



Mr. Horance Alton Leopard

January 18, 1932 - May 10, 2023

Graveside services for Mr. Horace Alton Leopard, 91, of La Porte, Texas, will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Bridges Cemetery. Interment will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Mr. Horace passed away Wednesday May 10. He is preceded in death by his parents, Marion Thornton and Essie Taylor Leopard; wife of over 56 years, Peggy Sue Snelgrove Leopard; and sisters, Francis and Helen. Left to cherish his memory are his son Jason Leopard; daughters, Lorilee Leopard, and Amy Sharp and husband Richard; sisters, Lois Greer and Shirley Greer; grandchildren, Jackson Lee and girlfriend Carli Wheeless, Kelsey Miller and husband Ben; and a host of many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Horace, a longtime resident of La Porte, Texas was born January 18, 1932, in Henderson, TX. He attended Tyler Commercial College and was drafted into and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army 547th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. After serving, Mr. Leopard received his bachelor's degree in business from North Texas State University. Horace had a successful twenty-five-year career as a business owner in retail food sales. During the late 1960s through the early 1980s he held all the Dairy Queen franchises in

Pasadena, Texas. His last 40 years were in Commercial Real Estate as an agent, broker and developer in the Pasadena and La Porte area. Mr. Leopard had a soft heart for new, small business start-ups and offered many individuals advice and assistance. He was involved with the Kiwanis Club and was awarded lifetime membership. The Salvation Army was dear to him and, as long as he was able, you could find him ringing the bell for donations at Christmas or selling cases of red delicious apples as a fundraiser. As a member of the First United Methodist Church of La Porte for more than 40 years, he actively served on various committees, and enjoyed helping on church workdays.

Horace loved listening to Texas swing music, most specifically Bob Wills & His Texas Playboys. As a young man, Horace played a stand up bass in a band (the Leopard Cats) with his father and uncle, sometimes even performing live on the local radio station. Horace enjoyed travel with his late wife Peggy. They visited much of the country and loved river cruises in the Pacific Northwest. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and spoiling them with trips to Galveston, San Antonio, Chicago and showing them where he grew up in Rusk County. Horace was an avid genealogist, enjoying the search for relatives as far back as the American Revolution. Although computers and cell phones arrived late in his life, he worked very hard to get up to speed, always finding time for a couple games of computer solitaire.

Horace will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Condolences may be made at www.crawfordacrim.com

Cemetery Details

Bridges Cemetery

FM 348
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Graveside Service

MAY 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

Bridges Cemetery
FM 348
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall

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“ I didn't know Mr Leopard, but went to school with his sisters. Sincere sympathy to the family.



Winnie Ramey. - May 16, 2023 at 02:42 PM

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Horace will be deeply missed! I remember him often staying with us in Richardson when Uncle Herbert was in the hospital. So many great memories of Grandmother's Day on Leopard Hill. You never knew what was going to happen.

Su Layne Cox - May 17, 2023 at 06:18 PM