



John W. Leger

February 2, 1929 - January 25, 2021

John Wilfred Leger

John Wilfred Leger, 91, of Jennings, Louisiana, passed away Monday, January 25, 2021 at Jennings American Legion Hospital.

John was born February 2, 1929 in Lafayette, Louisiana. In November of 1948 he married Tommie L. Howard of Lake Arthur, who he courted by flying over her home and dropping comic books to impress her. It must have worked, as they were married for 65 years. During retirement, he enjoyed traveling and fishing and spending time with family and friends, especially his grandkids. John also loved working on anything mechanical, he was always tinkering in his garage or riding his tractor around his property. He cherished his life-long friendships with his four childhood buddies, Franklin Hildebrand, Jimmy Hart, Robert Houssiere and William Langley. He also had a coffee group that met daily (prior to the pandemic) who he fondly referred to as "The Old Farts Club." John was a hard working guy with an incredible work ethic. He worked at Jennings newspaper at age 13, he got his pilot license at age 16, he later was part of a seismograph crew, and in 1953, at age 24, he started his 36 year career with Shell Oil Company where he worked his way through various positions from a roustabout on offshore rigs to management at One Shell Square in New Orleans.

John is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Leger Marcantel (Kenneth) of Jennings; Chris Leger Christina of Jennings; Paula Leger Pope (John) of Houston; and Flori Leger Rhodes (Brett) of New Orleans; his grandchildren, Lauren Christina (Jess) of Charleston, IL; Claire Pope currently in Veterinary School in St. Kitts; J.D. Pope of Spokane, WA; and Kyle Pope (Megan) of Arlington, VA; and his sister, Eula Matte of Forked Island, LA.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Tommie L. Howard Leger; his son, John W. Leger, Jr. ("Johnny"); his daughter, Susan A. Leger; and his parents, Effie & Clarence Leger and Florastine & Delma Leger.

A private funeral service will be held this Friday; however, a memorial service will be arranged at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Rise Behavioral Health & Wellness (run by eldest granddaughter) at 114 W. Houghton St., Tuscola, IL 61953 or online at: risedoco.com. Funds collected will be used to provide assistance to those whose mental health has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Leger*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the family. May the hope from God's Word and your cherished memories comfort your hearts. Revelations 21:3,4.*

K. Hope - February 21, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *Hey Flo my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I really didn't know your dad but i know he was a kind and loving man from the stories you have told me.my thoughts and prayers are with you and your sisters. Love you your friend Jan.*

jan bisso - January 29, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ *Big John Leger was my boss and friend. You could always count on John being there. We could never figure out what you girls did to John, because you did not want to be the first one to call him, maybe the second or third, but not the first. He was very proud of his family. Robert Cox*

Robert E Cox - January 29, 2021 at 08:15 AM



“ *John was my supervisor when I worked for Shell. He will be greatly missed by family and friends, My Condolences to his family and friends. May he Rest In Peace*

Roland (T-bone) Terrebonne - January 28, 2021 at 05:54 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences to the Leger family. John was a great friend and will be sorely missed. Rest In Peace now John.

Clete Simpson - January 28, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John W. Leger.



January 28, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of John W. Leger.



January 28, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of John W. Leger.



January 27, 2021 at 06:08 PM