

Denison, KS



Leonard L. Duchesneau, 68, of Denison, KS, passed away Thursday, February 8, 2024 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka. He was born March 19, 1955 at Travis AFB in Fairfield, CA. The son of Master Sgt Rene D. “Dutch” Duchesneau and Wilma Mae Schreiber.

Leonard attended grade school in California and Soldier, KS. He graduated from Jackson Heights High School in 1973.

He worked for Goodyear Tire Company from 1973 - 1980, starting as a Tire Builder, voted to Union Steward then appointed Supervisor over Radial Tire Building and his shifts set performance records. He also worked for the City of Topeka for several years in the Street Dept., Parks Dept. and WPC.

Leonard enjoyed playing softball, basketball and singing. He also loved to hunt and fish. He also enjoyed farming with his family, Cecil and Velma Bottom, Lawrence and Medella Schreiber and various local farmers.

Leonard was a certified ASA Umpire and was assigned to umpire as Chief and District Commissioner to oversee Class D Regional Tournaments held at Soldier Ball Diamond. He coached many men- and women- Co-Rec teams for several years. He was instrumental in creating and rebuilding the Soldier Ball Diamond, including leveling the outfield, new fence and light poles. He also helped organize one of the largest Soldier Parades and the first street dance with the only traveling beer license in the State of Kansas. He helped form the Jaycee- Club and was president for 3 years.

He married Becky Wheeler in 1975, they later divorced. To this union, they had 3 sons, Victor L., Bradley L. and Jacque L.

Leonard married Donna J. Minnis on August 7, 1993 in Topeka, KS. They celebrated over 30 years of marriage.

Survivors include his wife, Donna of the home; 3 sons, Victor L. Duchesneau of Fairview, KS,

Bradley L. Duchesneau (Jamie) and Jacque L. Duchesneau both of Topeka, KS; 2 stepsons, Thomas Judy (Monique) of Topeka, KS and Micheal Judy (Ashley) of Middletown, OH; 2 sisters, Grace Young of Houston, TX and Tawnie Hopkins of Holton, KS and 19 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rene D. "Dutch" Duchesneau; mother, Wilma Mae Duchesneau Muckey; step-father, Cliff Muckey; 2 step-daughters, Chante Judy and Emily Shaffer; sister, Barbara Keehn; brother, Larry Duchesneau and nephew, Dennis Keehn.

Funeral Service will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 15, 2024 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow at the Soldier Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 10:00 - 11:00 Thursday morning at the funeral Home. Memorials may be given to the Jackson Heights High School to be designated for softball and baseball fields c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.