Lakiya Smith - July 27, 2024 at 09:57 AM

WS

“ Will & Lakiya Smith purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Leon Peterson, Sr..



Will & Lakiya Smith - July 27, 2024 at 09:57 AM