



Mr. Leonard Nash

October 18, 1943 - August 23, 2023

Leonard Nash, a caring family man, community leader, and cherished friend, peacefully passed away on August 23, 2023, at home in Opelousas, LA, at the age of 79 years. Born in Palmetto, Louisiana on October 18, 1943, Leonard's journey through life was a testament to love, faith, and commitment to education.

Leonard was preceded in death by his mother, Edmonia PuJue, and his father, Charles Nash. He was also reunited with his beloved sister Debra Nash, and his brothers Charles Nash and Parnell Nash.

Leonard was an active member within the Knights of Peter Claver community, spreading faith and hope through friendship and unity. He was affiliated with other organizations that advocated for creating equal opportunities for mankind. Leonard championed the Gospel message, demonstrating his commitment through a practice of faith, hope, and love.

Deeply valuing education, Leonard believed in the power of knowledge to uplift individuals and communities. He graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1975 and a Masters from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1978. Starting from a young age, Leonard held a strong advocacy for civil rights, standing firmly for the betterment of all people. His unwavering dedication to education, advocacy for civil rights, and his commitment to positive change wove together a legacy that will continue for generations through his children. Leonard always had a passion for photography. During his early adult years,

he nurtured this passion and became a freelance photographer for a few years. He had a knack for capturing life's most precious and fleeting moments through the lens of his Canon camera. Whether it was family gatherings or small get-togethers, he never missed a chance to take pictures and create lasting memories. He also found solace and joy in nurturing his garden, a reflection of his love for life's simple and natural beauty. Furthermore, his insatiable wanderlust led him on countless travels, appreciating diverse cultures and experiences that enriched his perspective. Moreover, Leonard was also a skilled mechanic, gifts he acquired through his upbringing and work alongside his father during his adolescent years. This exposure ignited a realization and enthusiasm for hands-on craftsmanship, empowering him to repair and build things for his home. His resourcefulness and ability to bring his ideas to life were truly commendable.

Leonard's memory will forever be cherished by his loving children: Erik Edmond Nash (Myla) of Lapu-Lapu City, Philippines; Leah LaShawn Nash of Houston, Texas; Andwele' Linton Nash (liana) of Houston, Texas; Liede' Teleza Armetus Nash Husband of Atlanta, Georgia; and Edmonia Victoria Nash of Opelousas, Louisiana. He was a proud grandfather to Raymond Duplechain (Jennifer), LeJae Husband, Maddox Husband, Jeryl Morgan, Priscilla Morgan, Micah Malone, Addisyn Nash, Janet Nash, Lilah Husband, Ava Nash, Genesis Nash, Nolan Nash, and his great-grandchildren Titan Duplechain and Zoe Duplechain.

Leonard's life was marked by his dedication to his family, his community, and his faith. He will be remembered for his wisdom and his ability to bring people together. As he embarks on his next journey, he will be missed but his legacy will continue to live on.

A celebration of Leonard's life and legacy will take place at Holy Ghost Church on September 2, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Visiting hours will be observed from 7:00 AM to 9:45 AM Saturday, September 2, 2023 at Williams Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest at St. John Baptist, 6002 Highway 71 Palmetto, LA alongside his grandmother Eula Nash and his aunt Gladys Nash-PuJue.

May Leonard's memory live on in our hearts, and may his soul find eternal peace.

Share words of comfort with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 7:00 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

Williams Funeral Home - Opelousas
817 East South St.
Opelousas, LA 70571
(337) 942-2037
williamsfuneralhomes.1932@gmail.com
<https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net/>

Rosary

SEP 2. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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Service

SEP 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church
732 North Union St
Opelousas, LA 70570
(337) 942-2732

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Nash.*



September 02, 2023 at 12:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leonard Nash.

September 02, 2023 at 12:35 AM



“ *Kimberly S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Leonard Nash.*

Kimberly S. - September 01, 2023 at 11:22 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Nash.*



September 01, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Nash.



August 31, 2023 at 09:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Nash.



August 31, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the family. From Herbert and Ruby Fontenot*



Ruby Fontenot - August 30, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Nash.



August 30, 2023 at 06:03 PM

EN

“ I remember dad teaching me the bare bones of photography by letting me work with him in his darkroom in Opelousas on Bellevue St. and in Lafayette on Gauthier Rd. He was always showing us (Leah and me) different skills that we could use later in life and he even showed me gardening (didn't want to know it though) more as a way of self sufficiency growing my own vegetables. If we had the yard space he would till the soil and plant either corn or okra (Lafayette and Palmetto) or if there wasn't enough, he'd turn an unused room into a darkroom to process and develop his various pictures. I had great times learning that particular craft. I loved so much that I later became a freelance photographer for a short time. I'm gonna miss you daddy, you and uncle Charles

Erik E. Nash - August 30, 2023 at 10:15 AM

YF

“ Your Enbridge Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. Leonard Nash.



Your Enbridge Family - August 30, 2023 at 09:33 AM

YF

“ Your Enbridge Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Leonard Nash.

Your Enbridge Family - August 30, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Nash.*



August 29, 2023 at 11:07 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Nash.*



August 29, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ *Curtis and Debra Johnson, want to express our condolences and sympathy. Our hearts and prayers goes out to Addisyn (our beloved granddaughter), Leah and Micah. We will always be here for you all. May bless you all. Love you all.*



Curtis and Debra Johnson - August 29, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Nash.*



August 29, 2023 at 05:42 PM

JV

“ Leonard

It never fail to make me smile when I think of the time that you were visiting my city for work.

You came over for dinner and drilled me about how bad my barbecue was while happily going back for seconds.

That's when I realized that we were friends and we would always like one another.

I will continue having you in my thoughts.

John Kenneth Victorian

John Kennth Victorian - August 29, 2023 at 11:24 AM

CD

Wow! What a great lost to the KPC Family! May Our Beloved Beautiful Brother Soul Rip And May God Be Please With Him! Tha DeVille Family Are Praying For The Nash Family! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Clarence DeVille - August 29, 2023 at 05:28 PM



Thank you for this story of our Dad! I have been fortunate to get so many positive and funny comments.

Sincerely,

Leah

Leah Nash - August 29, 2023 at 08:38 PM

AH

Rest in peace my friend.

Alvin “Chubby” Haynes - August 29, 2023 at 09:15 PM

VN

I was always amazed at how you new of certain performances that me or my siblings were having and there you would be with your camera. As a child, I always viewed you as a surrogate Father, being there because you knew my own Father couldn't be. You were always about family. I love you and will miss you.

Victor Sean Nash and Family

Victor S Nash - August 29, 2023 at 09:43 PM