



Leon Phelps

June 5, 1940 - June 25, 2020

Leon Phelps, 80, of New Castle, Indiana, passed away peacefully at home on the evening of Thursday, June 25, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on June 5, 1940, in Somerset, Kentucky, a son of the late Leslie and Lora Phelps.

Leon moved to New Castle in 1959 to work for Jefferson-Smurfit Corporation. He worked at both the New Castle and Anderson Plants before retiring on February 6, 2004, following 40 years of employment. He also worked for Kern's Nursery for many years. Leon married the love of his life, Ruth Smith, of July 9, 1960. They were members of Eastside Community Church in New Castle.

Leon enjoyed playing horseshoes, camping, and fishing. He was an avid sports lover and for many years coached Little League Baseball. He was a family man and they were always his number one priority.

Those left to cherish Leon's memory include his loving wife of almost 60 years, Ruth Phelps; three caring children, Debra (Kevin) Garner of New Castle; Jeffrey (Shannon) Phelps of North Carolina, and Randy (Molly) Phelps of Warsaw, VA; 13 grandchildren, Brandy, John, Amber (Chris), Nathan (Cassie), Kimberly, Kyle, Gregory, Eric, Mikayla, Tristan, Heather, Nicki, and

Ashley; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Delpha Sawyer of Columbia, SC, and several nieces and nephew.

In addition to his parents, Leon was preceded in death by two brothers, Hollis and Arvin Phelps and a sister, Louellen Malkemus.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at Sproles Family Funeral Home. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 10 am until noon on Wednesday at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Leon Phelps.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
New Castle, IN 47362
(765) 521-2400
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<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

Service

JUL 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Judy Nichols Barber lit a candle in memory of Leon Phelps*



Judy Nichols Barber - July 01, 2020 at 06:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leon Phelps.*



June 30, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leon Phelps.*



June 30, 2020 at 01:33 PM

CS

“ *Charles & Jewell Smith lit a candle in memory of Leon Phelps*



Charles & Jewell Smith - June 30, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ 145 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - June 30, 2020 at 10:41 AM

G3

“ G3/5/7 purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of *Leon Phelps*.



G3/5/7 - June 30, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Leon Phelps*.



June 30, 2020 at 05:01 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray* was purchased for the family of Leon Phelps.



June 29, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Leon Phelps.



June 29, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Leon Phelps.



June 29, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Leon Phelps.



June 29, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ Heather Garner lit a candle in memory of Leon Phelps



Heather Garner - June 29, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Jeff. I'll always cherish the memories of you and your Dad picking me up for ball practice (basketball) and the times at Weir School during school functions. He was always there for you all. Leon was fine man. Your all in our prayers . God bless you all in days ahead. RIP Leon .

Ricky Davis - June 29, 2020 at 04:21 AM



“ My Soul Lives On Blanket was purchased for the family of Leon Phelps.



June 28, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Leon Phelps.



June 28, 2020 at 01:27 PM

DW

“ I am very sorry for your loss 😞...losing parents is so utterly hard. Please take one day at a time and allow your heart and soul to mourn and then heal. God be with your families 🙏🙏...💔



Debbie Waechter - June 28, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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“ So so sorry for your loss. Prayers with your family

Norma - June 28, 2020 at 11:44 AM

BS

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all!



Barbara Smith - June 26, 2020 at 11:04 PM