



Mr. Leonard W. Harrison

December 16, 1931 - January 3, 2016

Leonard W. Harrison was born in Niagara Falls, New York to the late Archie and Evelyn [nee Weasner] Harrison.

He survived by his wife: Gail Harrison; daughter-in-law: Kathy Harrison;

two grandchildren: Chris [Lindsey] Harrison and Julia Harrison;

one brother: Donald Harrison; three nieces: Gail Krysa , Robin Hachick [Ray Martin], Lisa [Dan] La Barbera; and nephew: Jim Hachick [Dave Paytek], and many longtime friends and neighbors.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, two sons: Michael and Daniel Harrison,

Memorial contributions may be left to the charity of your choice.

Memorial Service will be held at noon on Friday January 8th at Bellerive Mausoleum Chapel,

740 North Mason Road, St Louis MO 63141

Tribute Wall

BG

“ Len was such a positive influence in my life. He was like a grandfather who inspired me as well as many others every day. Every time I would see him he would come up to me with his big smile and bright blue eyes, kiss me on the cheek, and tell me I had gotten more beautiful than the last time. That's a memory I hold with me every day. He instilled the confidence in me that I didn't have. Seeing Len brought a smile to my face no matter what was going on that day. There were many times I would go to visit and Len and I would sit on the back porch and talk. We talked about school and life. He told me stories about his past to teach me life lessons. Watching Len show his love for Gail was so sweet. He cared so much for her. There love in my eyes was like a movie. Those movies that get girls excited to see that true love. Many say it isn't real but it is. Len and Gail are the perfect example of it. Len has left me with so much to share in the world and I am forever grateful for having a man like that in my life! Love you

Brianna Ginder - January 15, 2016 at 07:41 PM

MS

“ Morgan Roberts Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard W. Harrison



Morgan Roberts Sr - January 14, 2016 at 10:27 AM

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Carmen Roberts - January 12, 2016 at 10:43 AM

CR

I apologize that this video may not be compatible to all who are wishing to view it through cellular, Apple (MAC) devices (this is controlled by the site). As an alternative, here is a link to the video noted above in apple compatible formatting.

<https://vimeo.com/151530346>

I hope that you each will be able to view this video.

Thank you.

Carmen Roberts.

Carmen Roberts - January 12, 2016 at 10:57 AM

CR

Also, you may download the video if you choose through the attached link above. Thank you again.

Carmen

Carmen Roberts - January 12, 2016 at 11:01 AM

TH

“ I've only known Len for about 9 or 10 years. I will always remember his great, genuine smile when he saw family and friends. He would always enjoy the time spent with family. He always made me feel welcome and would take an interest in what I had to say. I remember Len and Gail talking about New York and many stories about that town and the food there. It was obvious Len loved Gail very much and would do anything for her. I feel very privileged to have known Len and will always remember his great smile and his love for life.



Tim Hertlein - January 11, 2016 at 10:31 PM

MJ

“ Len was the kind of guy that when you see him, he'd have that giant smile that everyone knows and loves. He was like a grandfather to me. Every time we'd get together for a holiday he would open his arms wide and have that smile shining and would give a big hug. He was always ready to crack a joke at any given moment. He was the type of person who seemed to know what to do at any given time. That is just one of the many reasons why I have always treasured knowing him. I have known him for all of my life, he will be one of the greatest people I have ever met and will ever meet. I can still see that smile while he's reading this. Love you Len and Gail. Thank you Len for my time I was able to see you <3



-Morgan Roberts Jr.

Morgan Roberts Jr. - January 11, 2016 at 10:05 PM

EI

“ I can't imagine anyone that embodies joy more than Len. Every holiday he would greet you with a big hug and a huge smile, and he always let you know what you meant to him. He lit up any room he walked into. I'll never forget my 21st birthday when we all went to a dinner theater and Len solved the mystery. It made it so special that he was there, and my life has been so much better for having had Len in it. I considered Len a grandfather and I miss him everyday but I have so many happy memories that I'm thankful for because of him.

Eileen - January 11, 2016 at 09:33 PM

MS

“ I only knew Len for 12-13 years but it didn't take long at all to see just how wonderful he was. I think he was the most positive person I have ever met. Every moment spent with Len taught me some valuable life lessons. He showed me (as well as others I'm sure) just how far a simple smile and a little laughter will go. Doesn't matter if we just shared a meal or all afternoon.....when we parted I always felt refreshed.

Len showed us all what was most important in life.....family, friends, laughter and love. I can hear the words flowing from his mouth....."sometimes you have to stop and smell the roses". I will do just that my friend.

