



Leroy James Sisco

November 23, 1943 - June 5, 2020

Leroy James Sisco, of Charlotte, a father who believed that challenging his children made them all better people, passed away on June 5, 2020 in Lansing following a lengthy illness at the age of 76. He was born on November 23, 1943 to Wilbur and Dorothy (Bailey) Sisco in Lansing , MI.

Leroy grew up in financially tough times. He would often tell his family he was so poor he had a bike, but it didn't have a chain or a seat. The challenges he faced helped him learn what he wanted to be as a parent. Following his graduation from high school, Leroy served in the U.S Navy from October of 1961 to November of 1964.

In August of 1967 he met a girl named Linda Carpenter on a blind date. Three months later they were married on October 14, 1967 at the Grovenburg Church, in Holt, MI. Leroy was a family man who was most proud of his family. Above all else he worked to provide a good life for his wife and children. His son described him as a "Derivative"...he grew up with the goal to give his kids the experiences he never had as a child. He was the dad and grandpa who wasn't afraid to hand out hugs and kisses. There were many great experiences he shared with his family. There were many days spent boating and fishing. His sons remember numerous trips to Cedar Point and Kings Island amusement parks. He rode the roller coasters to keep up with his kids, and even took part in the early Karaoke studios at the parks recording more than one "surprising" tune over the years. There were tennis games that helped teach the lesson he wouldn't let you win, you had to earn the win, and numerous other games with the same lesson. His son's Shon and Ryan recall how they challenged each other to improve each other in many circumstances. As Leroy's grandchildren grew up board games such as Sorry gave way to video games such as Soulcaliber where the same competitive challenge was put forth from Grandpa to earn their victory.

Leroy set the standard for others in the family to achieve with a high level work ethic. That was demonstrated over and over through his work for GM as a supervising foreman. He traveled to numerous plants to help solve production problems and fix them. He earned a

reputation within the company of being a fair but stern supervisor who always got the job done. His care for his family and his attention to detail was never more evident than the past few weeks of his life. As his illness progressed, Leroy's number one goal was to make sure that his wife Linda was provided for. His numerous conversations reviewing plans with his family kept him going much longer than anyone ever expected.

Leroy is survived by his two sons, Shon Sisco and his wife Lara, , Ryan Sisco and his wife Christy; Daughter Tiffany Miller and her husband Greg; 17 grandchildren; brother, Carl Sisco; and sister, Lillian (Randy) Cordell. He was preceded in death by his brother Wilbur C Sisco, father, Wilbur Vernon Sisco, and mother, Dorothy Loretta Sisco.

A memorial service will be held Friday June 12th at the Pray Funeral Home at 12:00 noon. Interment will follow at Dimondale Cemetery. The family will receive visitors before the service from 10 am to 12 noon.

Due to current quarantine and sheltering guidelines, the funeral home staff will guide guests through visitation and funeral service for Leroy to assure the safety of family and guests while complying with the current Executive Orders for the State of Michigan. Guests will be asked to wear a face mask. Pray Funeral Home will have masks available for those who may not have one. The funeral service will also be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Leroy's tribute, then click on Photos & videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the webcast.

Friends and extended family members may send flower arrangements to the service as a show of your support for the family if you are not able to attend. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice of Lansing, Stoneliagh Residence.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Pray Funeral Home

401 W. Seminary St., Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

JUN **Memorial Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 12 at 10:19 AM



“ Thank you so much. I couldn't risk attending but felt a part of Roy's well deserved celebration.

Bob - June 12 at 01:06 PM



“ This was so beautiful. I'm so sorry I couldn't be there. This was a wonderful tribute to the nicest man I have ever known.

Nancy Lounds - June 12 at 07:19 PM



“ So sad to hear that Roy lost his health battle, but happy to hear he achieved his wings. May God bless and care for his loving family as they mourn his loss.

Linda & Jerry Cobb

Linda Cobb - June 09 at 12:15 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Rol Walters - June 09 at 11:10 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to Linda and family. Even as you knew Roy was ill for a long time it was a painful shock to know he was not with us any more. I am sad that I have lost my Navy shipmate and long-time friend.

Roy never forget his friends. I saw Roy for the last time at the end of August, 3 years ago, when Roy flew to my home in Roanoke, VA, and we drove to Columbia, SC to

visit Ronald Kinney, a friend from our Navy days, and to meet his family.

Over the years I visited Michigan and Florida and spent time with Shon, Ryan, and their growing families. Even went to Cedar Point to ride the infamous roller coasters!

I can't be with Linda and family to send my shipmate on his last voyage, but I will be watching his memorial service. Roy and I were born 5 days apart and we have been close friends for 59 years. We would always text each other when Michigan State was playing Penn State, especially when our respective team won!! I am honored to call Roy a friend and will miss him until we meet again...

Rol Walters

Rol Walters - June 09 at 08:58 AM



“ Gloria and I were saddened to learn of Roy's passing. I first met Roy at Charleston Naval Base in the early 60s. We had some wonderful times and never really lost touch. Gloria and I are so glad that we got to visit y'all last year. We'll always treasure that visit.

Tom Sommers - June 11 at 12:12 PM



“ TO ALL THE SISCO FAMILY WAS SORRY TO HEAR THAT ROY HAD PASSED AND HAD BEEN ILL FOR AWHILE. I USED TO SEE HIM AT MEIJERS WHEN HE WAS DOING SAMPLE WORK. WITH FOOD. HE NEVER CHANGED ALWAYS SMILING. SINCERLY KATHERINE HARKNESS.

KATHERINE HARKNESS - June 13 at 09:45 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leroy James Sisco.



June 09 at 08:41 AM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leroy James Sisco.



June 08 at 09:18 PM



“ My heart is heavy tonight with the knowledge that Roy is not with us. I know that Roy is awaiting us in heaven and that makes the wait on earth a great deal easier. Roy and his US Navy pals took this 11 year old until his wings when he was stationed in Charleston, SC many years ago. He met my parents at our church. He and friends would spend time at our home thinking that they were relaxing. But it was the beginning of a two year (all too short) engagement of taking a nerdy little boy and showing him how he could begin to respect himself and become a young man. I truly want to express my and my family's sincere gratitude for everything that he did for me and our sincere prayers for his family during this difficult time. May God bless you and keep you in his hands as we go through this grief process.

Ronald Kinney.

Ronald Kinney - June 08 at 06:10 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leroy James Sisco.



June 08 at 04:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leroy James Sisco.



June 08 at 03:31 PM



“ Linda, Bud and I extend our heartfelt sympathies to you and your family at this difficult time. He is safe in his Savior's arms. Gail Drake

Gail Drake - June 08 at 01:55 PM



“ Roy's hard work made my job so much easier. He was a fine example to everyone and the words above certainly describe his life.

Bob Benezette - June 08 at 10:27 AM



“ Bless your spirit in it's travels! I enjoy a lot of fun memories of times past with your family. Sending loving and supporting energies to all. Dolly (Fuller) Chamberlin



Dolly Chamberlin, nee Fuller - June 07 at 07:05 PM