



## Leo George Blatz

September 2, 1927 - September 30, 2021

Leo George Blatz, 94, Altoona, FL, September 30, 2021, Born September 2, 1927, Brooklyn New York. The oldest and only son of Leo and Jeannette Blatz, Leo was raised in Williston Park, Long Island.

After surviving polio as a young boy, Leo lived a lifetime of service to others.

Leo married Adelaide Regina Pecan in 1950 and they had eight children, Tom, Nancy, Jean, Tricia, Jane, Anne, Peter and John. Leo and Adelaide were married until her death in February of 1985.

Leo married Joan Cecilia Hennessey in December of 1985 at St. Aiden's Church, Williston Park, NY. Joan was a lifelong friend of Leo and Adelaide in their hometown. After residing in Southport Ct, Joan and Leo moved to Tavares, FL on Lake Harris. Subsequently Joan and Leo made Lake View Terrace in Altoona, FL their home. Leo served numerous volunteer and leadership positions at LVT in the ten years they resided there and enjoyed the friendship of many. Leo was a communicant at St. Mary's of the Lakes Catholic Church in Eustis, FL.

A graduate of Chaminade High School and Niagara University, Leo excelled in both academics and extracurricular activities.

Leo was President of the International Division of the Singer Company and served as Comptroller and Vice-President.

During retirement, Leo served as president of the Lake County SCORE.

Leo is survived by his wife Joan, and seven children. He was predeceased by his sister and daughter. He had fifteen grandchildren and was predeceased by three grandsons. Leo had six great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's of the Lakes Catholic Church on Monday, October 11th at 10AM.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Umatilla, Florida.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leo George Blatz*



May 11, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ *I remember Dad visiting Terry and Ed when we lived down the street in Wolcott. We were always at each other's houses... they are great memories!*



Nancy Tracy - September 24, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *Joan, I am so sorry to hear of Leo's passing. I didn't know or I would have attended his funeral. I am amazed that he was 94 years old as I never would have guessed his age. He always looked so handsome and young for his age. I'm glad that you and Leo had 10 happy years together. I also convey my condolences to Leo's children He must have been a wonderful dad and as dad and husband, he will be sadly missed.*

Cindy Frangiamore - November 04, 2021 at 07:08 PM

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“ Having a dad like Leo was really always like having a protective shield. During every phase of my life he was a champion who defended me from evil. He was also a good friend and advocate, advisor and support. If anyone could have done any better than he did, I would be shocked. With everything he faced, he did it honestly and humbly, never seeking attention or praise. Yet everyone knew he was the one to turn to as a reliable source of information and help. We have been greatly gifted as his offspring; what a provider! Every time we moved to a better house, he chose wisely, always thinking of what would be best for us- and when he retired and moved to Florida, he moved near Disney World so his grandchildren would want to come visit!

After reading in a book that having an annual family reunion was a good solution, he generously provided us with this fantastic event that we looked forward to attending every year starting in the Outer Banks, and extending up and down the Eastern seaboard. We were spoiled by his unbeatable and indefatigable love.

As he asked for the song *How Great Thou Art* to be sung at his funeral, I just have to shout it out that he was truly great as our father too!

Everything reminds me of him now that he is gone. The signs are everywhere- a crescent moon/cradle to symbolize the end of childhood, files and letters in his handwriting, the steps that he was walking for the last ten years around his Florida home, the sweet neighbors and friends who had come to appreciate his quiet sense of humor, his blue golf cart, and car, his simple and gracious lifestyle, traveling by plane (he was an international flyer), any body of water ( he was a swimmer, a boater, a fisherman) and any home project (he was the quintessential DIY guy). We have heard from countless friends and family who thought of him as the eternal patriarchal figure. Yet even so, Leo was very human and it was his time to say goodbye. The sun has gone to bed and so must I -So long, Fare well, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye, goodbye dear friend! But: You have not left thoughtlessly, but have made sure that your wife is in a safe and beautiful place with a great community of support and kindness.

**Nancy Blatz Tracy** - October 06, 2021 at 08:23 AM