His love for Gail was always on display. There is no doubt he would do just anything for her. What a perfect couple. Thank you so much for being a part of my life. My thoughts and prayers are with you Gail.

God Bless
Morgan Roberts Sr

Morgan Roberts Sr - January 11, 2016 at 11:33 AM

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Carmen Roberts - January 11, 2016 at 08:15 AM

PG

Gail, This tribute is beautiful. Don't think I ever saw him when he wasn't smiling ! Thinking of you ! Did not want to bother you yet. He will be missed by all who met him.

*Love You ,
Patsy*

patsy Green - January 11, 2016 at 09:28 PM

CR

“ It is difficult to put in just a few words who and what Len Harrison means to me. I have known him for approximately 20 years. He was like a father to me. He lived his life as an example to me on how I want to be. He ALWAYS had a smile on his face. His life was centered around Gail and he loved to make her happy, as she did for Len. Family, friends, living life to the fullest and loving with all of his heart was what completed Len. The love that Len and Gail shared was an inspiration to many, and a true gift. They both cared so deeply for each other and were each others best friend through out their entire relationship. They taught me so much about love, life and relationships.



Len loved his children, grandchildren, family and friends with all of his heart. He loved to share stories. He was so proud of all of those that he loved. I loved listening to all of the stories, as he brought them to life as if I was there. Len and Gail always treated me as a daughter. I have learned so much from both of them. When or if Len thought I was out of line in any area of my life he told me about it and gave me advice on how to correct it, or see it in a different light. When he was proud of me, he also told me how he felt. I never had a phone conversation, or visit with Len and Gail that did not end without an "I love you," this is how they are with all those special in their life. I am so incredibly blessed to have been part of Len's life. I have been so lucky to have shared many hugs, but I wish I had one more! He has been there for me, and my children loving us all unconditionally. I loved him with all of my heart, and looked up to him. He walked on water in my eyes.

Len is a man of integrity, who loves wholeheartedly and lived life to the fullest. He always rose above diversity with Gail by his side. To say they were best friends is an understatement, they were soulmates. I miss him terribly. When I think of Len, I always see the smile and his gentle loving nature. My life is forever changed for the better because of Len. I want to THANK him for this. He was so

very special, and will live in my heart forever.

Carmen Roberts.

Carmen Roberts - January 11, 2016 at 12:18 AM

GK

“*Len was my favorite uncle, if you knew him, you would know why. He touched everyone's lives that knew him. His smile was a ray of sunshine. His loyalty, kindness and concern for all showed what a good man he was. He was one of a kind. He leaves behind a legacy to be very proud of. He will be sadly missed.*

*Gail Krysa. And family.
New York*

Gail Krysa - January 08, 2016 at 06:19 PM

KH

“ I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for visiting here. It is a healing gift to be surrounded by your love & respect for my father-in-law, and for showing us that Len holds a special place in your heart.

It was once written that the value of a person's life is directly related to the number of people they positively affect. Gail's phone has been ringing off the hook since I arrived on Monday! It's clear to me that Len and Gail have positively impacted many lives, especially my own.

I met Len and Gail shortly after I married his son Dan over 30 years ago. It was love at first sight!

I'll never forget those striking blue eyes, his quick smile and easy laughter. We hit it off right away and I can honestly say that we loved each other almost instantly.

Len was such a kind, caring, warm, loving person and always a gentleman. He laughed easily and was easy to love. All those who knew Len couldn't help but like him and have fond memories of the time they spent together.

The first time we met, he and Gail flew into the John Wayne Airport to visit us, which was perfect because Len was a huge John Wayne fan! He was so taken with John Wayne, that he named his youngest son, my husband after him, Daniel Wayne Harrison.

Len had a childlike quality of wonder and joy, which was passed on to his son Dan and his granddaughter Julia. That wonder and joy was evident when he spent time with his grandkids or even just talking about them. He was so excited, I remember him telling me he was going to roll out the red carpet when they were born!

Since I lost my father at an early age, I was always grateful that Len treated me just like I was his own daughter. He always let me know that if I ever needed anything, he would be there for me.

Ever since the first day we met, I loved both Len and Gail as if they had always been my family. Even though we lived on the other side of the country, I was always amazed at how close we were and how that when we did get together, it was like no time had passed at all.

Len was a good man, a loving father and a devoted husband who adored his wife. He was the perfect example of how a gentleman should treat his lady. His love and commitment to Gail was admirable. He was committed to making her happy and would do anything he could for her. If it was important to her, it became important to him. They were inseparable! In fact, it's hard to think of Len without Gail. It's always been Len and Gail...or like her email address, it's GaiLen!

