



Maurice Joseph LeGrand

December 19, 1935 - December 14, 2024

Maurice Joseph LeGrand, 89, dearly beloved by his family, died peacefully early Saturday morning, December 14, 2024, at his home in Houston Texas.

Maurice was born February 19, 1935, in Benton, Missouri, the youngest of five children of Andrew Clemence and Agnes Mary Welter LeGrand. Maurice attended St. Denis Catholic School and graduated as valedictorian of Benton High School's Class of 1953. During high school Maurice met Patricia Joan Moore of Commerce, Missouri when they participated together in the Student Council. They married on August 18, 1956 at St. Denis Catholic Church in Benton.

Maurice attended college at Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy in Rolla, Missouri. He was active in Triangle, AIChE, Alpha Chi Sigma, IFC, Rollamo Board, Blue Key, Phi Kappa Phi and Tau Beta Phi. In May of 1957 Maurice graduated with first honors in Chemical Engineering. That same month he and Patricia welcomed their first child Cynthia Marie. Shortly after graduation Maurice received an Army Engineer Reserve commission and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. While there, he and Patricia welcomed their second child Sandra Michelle.

Following his active duty military service, Maurice began his career with Esso at Humble Oil in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where their third child John Maurice was

born. Over the following years Maurice and his family moved to additional assignments at Esso/Exxon subsidiaries in Venezuela, Australia and Texas.

Following retirement from Exxon, Maurice greatly enjoyed his time making furniture in his woodworking shop, attending Stratford High School football games and watching Astros, Longhorns and Texans games. He and Patricia volunteered at St John Vianney Catholic Church, where they were active members for over fifty years, and also volunteered together in many local civic activities. Maurice and Patricia traveled to several states, and especially enjoyed their trips back to Southeast Missouri to visit family and friends. Most importantly, they provided great love and support to their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Maurice was preceded in death by his parents Andy and Agnes LeGrand, his brother Leon LeGrand and his sisters Geraldine Douglas, Wilma Grojean and Mildred LeGrand and by his son-in-law Charles Eggert Jr.

Maurice is survived by his wife Patricia and their children Cynthia Eggert, Sandra and Thomas Paulley and John LeGrand. He is also survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren Christine Eggert, Charles Eggert III, Catherine Eggert, Willam and Mary Kathryn Paulley, Claire and Matthew Nusser, Noah Anderson, Joseph Paulley, Christopher Paulley and Benjamin Paulley.

A funeral mass will be held on Monday, January 6th at 10:30am at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Houston Texas followed by a reception at the church. A private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of customary remembrances the family requests with appreciation that memorial contributions in memory of Maurice LeGrand be directed to St. John Vianney Catholic Church of Houston Texas.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Reception to Follow Service

JAN 6. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“Maury was my first group leader when I joined Exxon (EPR) in 1974, and was a great mentor to me during the first ~4 years of my career. He always had a positive outlook and often passed along encouragement to new employees. He had the patience of the biblical character Job, always went the extra mile to explain how things could get done and never lost his cool when things didn't quite go as planned. He always stood up for the younger crew. I really appreciated his support and leadership. I offer my sincere condolences to all of his family and friends. - Drew Stackel

Drew Stackel - December 27, 2024 at 10:44 PM