



Leon J. Keck

July 27, 2014

Leon J. Keck, age 84, a resident of Albuquerque since 1956, slipped peacefully from this life in his home on Sunday morning, July 27, 2014. He had been under hospice care for several weeks after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Leon is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Lois Kuhn Keck; daughter, Joan Lamunyon Sanford and partner, Sami Wolf of Albuquerque, and Joan's children, Matthew Leon Richardson and Kristina Lynn Romero(Richardson), and great-granddaughter, Aurora Marley Romero; daughter, Laura Beth Gallaway and husband, Scott of Fairview, TX, and their children, Scott Austin and Glynn Ellen; son, Leon Jason Keck and wife, Deborah (Rivera) and their children, Leon Alexander and Reece Mitchell of Arroyo Grande, CA; sister, Marilyn Clinesmith and Clay; and brothers; Henry Keck and Marilyn Ruth, Joe Keck and Donna, and Thomas Keck and Margaret(deceased). He was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Faith (LaMunyon) Keck. Leon was born in Fairview, Oklahoma, on February 24, 1930. He graduated from Fairview High School, where he lettered in football and was the first in his family to attend college at Northwestern Oklahoma College on a football scholarship. Leon's college studies were interrupted in 1950 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army to serve in the Korean War. In 1953, he resumed his college studies at Oklahoma State University on the GI bill and earned his B.S. in Electrical Engineering. In 1956, he moved to Albuquerque where he worked at Sandia National Laboratories for 36 years. In 1958, he met Lois and they were married in January of 1959. Leon earned

his M.S. in Engineering at the University of New Mexico. He played the bagpipes with the Ballut Abyad Shrine Pipes and Drums, was a black diamond skier, avid golfer and played duplicate bridge both online and at the Duke City Bridge Club. Leon left a legacy of wisdom, humor and love of family and will be remembered with deep affection by all who knew him. A Celebration of Life service will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 4601 Juan Tabo Blvd. NE on Friday, August 1, 2014 at 3:00 p.m., with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to New Mexico Parkinson's Disease Coalition (nmparkinson.org or 1740 Miracerros PI NE, 87106) or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 1. 3:00 PM (MT)

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church
4601 Juan Tabo Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall

BW

“ I was unable to attend the service. However, i must say-----it was a long, long time ago but as I recall, I hired Leon for his first work at Sandia. He was a good member of my "Tiger Team" !!!! Best wishes to all. Bev Washburn

B. Washburn - August 04, 2014 at 11:41 AM

PT

“ Leon was a neighbor and a fighter who put everything he had in his battle with Parkinson's. I will remember his humor, his smile, his love of bridge, and his loving wife, Lois.

Pat Thalhammer - August 01, 2014 at 12:41 AM



“ Eternal Grace was purchased for the family of Leon J. Keck.



July 31, 2014 at 02:02 PM

JG

“ I was so sorry to read about Leon's death today in the newspaper. My partner and I played bridge with Leon and Jean, his partner, at Duke City Bridge Club. He was a joy to play bridge with. Besides playing well, he always comported himself as a gentleman. He had such a good sense of humor and will be missed.

With condolences,

Joan Gress

Joan Gress - July 31, 2014 at 12:15 PM

BG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Lois and your family. We have many wonderful memories of times spent together. We enjoyed Leon's sense of humor. May God hold you in His arms and give you comfort.

Bob & Jo Goodwin

Bob Goodwin - July 31, 2014 at 09:49 AM

VS

“ Sorry for your loss Donna. Our prayers are with all of you during this time. May God wrap His around each and every one of you and give each one the comfort needed to get through.

*Love you,
Victor and Cecelia Strickland*

Victor & Cecelia Strickland - July 31, 2014 at 02:23 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Leon J. Keck.*



July 30, 2014 at 11:32 AM



“ *I had the great good fortune of playing bridge against Leon (and his partner Jean) on many a Thursday afternoon at Duke City. After reading about Leon's life I wish I had known him longer and better! I am happy to have known him, if only too briefly. Leon was truly a gentle man and always brought a smile to my face. I will miss him, his kind and warm presence and his quiet, wry sense of humor.*

My heartfelt sympathies to all of his family.

Bobbi Riemenschneider

Bobbi Riemenschneider - July 29, 2014 at 11:30 PM



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Joan Lamunyon Sanford - July 29, 2014 at 11:25 PM