



Leonard Carlton Chapman

March 10, 1935 - December 29, 2018

Leonard Carlton Chapman, age 83, passed away at his home in Goose Creek, surrounded by his family on Saturday, December 29.

Leonard was born March 10, 1935 to Chalmers Clinton Chapman and Emmie Bryant Chapman of Perry, Georgia.

He married Hortense Bailey on November 13, 1957, and they traveled the country together as a Navy family with their children, Beverly, Richard, and Emmie. Leonard retired from the Navy in 1974 after 20 years of service, including commendations and wartime duty in Viet Nam. In Viet Nam, he was stationed at Cat Lo Naval Base where he actively handled Agent Orange and participated in brown water naval activities.

After his retirement, Leonard stayed active in his community. He was a member of the Berkeley Shrine Club for many years and served as a past president. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 166, Tincan Sailors, and Goose Creek Masonic Lodge 401.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Hortense, his children, Beverly Meadows, Richard Chapman, and Emmie Lindner, his grandchildren, Alicia (Mike) Meadows, Josh (Leslie) Meadows, Jessica (Adam) Marickovich, Stephanie (Matt) Sparrow, and Brandon (Jesse) Lindner, and great grandchildren Alyssa, Connor, Kara, Ella, Evie, and Tess.

A Memorial service for Leonard will be held on Thursday January 3, 2019 at American Legion Post 166, from 3-7 PM, located at 116 Howe Hall Road, Goose Creek, South Carolina 29445.

Arrangement in care of Charleston Cremation Center And Funeral Home.

Events

JAN **Memorial Service** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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American Legion Post 166

116 Howe Hall Road, Goose Creek, SC, US

Comments



“ I was still on active duty stationed onboard the USS Hunley and took a part time second shift job at Braswell Shipyards (04/1981). When I reported to Salmons Pier, where the USNS Kileuea was being overhauled, I was told to report to the night shift hull lead man, LC. When I got there, I met this gruffy guy with a scowl on his face, and asked me "what do you want?" I said "they told me to see you". He said "that was your first mistake"

We worked together for the rest of LC's working life until he retired, at Braswell (when he got promoted, I got promoted too) then at Metal Trades.

LC loved Scotland trips... working on the Los Alamos.

LC either liked you or would never like you. There wasnt any in-between. Fortunately, I was on the 'Like side'.

LC had a saying for everything, all in good humor. He would always say on his way out the door it was time to go home and "kiss the dogs and pet the wife". I first heard that 37 years ago... Im sure somebody somewhere heard it last year too. In truth he was one of the most loyal and faithful family men I have ever known and that was just his humor.

LC didnt drink anymore, for as he would say, he was "so damn nervous he spilt most of it."

Like most, when I think back on my time in LC's life, it will be with a smile. He will be missed.

My sympathy to the entire family, and LC - rest in peace... you certainly earned it. You left this world a better place than you found it...

Rest in Peace,
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