

Mr. Jerry H. Leonard

September 3, 1930 - May 16, 2023

Jerry Halstead Leonard, a long-time resident of Tallahassee, Florida, entered into God's kingdom on May 16, 2023. Jerry was born in Milton, Florida on September 3, 1930, to Homer Absalom and Clara Bell "CB" Leonard.

On June 19, 1952, after graduating from Florida State University, he married the love of his life, Dorothy "Dot" Ivy Johnson. They were active members of Fellowship Baptist Church in Tallahassee, Florida, where Dot played the piano and Jerry led the music. Together they raised four sons.

Jerry worked for the Florida community college system and finished his career as Vice President of Business Affairs at St. Petersburg Junior College. During retirement, he and Dot traveled the United States in their motor home and enjoyed time with their children and grandchildren.

After Dot's death in 2014, Jerry was blessed to find love again with Tawanna Hay. They enjoyed three wonderful years of marriage, love, and companionship before Tawanna's death in 2018. Jerry is also preceded in death by his brothers John Leonard, Jim Leonard and Jack Leonard; and his beautiful grandson, Grant Christopher Leonard.

He is survived by his son, David Leonard (Diane) of Marietta, Georgia, Don

Leonard (Beth) of Roswell, Georgia, Richard Leonard (Jill) of Marietta, Georgia and Dan Leonard of Tallahassee, Florida; stepsons, Karl Hay (Laura) and Keith Hay (April); and stepdaughter, Sheryl Vickery (Farris); grandchildren, Leslie Leonard (Chuck), Melissa Muñoz (John), Hannah Leonard and Kiki Leonard; as well as five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Fellowship Baptist Church in Tallahassee on May 22, 2023, at 10:00 AM, with the funeral service at 11:00 AM. Interment follows at Tallahassee Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellowship Baptist Church
3705 N Monroe St
Tallahassee, FL 32303-2752
(850) 562-2040

Funeral Service

MAY 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



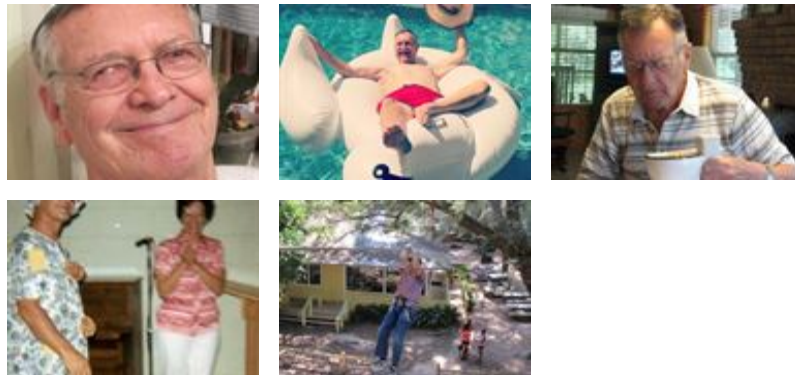
“ *Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jerry H. Leonard*



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - May 19, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - May 19, 2023 at 11:33 AM

JJ

“ Jane Garlock, Janie (Ernie) Parker, Jill purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Jerry H. Leonard.



Jane Garlock, Janie (Ernie) Parker, Jill - May 18, 2023 at 08:09 AM

JE

“ Uncle Jerry was an amazing man! As a little girl at the annual Easter and Christmas family gatherings, Uncle Jerry was always so friendly, energetic, and joyful. In later years, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Dot vacationed to Seattle to visit John and me, and we enjoyed wonderful camping trips together in our various recreation vehicles. Uncle Jerry was always so supportive and encouraging! His steadfast faith, beautiful marriage, ever-present humor, and wonderful sons have always been an inspiration. One of the fun things to do while John and I traveled was to give Uncle Jerry a call, and answer his always question, "where in the world are you now"? He always made us feel like he was right there with us, enjoying whatever adventure we were on. While we will miss Uncle Jerry terribly here on earth, we are thrilled that he is now Home and surrounded by so many of his loved ones. What a blessing my Uncle Jerry has been!

Julie Eidson - May 17, 2023 at 07:13 PM

DN

Agreed, Julie! He always made us feel so special and valued, and I'm so thankful that I'll get to see him again ❤️

Donie Nichols - May 22, 2023 at 07:32 PM

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I forgot to add that what was spoken about him is absolutely what I think of: giving and gracious, kind and good

Donie Nichols - May 22, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry H. Leonard.*



May 17, 2023 at 04:33 PM