



Leon M Hardy

July 29, 1937 - August 29, 2015

Leon M. Hardy, 78, of Benton Harbor died Saturday, August 29, 2015, at his home.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 2 PM on Tuesday, Sept 1, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. Burial will follow in Millbury Cemetery. The visitation will begin at 1 PM on Tuesday at the Fairplain Chapel. Memorials may be made to Hospice at Home or the Benton Harbor Police Department. Please share memories, messages or photos at <http://www.florin.net>.

Leon was born on July 29, 1937, in Jackson, TN to Max and Buna Hardy. He married his wife, Shelby, in 1954 and together they celebrated 56 years of marriage. Shelby preceded him in death in 2010. Leon was a police officer with the Benton Harbor Police Department from 1957 to 1981. He retired as a lieutenant from the force in 1981 after 25 years. After retirement he became a Journeyman electrician and was self-employed from 1981 to 2006. He was a life member of FOP Lodge 100 and the First Freewill Baptist Church. Leon enjoyed going "Up North" to his property where he would hunt, fish and camp. He loved to aggravate and joke with his children and others. Leon was independent and strong willed and enjoyed being with his family.

He is survived by his children, Robin (Rhonda) Hardy of Niles, Pam (Bob) Kurland of Tampa, FL, Chris (Lori) Hardy of Tampa, FL and Penny (Reg) Martine of Benton Harbor; his sister, Linda Hardy of Niles; his 15 grandchildren and his 13 great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a son, Anthony, in 2014.

Cemetery

Millburg Cemetery

Roslin Road

Benton Township, MI,
49022

Events

SEP **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI, US,
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SEP **Service Celebrating His Life** 02:00PM

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SEP **Burial** 03:30PM

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SEP **Luncheon** 04:00PM

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First Free Will Baptist Church
3472 Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, MI, US, 49022

Comments



“ I know you're smiling down on me right now. Throughout all of the sadness today I got that one special moment that will forever bond us. I love you ya old ornery aggravator. Gonna miss you like crazy. Ill always be your #1!

Amber - September 01, 2015 at 06:34 PM



“ To my Aunt Linda and my cousins...I am sorry for our loss. There are so many memories I have of family picnics at FOP 100...my sisters and I thought when uncle Leon would stop by our grandmothers in uniform , he was a hero of some kind . He was a rock
To his family and I know he will missed by all of us RIP UNCLE LEON ...Warren Merrill
and Cathy Burns

carhy burns - September 01, 2015 at 02:41 PM



“ I got to know Leon when I worked at the Walmart pharmacy in Benton Harbor. When he came in he would say "Hey there babycakes and give me a big hug". I sure looked forward to those hugs. He was such a sweetheart and so was his wife. He will be missed so much. So sorry for your loss. Diane Morrow



Diane Morrow - September 01, 2015 at 09:07 AM



“ I first got to know Leon when I joined the BH Police Department, June 1965. He was my Sgt. for about 5 years. He was good work with and was a friend. After we moved to Florida in 1970 he stopped for a visit and we really enjoyed that.

Rest I peace old friend.

Bill & Jean Matthews

Bill Matthews - September 01, 2015 at 07:02 AM



“ I knew Mr. Hardy all my life and liked him very much. My sincere condolences to his family.

James Watkins - August 31, 2015 at 08:34 AM



“ Pam, Penny, and your Families,

Sympathies to you on the loss of your Father. I only met him once when he and your Mother came out to Countryside; but he came up so much in our daily conversations. It was apparent he was a special person. I hope the happy memories you have will help ease your sorrow.

Becky & Steve Doak

Becky - August 30, 2015 at 06:30 PM



“ Leon Hardy Family;

We are saddened at learning of Leon's passing. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family, Leon was not only a great man but we shared a special friendship. Leon was a part of our family the Hulls, Bowens. Never met anyone quite like him, every time we departed each other's company we felt so much love. Thank you for sharing him with us for so many years. My prayer to the family is that the many fond memories you shared with him will give you peace in the days and weeks ahead.

From the family of the late Rev. Ellis L. Hull, Sonny Bowens, and Leroy Hull

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sonny bowens - August 30, 2015 at 03:13 PM



“ Steve, Shawn, Kayla & Steven purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Leon M Hardy.



Shawn & Steve Foster - August 30, 2015 at 12:21 PM



“ Leon and I grew up and attended school together in Benton Harbor. He and my late brother, Ross Spencer, were police officers who worked together for several years and I frequently heard of Leon and his exemplary work in law enforcement. He was a good man who I believe left this world a far better place than the one he found. Thank you Leon and I join the family in mourning your far too early death.

Jim Spencer, Huron, OH

Jim Spencer - August 30, 2015 at 06:39 AM