I have yet to meet a family member or friend who didn't know how much he loved and appreciated Gail. She took great care of him and she was his everything! Not only was Gail his everything, she is the glue that keeps family and friends close together.

I'm grateful that Len believed in God, I believe that he is celebrating his reunion with his sons, his siblings and his mother-in-law Ruth. And even though he may not be here today, I also believe that he will remain with us in spirit and that he will be watching out for Gail and our family from his heavenly home.

Thank you, Len and Gail, for being wonderful in laws. Thank you for making sure that I knew you loved me. Out of all the in-laws in the world – I am blessed to have YOU.

Kathy Harrison - January 08, 2016 at 03:16 PM

PG

Kathy, I don't know you , but agree with all you said. I wish I had known him earlier in my life. He was a devoted husband and a great friend. All that knew him will miss him dearly!
Patsy Green(Gail's cousin)

patsy Green - January 10, 2016 at 06:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard W. Harrison.*



January 08, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ *Patsy Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard W. Harrison*



Patsy Green - January 07, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ *Gail, I wish I could be there... I will never forget Len calling me the "Down Yonder Girl"*
I will remember it always. Glad I got to know him. He always had a great smile and seemed happy ! Will miss him too!!
Just know I am thinking of you , always !! Love, Pat

Patsy Green - January 07, 2016 at 08:23 PM

R(

“ Loved living next door to Len and you, Gail....back in the trailer park in the 1970s. Lots of laughs, good sharing. Len had such a positive attitude and good heart. His eyes always had a wonderful warm inviting "twinkle/smile". I was always a little jealous of his (and yours Gail) garden. Especially the tomato plants. What a green thumb. Loved how he sat down at the dining table with you after work each day.....for coffee and a chat about the days events. I would look out my own kitchen window and smile.....and wish I had the same. Your kindness to each other was a wonderful example to me. My thoughts will be with you, Gail. Love, Rosie Brooks!

Rosie Brooks (Weir) - January 07, 2016 at 05:49 PM

TM

“ We were so fortunate to have known Len. He touched so many lives with his smile and wonderful personality. He was such a caring and loving person. Gail, our love and support are here for you always.

The Morrow family

Tammy Morrow - January 07, 2016 at 05:45 PM

CH

“ Living so far away made it hard to spend much time with Len, but the time I was able to spend, I cherished. There are still many experiences that I have never shared with anyone else but my family when visiting Missouri. Of those, the ones that I remember vividly are watching and catching fireflies and riding the lawn mower with Len. Those two experiences were so fun for me as a child and are memories I can look back on now.

Chris Harrison - January 07, 2016 at 04:01 PM

SB

“ I was very young when Len met my cousin Gail so I have had him in most of my life. I can remember going to there trailer and staying riding bikes and having a good time. He always had a sense of humor and could find something funny about almost anything. I could always talk to him about anything even if he did not see eye to eye to me when I was young and thought I knew everything. I am glad that I had him as a guidance in my life when I started to understand and follow what he had been telling me. He has been a great influence in my life and will truly be missed in more ways than I could even mention here. I have another hole in my life that can never be filled again with this loss.

Steven Butery

Steven Butery - January 07, 2016 at 07:03 AM

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Kathy Harrison - January 06, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ When I think about grandpa I think about what a gentleman he was. In the times I spent with him he was so kind and courteous to myself and those around us. The way he treated Gail has been a great example to me.

He has always been supportive, and would express how proud he was of me each chance he got. I loved his smile and laughter just as he loved mine.

Thanks for being a gentleman the chances I got to be with you, grandpa.

Julia Harrison - January 06, 2016 at 05:46 PM

RA

“ I remember visiting with Len when he and Gail ventured to Oregon. He had a great smile and laugh, was very easy to talk too and fun to listen too. So sorry for your loss Gail and I am sure many will share great memories as well Gods comfort be yours.

Robert Auth - January 06, 2016 at 05:02 PM

LA

“ I truly enjoyed meeting Len, my son-in-law's father. He and Gail were so likeable, and it was easy to see how much they delighted in spending time with their grandchildren. I always thought it was a shame that they lived so far away and visiting was much too infrequent. Len will be very much missed.

Linda Auth - January 06, 2016 at 02:54 PM

KH

“ Len was such a kind, caring, warm, loving person and always a gentleman. He laughed easily and was easy to love. He will be missed by many, especially me. I loved him like a father and am so glad to have him and Gail as my in laws!

Kathy Harrison - January 06, 2016 at 09:31 AM