



## Ernest Lee Leonard

May 25, 1969 - January 9, 2020

Ernest Lee Leonard was born on May 25, 1969 in Huntsville, TX and went to be with our Lord and Savior on January 9, 2020.

Ernie grew up in New Waverly amongst a very close knit group of family and friends. His graduating class of '87 has continued to stay in touch over the years. Ernie started his working career as a short order cook at The Waverly House Restaurant after school. If you have ever eaten a burger or chicken fried steak at The Waverly House, it was probably prepared by Ernie. In 1995 he began a 23 year career with TDCJ as a Correctional Officer. Ernie never needed an excuse to show off his cooking abilities; he was always prepared to throw an impromptu meal for his co-workers and family.

Ernie had two sons, Luke and Daniel Leonard, whom he adored. He was always there to offer a hand or advise when they needed it, and sometimes when they didn't want it. Ernie was a proud Grandpa to two beautiful granddaughters; Grayeslyn & Sadie Kate, whom he spoiled with every opportunity.

Everyone that knew Ernie ended up with a smile on their face because of something witty or funny he had said or done. He was always trying to make people laugh. He will be remembered for his loving and kind heart. As his family, we feel very blessed to have been a part of his life.

Ernie is preceded in death by his parents; James Ernest Leonard and Addie Maudine Leonard. He is survived by his son, Luke Andrew and his wife,

Hayley; granddaughters, Grayeslyn and Sadie Kate; younger son, Daniel Paul; his siblings: brother, Michael Leonard and his wife, Judy; brother, James Dean Leonard; sister, Carol Ann Shanks; brother, Darrell Leonard and his wife, Heidi; brother, Patrick Leonard and his wife, Diana; sister, Lisa Oldham and her husband Colby, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 am at East Sandy Creek Cemetery 5744 FM 1374, New Waverly, TX 77340, on Monday, January 13, 2020.

Visitation will be held at Sam Houston Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Dr., Huntsville, TX, from 3-5pm on Sunday, January 12, 2020

Condolences to family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)..

# Cemetery Details

## East Sandy Cemetery

New Waverly, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Graveside Service

JAN 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

East Sandy Cemetery  
New Waverly, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Ernest Lee Leonard

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Ernie's passing and was unaware of his service. He was such a pleasure to be around and always so kind. His smile was contagious. Prayers for all his family in this season.

Dorinda Chandler Gonzalez - January 18, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ Condolences to his family and many friends. He was gifted with wit, a smile, and love. That was all any of us needed. Luv ya cuz.

Donna Vick - January 13, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ Darrell and Patrick, I am so sorry to hear about Ernie. My love and prayers are with you and your family.  
Cordell and Kayla Duerer

Kayla Duerer - January 13, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ernest Lee Leonard.



January 13, 2020 at 07:56 AM

BC

“ Praying for each of you.



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**Bridgette Neeley Clay** - January 13, 2020 at 01:42 AM

SB

“ There are no words to express the degree of sadness that I felt when told of Ernie's passing. He was loved by so many and brought happiness to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed by this family and many friends. I have known Ernie since the day he was born and feel blessed to have been among his friends.

*Sara Hardy Bartee*

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**Sara Hardy Bartee** - January 12, 2020 at 09:13 PM

JW

“ Most of my memories of Ernie are from when we were kids when our families would get together and he was always fun to be around. So glad to have known you. My prayers go out to the rest of the family.

*Johnny Wood*

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**johnny wood** - January 12, 2020 at 03:48 PM

JH

“ Leonard you will be missed by many! Love ya brother rest easy and know we will see you again on day! My prayers for you boys and family!

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**Juan Hernandez** - January 12, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest Lee Leonard.*



January 11, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *I send my prayers to the family. I knew Ernie as a kind, giving, sweet man who came to help me when I was sick, he was always there for anyone who needed help. He will be missed but always remembered by me. I am so thankfully blessed to have him in my life.*

**Bella Haas** - January 11, 2020 at 01:12 PM



*Thank you for your kind words.*

**Hayley Leonard** - January 11, 2020 at 01:15 PM



*PRAYERS TO CO WORKER AND FAMILY*

**KYCHA WILLIAMSON** - January 12, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ *RIP friend. You will be missed.*



**Cookie Roberts** - January 11, 2020 at 12:31 PM

LP

*I'll see you again my friend..Holliday Unit Family..*

**Linnice Perry** - January 11, 2020 at 08:27 PM

JR

“ *RIP....*



**Johnnie Robinson** - January 11, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest Lee Leonard.*



January 11, 2020 at 11:32 AM

JR

“ *RIP BROTHER*



**Johnnie Robinson** - January 11, 2020 at 11:30 AM

KR

“ *Kent and Patti Rives purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ernest Lee Leonard.*



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**Kent and Patti Rives** - January 11, 2020 at 09:46 AM

AN

“ *May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief. A true friend shows love at all times. And is a brother who is born for times of distress. Proverbs 17:17  
In loving memory of a wonderful person.*

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**Angie** - January 11, 2020 at 09:13 AM

CD

“ *Connie Dickey lit a candle in memory of Ernest Lee Leonard*



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**Connie Dickey** - January 11, 2020 at 04:10 AM

BW

*RIH Ernie you will truly be missed* ❤️❤️

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**Brenda walker** - January 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for your family



Mellicent Wiley - January 11, 2020 at 12:32 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ernest Lee Leonard.



January 11, 2020 at 12:21 AM

ND

“ Night Shift Clear Lake Division purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Ernest Lee Leonard.



Night Shift Clear Lake Division - January 11, 2020 at 12:02 AM

BA

“ Earnest You were always so funny! I will always remember that!! May you now rest in Peace in the Arms of Jesus! My Sincere Condolences to your family and Close friends! Praying for you All!

Beth Novark Adamik - January 10, 2020 at 11:29 PM

RC

“ Rick Cruz lit a candle in memory of Ernest Lee Leonard



Rick Cruz - January 10, 2020 at 11:00 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Lee Leonard



M. Hyvl - January 10, 2020 at 10:56 PM

TI

“ Tiffany lit a candle in memory of Ernest Lee Leonard



Tiffany - January 10, 2020 at 10:17 PM



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



January 10, 2020 at 09:47 PM

TF

“ I will miss you dearly sweet friend... always had a beautiful smile for everyone and were always a light for others□□□

Tisha Fore - January 10, 2020 at 09:46 PM

TF

“ Tisha Fore lit a candle in memory of Ernest Lee Leonard



Tisha Fore - January 10, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest Lee Leonard.



January 10, 2020 at 09:22 PM



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



January 10, 2020 at 08:54 PM

JN

“ Sending my condolences on the behalf of class 1987. Our class was always close thru out our school years. Just to name a few... Kim Dillion, Kim Lake, Donna Miller, Jackie Harrison, Rebecca McBride, Diane Blackwell Tracy William, Nate James, Timothy, Derek Martin, Mark Novak, Matt Adams, Jacqueline James and of coarse our good friend & classmate EARNEST LEONARD pictured 2nd row from bottom with red shirt.. we love you man gonna miss all the fun jokes and sense a human.. glad I had chance talk with you on New Year's day. My heart goes out to the family. Sending our condolences. Family look to the Hills which cometh ALL your help during this difficult time 🙏



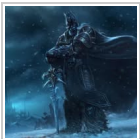
Jacqueline James - Nesbitt - January 10, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest Lee Leonard.



January 10, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Earl Green - January 10, 2020 at 07:30 PM

MN

“ *Mark Novak lit a candle in memory of Ernest Lee Leonard*



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**Mark Novak** - January 10, 2020 at 06:40 PM