

The passing of Compatriot Charles Leon Land



Charles Leon Land
February 23, 1928 – January 16, 2025

Charles Leon Land at 96 years of age passed away at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. Louis County, Missouri on January 16, 2025.

“Leon” as he was affectionately known, was a wonderful son, husband, father, brother, uncle, and grandfather. He loved his family and loved dancing. His talents in life were refinishing floors and making others laugh. Leon was the son of Albert Clifton (AC) Land and Gertude “Josie” Land born on February 23, 1928.

Leon lived in Leasburg, Missouri as a young child then moved to Ferguson, Missouri, and later in life, he lived in Charleston, Missouri. He graduated from Ferguson High School in 1946 and then served in the United States Army at the end of World War II from 1946 to 1948. After returning from service, he worked along his father and siblings in the flooring business of AC Land Flooring Company. Charles then went into his own business of Floors by C. Leon Land as the flooring contractor until 2013. He then served as a consultant to other flooring contractors.

He was 32-degree Freemason of the Scottish Rite Lodge No. 542 in Ferguson and Charleston Lodge No. 407, Missouri for over sixty years, and a member of the Moolah Shrine of St. Louis Missouri for over forty years. Leon was a member of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the 1310 Carpenters Union, and a member of the United Methodist Church. During his retirement years he lived in Charleston, Missouri where he was active in the community before his move to the Veteran's Home. He was known at the Veteran's Home for his active lifestyle, feeding the birds, taking care of his plants, dancing during Big Band Concerts, and having a fun time with other residents and staff. His smile, laughter, and fun will be greatly missed.

Leon was preceded in death by his loving wife, June Jones Land, with whom he was married to for 49 years before her passing. In addition, Leon was proceeded in death by his parents Albert Clifton Land and Josie Goodale Land, his brothers, (William Land, Albert Land, Eulis Land, Leslie Land, Haskell Land, and Ernie Land Cole) his sisters (Edith Hamlin and Opal Jonas). He has over 77 nieces and nephews with many more great nieces and nephews.

Leon is survived by his daughter, Noel Land-Roeder, and son-in-law, Michael Roeder, with two grandchildren, Nathaniel Roeder, and Allison Roeder.

Services: Visitation was held at Kutis South County Chapel 5255 Lemay Ferry Road on Tuesday, January 21 from 4-7pm. Funeral was held on Wednesday, January 22, at 10:30am. Burial was be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Charles Leon Land was an SAR and Fernando de Leba SAR Chapter Member for 17 years, 3 months before his passing.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to ***Shriners Children's Hospital – St. Louis*** and ***Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders of St. Louis.***



Missouri Veterans Home – St. Louis