



Richard Leonard

November 7, 1928 - February 21, 2014

Obituary of Richard Leonard

Richard E. Leonard, 85, of Leesburg, FL, died at home on Friday, February 21, 2014 under the care of his daughter Jeanne Kalar and The Villages Hospice House, The Villages, FL.

Richard was born November 7, 1928 in Des Moines, Iowa to Vera and Elmer Leonard, where he lived for 45 years. He loved playing chess, working puzzles, and listening to and playing guitar and organ music. He loved fast motorcycles and car races. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

At 18, he enlisted to help in the war effort. He served in the United States Army January 1946 to December 1948 (WWII) earning the Bronze Star, and then enlisted again in September 1950 to September 1952 (Korea).. Mr. Leonard married, Naida Jeannine Irving in November 1949 and they enjoyed 59 years and 9 months together. He and his wife moved to Hollywood, FL in 1973 where he worked as a mathematics teacher at Hialeah High School, Miami, FL; retiring after 22 years. Once retired Richard and Naida loaded themselves and cats into a motor home and traveled the United States and Canada. They moved from Hollywood to Leesburg in 1998. Here he golfed,

fished, bowled, umpired some softball games, and played bridge while living in Pennbrooke Fairways Community.

He is survived by his daughters Linda (Steve) Baltzley and Jeanne Kalar; two grandchildren, Chris (Jamie) Baltzley and Tricia Wilson and two great-grandchildren, Lucas and Gabriel Wilson. He was predeceased by his wife, Naida (2009).

No service will be held. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to The Villagers for Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Leonard*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I love you so much and will miss you calling me Mickey. We enjoyed a lot of fun times together.*

Michele Harclerode - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Condolences to my two sweet cousins, Linda and Jeanne. I love you both very much and am glad you have each other. Jeanne, you were so good to care for both your parents for so many years and I know they loved you for it. Best of everything to both of you and your family. Love, your cousin, Linda*

Linda Luttrull - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM