



Leonard William Carr

October 3, 1932 - August 12, 2016

Having battled prostate cancer, Parkinson's, Dementia and Polyneuropathy, Leonard died peacefully in Park Manor Westchase in Houston at 83 years old. Len leaves his loving wife of 56 years, Joan, and their three children and seven grandchildren: Cathy and Trey Campbell and sons Jackson and Dillon from Utah; Carol (Murphy) Kiburz and children Sarah and P.J. from Dallas; and Christopher and Shannon Carr and children Will, Clara and Christian, also from Dallas. Len's sister-in-law, Cecelia Carr, her son William G. Carr, Jr., and two daughters Cecelia St. Clair and Patricia Rodrigues, with families, also survive him.

Leonard grew up in Bayonne, NJ with parents Mildred Delaney Carr and William M. Carr and his brother William G. Carr, Sr. who have predeceased him. After attending Bayonne High School in New Jersey, Len graduated from Seton Hall University in 1954. He entered the US Army in Fort Dix, NJ, and served in the Military Intelligence Unit of the First Logistical Command in Fort Bragg, NC from 1954 to 1956. He was honorably discharged in 1962. Len received his MBA from Seton Hall University that same year.

Len's career was in the food business. He started out in the advertising department of Acme Supermarkets in Newark, New Jersey where he met and married his wife Joan, a summer employee. Len and his family moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he was a product manager with Durkee Famous

Foods, and was instrumental in marketing O & C Onions (now French's). The Carrs returned to New Jersey in 1967 when Len was promoted to Assistant General Manager of the Reeves division in Brooklyn NY, marketing olives and olive oil. In 1972, the family reached its final location in Houston where Len was employed by Riviana Foods. Len then traveled to Spain, Portugal and Norway as President of Carexport Company for Carbonell Olives of Spain. Len later incorporated Three C Enterprises, and owned it from 1983 to 1992. He sold drink machines, wine and cookies in later years.

A gourmet chef, Len enjoyed preparing delicious meals for family and friends. For five years he was a proud member of a winning chili cook-off team that raised money for the Cenacle Retreat House. A longtime member of St. John Vianney Parish, he prepared dinners over a two-year period with a group from the Men's Club for monthly meetings, and served iced tea at the Church Bazaar for many years.

While courting Joan, Len drove a red MGA and, in later years, he and his son Chris purchased a green one. Len and Joan were active members of the Houston MG Car Club and enjoyed many fun events, weekends in Salado and two cruises with this lively group. Len served in executive positions and organized Christmas parties, anniversary parties and hosted international dinners at home for the Club.

In hat, sunglasses and long-sleeved shirt, Len captained the family's motorboats for 30 years. He also enjoyed beach vacations and Mexican resorts. Until the last few years, he played golf, was a member of theater and dinner groups, played bridge and looked forward to Thursday lunches with the guys. Joan and Len traveled to many states visiting family and friends.

The Gipsy Kings, flamenco artists, were his favorite music group, and he and Joan followed them to Dallas and Austin as well as Houston venues. After

falling and fracturing his wrist walking into their concert, Len refused an ambulance ride so he wouldn't miss his beloved band. An avid sports fan, Len helped to coach Chris' teams, and had season tickets to the original Houston Aeros hockey team, A&M football games for 4 years, and the Houston Rockets.

The family wishes to thank the staff members of Park Manor Westchase and Vantage Hospice who were so kind and caring during the last few months of Len's life. Our many friends have been an unbelievable support system, and words cannot express our gratitude to them.

Visitation will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079 on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated in the Activity Center of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079 at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. A reception will follow on the church campus. Following the reception, Len will be buried at Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77038.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

VA Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77038-1502
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.as
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Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Funeral Mass

AUG 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079

Reception

AUG 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

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625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
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Graveside Service

AUG 17. 1:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Leonard William Carr

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Leonard William Carr

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Leonard William Carr

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Leonard William Carr

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of Len. Our hearts go out to you during this trying time and may our prayers serve as comfort to you and your loved ones. We are thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and comfort as you remember Len who was so close to you. Caring thoughts are with you.

Bill & Rosalyn Schmidt

Bill & Rosalyn Schmidt - August 24, 2016 at 01:07 PM

AS

“ We are sorry to hear about the passing of Leonard.
Please accept our heartfelt sympathy to the Carr families.

Art and Lorraine Schmidt

Art and Lorraine Schmidt - August 18, 2016 at 11:52 AM

TW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Carr's passing. I have fond memories of neighborhood gatherings at your house when we were young - always with great food :). My condolences and prayers got out to all of you.

Tracy Ott Wallingford - August 17, 2016 at 03:53 PM

RU

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to the family. It's very comforting to know that in the near future 'God will swallow up death forever, and he will wipe away the tears from all faces.' Isaiah 25:8

ruby - August 16, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of Leonard William Carr.



August 16, 2016 at 01:05 PM

SS

“ My earliest memory of Len was when he and Joan stopped in to visit during their honeymoon (at least I remember the picture of them posing in our backyard). Len really took to dancing in a snakeline at our first family reunion. Our deepest sympathy to Joan, their three children and many grandchildren. Sylvia Schmidt and Claude Gilbert

Sylvia Schmidt - August 16, 2016 at 12:35 AM

YH

“ Leonard was a dear friend and neighbor for 29 years. Too many stories and laughs to share, but he will be sorely missed by the entire Hogan family and by his good friend Steve Martin.

Yvonne Hogan - August 15, 2016 at 01:09 PM

BR

“ It was a feeling of helplessness and sadness as we watched Leonard succumb to the ravages of Parkinson's disease over the last few months. This cruel affliction took a good man. We now take comfort in the thought of him existing in God's presence for eternity.
Bill Rice

Bill Rice - August 15, 2016 at 11:19 AM

DD

“ Len was a Member of the Houston MG Car Club since 1986. He served as President of the Club in 1989. He savored his MGs and enjoyed the Club friendships even more. We are going to miss our Friend Len.

Dwight Dawson - August 15, 2016 at 11:07 AM

PB

“ Leonard always had a smile on his face and I know he made Joan happy.

Pat Burton

Pat Burton - August 15, 2016 at 08:00 AM

VK

“ We will remember Len for his smile and humour. All the fun times at the Schmidt family reunions, he and we enjoyed. Our Deepest Sympathy to Joan and family.

Vi and Emil Knebel

Vi Knebel - August 14, 2016 at 05:15 PM



“ Len was always a pleasant person to be around. Our condolences go out to Joan and all her family. Love, George and Gerri Schmidt

Gerri Schmidt - August 14, 2016 at 04:45 PM

WT

“ Len was a great friend for 44 years. He contributed so much to the church and community. He always was a positive type guy everybody liked. We will miss him.

Walt Thome - August 13, 2016 at 04:23 PM

OS

“ So sorry to hear about Len passing. He will be missed. Sympathies go out to Joan and all the members of the extended families.

Peace and love.

Otto

Otto Schmidt - August 13, 2016 at 03:58 PM