



Leo McMullen

December 27, 1923 - December 26, 2005

Louis Leo McMullen, 81, Topeka, died Monday, December 26, 2005.

Leo was born December 27, 1923 in Emmett, KS where he grew up and graduated from high school. He was the son of Louis Charles and Pearl Mae Fitzhugh McMullen. Leo entered the Army in 1943 serving in France during WWII where he earned the Bronze Star. He left active duty in 1946 and retired as a major after 30 years service in the US Army Reserve. Leo went to work for Santa Fe in 1943 as an auditor and retired in 1983. He was an accomplished, self-taught, harmonica musician, very active in the VA music therapy (with Gary Johnson), and won national music competitions. In 1945, Leo and Margaret Mary "Peggy" Kelly McMullen were married in Bath, England. They later divorced.

He is survived by his children, son, Jim McMullen, his wife, Peggy, Colorado Springs, CO, and children Shelly, Jimmy Jr., Ryan, and Amber, son, Mike McMullen, his wife, Jackie, and their children, Kelly, Todd, and Lindsay, Omaha, NE, daughter, Pat Beeman, her husband, Bill, Lincoln, NE and their children, Angie and Chad, and daughter, Kathy Speaker and her children, Trisha, Shannon and Trent, Topeka; eight great grandchildren; two brothers, Francis McMullen and Myron McMullen; and four sisters, Margaret Perry, Ursula Anders, Betty Parker, and Darlene Woodruff. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, William Joseph McMullen, and sisters, Thelma

Heston and Delores Murden.

Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Holy Name Catholic Church. Private inurnment will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Peggy Kelly House, 1800 SW Fairmont Rd, Topeka KS 66604.

Tribute Wall



“ *Leo McMullen*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Mike, Jim, Patty and Kathy,*
I was saddened to hear that your father had passed away. Leo always treated me with respect and kindness whether it was at his home, at Hayden basketball games, or at the Army reserve center. Please accept my deepest sympathy.
Fernando Granado

Fernando Granado - December 29, 2005 at 01:47 PM



“ *Kathy,*
I am so sorry for your loss. I have been honored to have known Leo and to make music with him for so many years at the Colmery-O'Neil Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He was truly an inspiration to me and to his fellow veterans. He will be missed. May God Bless you and your family during this most difficult time.

Gary Johnson - December 29, 2005 at 08:43 AM

LB

“ Kathy - We are so sorry to hear about the death of your dear father. We only met Leo once - when he played the harmonica at Kelly I while our dad (Richard Rohr) was still living there. He seemed like a man I would have like to have known. We were both blessed with special fathers and it is hard to lose them. If your dad is making music in heaven, then I know that my dad will be kicking up his heels! Our thoughts are with you and your whole family at this time of loss.

Lannie & Mike Buford - December 28, 2005 at 03:34 PM

RR

“ Jim and Family,

Leo sounds like he was quite a character. God Bless you and yours. I'm very sorry for your loss. Dwell on all those good times with your Dad...

Rob Robbins - December 28, 2005 at 02:32 PM

MM

“ Jim, Mike, Pat, Kathy and the entire McMullen family,

May God's grace and love comfort and sustain you, today and always. Uncle Leo's service, joy, constant encouragement, and love for life and music inspired us all. May we so carry that light and legacy for all to see!

There's a new song playing at the reunion dance in heaven today!
All our love and prayers.

Michael and Lisa Murden-NC - December 28, 2005 at 11:46 AM

TC

“ I'm so sorry about Uncle Leo. He will be missed. Our love to you all!
Tabitha Carver-Roberts and Kiana Roberts

Tabitha Carver-Roberts - December 28, 2005 at 10:14 AM

MG

“ Kathy, I'm so sorry you have lost your father.
Thinking of you with fondness and sadness.
-Marcene

Marcene Grimes - December 28, 2005 at 09:07 AM

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Marcene Grimes - December 28, 2005 at 09:05 AM