



Leonard Kirkland

January 16, 1931 - November 16, 2015

Leonard "Zip" Kirkland was one of seven children born to the late Ellis and Minnie Kirkland January 16, 1931. He grew up on the North Side and Garfield Hill sections of Pittsburgh, He joined the Army shortly after graduating from Peabody High School. He worked a couple of years on The Railroad. Zip transferred to the Air Force after his first stint in the Army and completed ten years of service. He was employed by Gimbels Department Store before returning to the Federal Government employment at Veterans Hospital, Bureau of Mines and the Department of Energy at Bruceton. His work ethic continued after retirement at Gilbert Commonwealth, a Government contractor. Zip married Alice Carey on August 12, 1960. Their marriage was blessed with one son, Leonard Carrol. They are the proud grandparents of one granddaughter and one great granddaughter. Zip's christian background began at an early age at Macedonia Baptist Church, Pittsburgh where he accepted Christ as his personal savior. He was active there in Sunday School and sang in the choir. After discharged from the service he and his wife returned to Pittsburgh where he joined First Baptist Church of West Mifflin, her home church, He was very active there as an usher and trustee. He sang in the Mass Choir and male chorus. Zip was an ordained Deacon and he served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons. His greatest enjoyment was helping others. Zip was never too busy to listen and to give an encouraging word. No job was too big or too small for him to try to help. He was indeed a real "Mr. Fixit".

Leonard "Zip" Kirkland departed this life on November 16, 2015. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Alice; son, Leonard; granddaughter, Shaylynn and great granddaughter, Jordynn Parrish. One sister, Madelene Jean Graham. He was preceded to Glory by three brothers and two sisters; Samuel (Carolyn Wright), Charles (Jean) and Carrol, Ethel Kirkland and Louise Crockett. Also a host of many relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of West Mifflin
3427 Cypress Street
West Mifflin, PA 15122

Service

NOV 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

NOV 20. 1:30 PM (ET)

National Cemetery of the Alleghenies
1158 Morgan Rd.
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Tribute Wall



“ Leonard Kirkland

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ Leonard Kirkland

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ May Mr. Kirkland rest in peace as God watch over him as well as the family. Mr. Kirkland was a very resourceful person as well as a neighbor. He maintained his home and yard to look so beautiful. Lenny you were very fortunate to have such a father. I remember as a youngster growing up----- The house at the corner.....Jo Etta, Lisa, Loretta, and Kelly Chance



jo chance - November 20, 2015 at 11:43 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard Kirkland.



November 18, 2015 at 10:15 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Leonard Kirkland.*



November 18, 2015 at 10:05 AM