



Leonard John Michalowski

April 30, 1950 - December 1, 2019

Leonard John (Len) Michalowski

Died December 1, 2019

Len was born in Trenton, NJ on April 30, 1950, the only son of Irene Elizabeth (Matysik) and Leonard Stanley Michalowski. He lived 69 years, 7 months, and about three hours. His life began in Sayreville, NJ. In 1963, his family moved to Falls Church, VA, where he graduated from George Mason High School in 1969. During high school he excelled in football, discus throwing, and weightlifting.

Len graduated from Shepherd University, Shepherdstown WV, in 1975, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Sociology and a Minor in Psychology.

Len and his wife Debby (McDonald) met at college and were married in Shepherdstown. Their only son Julius was born on Christmas Day, 1975 in Martinsburg WV.

In 1976, Debby and Len moved to Northern Virginia. In 2006 Len retired after more than 30 years of service. He was a Compliance Inspector for Verizon.

Len's interests revolved around his home and family. He enjoyed vehicles, lawn care, home maintenance and renovation, camping, good food, family vacations to his family's favorite beach, target practice, and an occasional cigar. He also enjoyed investing in the stock market.

Len's disabilities began at age 34, when he fell on ice at work, seriously injuring his spine. He progressively became handicapped and he accepted a

life of chronic pain with brave and patient suffering. He never asked why or questioned God. He was an optimist and a realist.

Len was a Christian whose faith remained very strong. He always said that God forgave him when he accepted Jesus and what Jesus did for him on the Cross. Len faced death without fear, inspiring and endearing himself to those who cared for him during his last days on earth.

Len is survived by his wife Debby (McDonald), son Julius, daughter-in-law Carey (Schreiber), grandson Sam (born 2014), stepmother Josephine Michalowski, and family in New Jersey. Len was preceded in death by his parents Irene (Matysik) and Leonard S. Michalowski.

Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Cemetery Details

Maysville Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
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Service

DEC 5. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leonard John Michalowski.*



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“ *Dana and Chris Kessler purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Leonard John Michalowski.*



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“ *I first met Len when we were students at Shepherd College. He had the wonderful God-given gift of music and could make beautiful music on the piano. Often he would come to the lobby of our girls dorm, which is where his future wife and I were roommates, and he would grace us with music on the piano. I remember him as being very kind, caring and generous. I also remember marveling at how he could do renovations with great attention to perfection and detail. A very talented man indeed. Dana Dowling Kessler.*

Dana Kessler - December 04, 2019 at 08:29 PM