



Emmett "Leon" Henderson

January 22, 1938 - October 20, 2024

Emmett "Leon" Henderson, born on January 22, 1938 in Licking, Missouri to the late LeRoy Henderson and Hope Sliger Snelson. Leon peacefully passed away on October 20, 2024 at his home in Rolla, Missouri. He was a beloved father, grandfather, and friend, whose kindness and warmth touched the lives of many.

Leon is survived by his son Nicholas Poynter and wife Karen of Cuba, Missouri; daughter Linda Stricker and husband Charles of Flagstaff, Arizona; daughter Connie Fausset and husband Tom of St. James City, Florida; son Monte Henderson and partner Tina Dozier of Rolla; and son Chuck Henderson of Rolla. Leon is also survived by his grandchildren, Bob Whitson, Rebekah Robinson, Michael Henderson, Joseph Henderson, Sarah Stricker, Jennifer Maki (Peter), Blake Henderson, Hannah Bowman (Quinton), Brad Poynter (Tiffany), Mark Poynter (Cassie) and Nichole Kouper and 14 great grandchildren.

Leon had a long work history and was a member of the union Iron Workers Local 396, where he was a field representative for the Union for 14 years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed the great outdoors. Also, in his later years he became an enthusiast of Western movies. Leon believed that a life best lived was done with the philosophy of "You work hard, and you play hard." He also leaves behind the love and companionship of his loyal dogs,

Stella and Bart. These cherished and loving memories will be carried on by his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents LeRoy Henderson and Hope Sliger Snelson (Chic), his son Michael Henderson, and an infant great granddaughter.

Leon will be remembered for his generous spirit, quick wit, and the unwavering support he provided to those around him. His passion for life and dedication to his family were evident in everything he did.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Rolla Animal Shelter, Rolla, Mo. Cards are available at all James and Gahr locations.

He will be dearly missed but forever remembered.

Cemetery Details

Ozark Hills Memorial Gardens

Rolla, MO 65401

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
1651 E. Hwy 72
Rolla, MO 65401
(573) 458-2262
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<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ozark Hills Memorial Gardens
MO 65401

Tribute Wall



“ *Christina Intemann lit a candle in memory of Emmett "Leon" Henderson*



Christina Intemann - October 23, 2024 at 09:52 AM



“ *Christina Green Intemann lit a candle in memory of Emmett "Leon" Henderson*



Christina Green Intemann - October 22, 2024 at 05:51 PM



“ *I have fond memories of fishing, riding horses, and playing poker with friends. The echoes of moments past. That was us.*

Christina Green Intemann - October 22, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Christina Green Intemann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emmett "Leon" Henderson.*

Christina Green Intemann - October 22, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Emmett "Leon" Henderson.*



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“ *Leon Henderson was a great father in law! He was a no nonsense, straight-shooter who had so many lively stories to tell about his active life. He was a good man who protected his family. I am glad that he was part of my life and that he shared his wonderful daughter Linda with me. RIP Leon.*

Charles Stricker - October 22, 2024 at 05:27 PM