

Mr. Leon "Goose" Chapman

May 24, 1938 - May 8, 2015

Mr. Leon "Goose" Chapman, 76, of Nacogdoches, went to be with the Lord on May 8, 2015 in Nacogdoches. He also lived in the Oak Flat community, where he has a farm. He was born May 24, 1938 in Rusk County to the late Robert Obie Chapman and Ellen Francis (Hutson) Chapman. After high school, Leon entered the hardware business before serving in the United States Army from 1961 to 1963. After his service, he went back to the hardware business and worked for Peden Iron and Steel. He later opened his own business, Chapman-Smidt Hardware, which he operated for 35 years.

He was wed to Geraldine (Frady) Chapman on Sept. 7, 1963. The two were happily married for 51 years. He was a loving husband, father, and was the proud grandfather of eight grandchildren. Leon loved his Bluegrass music, and also listening to the Gaither's on television. Leon spent most of his life in Houston before moving to Nacogdoches four years ago. Throughout his life, he was very faithful to the church and recently began attending Smyrna Baptist Church, where he was saved and baptized at the age of 12.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his nephew Gregory Dean Boatman.

Survivors include: wife Geraldine "Gerry" (Frady) Chapman, children Teresa Karen Brake and husband Jerry, Randy Leon Chapman and wife Melinda, and

Sharon Rene Courtenay, grandchildren Jeremy Kyle Brake and wife Rocio, Landon Ryan Brake, Taylor Ann Chapman, Jordan Renee Chapman, Mason Leon Chapman, Ariana Rene Buchanan, Ciara Hope Buchanan, and Levi Julian Courtenay, siblings Robert Wayne Chapman and wife Jane, Dean Lamar Chapman and wife Tommie Faye, Sally Marie Latham and husband Walter, Odis Carroll Chapman and wife Peggy, Alvin James Chapman and wife Renate, and Vernon Luell Chapman and wife Nevonda, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Funeral services for Mr. Chapman will be held at 2 pm on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 in the chapel of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. Matt Gholson and Rev. John Paul Little officiating. Interment will follow at Holleman Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Tony Boatman, Kim Chapman, Phillip Chapman, James Chapman, Bryon Holt, and Derek Chapman.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Holleman Cemetery

Mt. Enterprise, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

MAY 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ I remember Leon "Goose" playing basketball for the Laneville team that went to state in 1956. My father was Superintendent of the schools at that time.

Stan Wylie

Stan Wylie - May 20, 2015 at 10:59 AM

WL

“ Leon was not just my Brother-in-law but also a friend that I will miss. I enjoyed our many discussions about the condition of this world and what the Bible says about the coming end times. I will miss our talks. He was a good Christian man and we all know where Leon is. I thought about him on Mothers Day that he was wishing his Mother, "Happy Mothers Day" in person. All of his brothers and sister have been very close for all of the years and I know that they will all miss him but they all will see him again. I will keep all of Leon's family in my prayers.

*God Bless you all,
Walt*

Walter Latham - May 15, 2015 at 11:42 AM

RG

“ We are thinking of and praying for all the families. We always enjoyed when he was at Smyrna, and will sorely miss those "Amens" and "That's right" coming from two rows back. Our homecoming is soon, but he is at the greatest homecoming of all. Our loss is heavens gain.

Robert and Diane Gholson

Robert & Diane Gholson - May 14, 2015 at 04:09 PM

TH

“ Remembering Uncle Leon... To a great man I did not get to see all that often but who always had a smile and hug for me. I will miss his contagious laugh, deep voice and "Amens." With all our love and tears today and always. Praying for God's Peace and Comfort for Aunt Gerry, Teresa, Randy, Sharon and the rest of the Family.
The Huenefeld's - Tina, John, Lauren & Layne

Tina and John Huenefeld - May 13, 2015 at 11:46 AM



“ Uncle Leon I have so many cherished memories of you from new years parties to pranks with a game call and hunting trip on the big bus and the many conversations we had over the years love you always Kim (Boadie) Chapman .May God be with you Gerry, Teresa,Randy,and Sharon and your families.

Kim Chapman - May 12, 2015 at 11:06 PM

SL

“ My dear brother Joe - What a ride we had together through life. I will remember all of the good times we had. You were always there for me when I needed you. I will miss you more than I have words to express. I will see you again.
I love you,
Sally

Sally Latham - May 12, 2015 at 02:17 PM

JJ

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God give you peace and comfort at this time of sorrow.


Jo Ann Jones - May 12, 2015 at 04:21 PM

DB

“ I have very fond memories of my uncle Leon, who was more than just an uncle to me. Just a few of these things come to mind when I think of him. Pillar, steadfast, leader, mentor, funny, loving, businessman, friendly, farmer and last but most important spiritual! He will be missed more than words can express!
May God continue to bless his family now and always!

Love to you all,
Dena Chapman Bulanek

Dena Bulanek - May 12, 2015 at 12:20 PM

 Tia Searles

“ Mr. Leon and Randy were the first people to really take a chance on me as a young lady with very little knowledge in the world of construction. It is because of them that I am where I am today. Mr. Leon will be greatly missed but his memory will live on forever. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family in this time of mourning.

Tia Searles - May 12, 2015 at 11:54 AM

BD

“ Mr. Leon was a kind and very compassionate man. His knowledge of door hardware was astounding and I am grateful for the time he spent teaching me and his patience in helping me learn which ultimately is the foundation of my career. He will be dearly missed, but I know without a doubt, he is with Jesus now.....probably "hollerin at some squirrels." :) His love for God and love for his family was such a huge inspiration in my life. Will be praying for his family for peace that surpasses all understanding.....

Brooke Dousay - May 12, 2015 at 10:34 AM

SN

“ Thinking of my dear friend. My prayers are with the family at this time. Sincerely, Paul "Scooter" Nichols

Scooter Nichols - May 12, 2015 at 07:05 AM

SS

“ Sorry for the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. Praying for comfort and peace for your family in this time of need.

Susie and Brad Stayer

Susie Stayer - May 10, 2015 at 04:46 PM

LC

“ My brother Joe will be missed very much, but our fun memories I will cherish for ever!

Lamar

Lamar Chapman - May 10, 2015 at 02:57 PM

WC

“ Remembering you fondly... Bagley won't be putting bullnettlles in your cotton rows anymore. The rows will be shorter in Heaven. With all our love always, "Squirrel" and Jane

Wayne and Jane Chapman - May 10, 2015 at 02:09 PM

JL

“ Such a nice man. Karen and I pray the Lord's comfort and peace for family and friends.

John Paul and Karen Little - May 10, 2015 at 06:03 AM

TV

“ Gerry, Teresa, Randy, Sharon, and all Leon's family:
So sorry to hear that Leon passed away. I'm so glad that I was able
to spend some time with him at Mom's birthday party. Little did I
know that he would soon be gone.
Bev and I will keep you all in our prayers.
Tom Vaughn

Tom and Bev Vaughn - May 09, 2015 at 09:56 AM