



## Robert Edman Leininger

September 17, 1930 - January 27, 2020

Robert Edman Leininger of Rolla, Missouri passed away peacefully on Monday, January 27, 2020 at the age of 89. He was born in Willow Springs, Missouri on September 17, 1930 to the late John and Neva (Brixey) Leininger. Robert attended school in Willow Springs, Missouri before entering the United States Navy at the age of 17. He proudly served his country for twenty years and was a Veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He married the love of his life, Gracie Cevola Tackett in Sanford, Florida on December 15, 1955; this union was blessed with three children. After his retirement from the Navy, he worked for Holsum Bakery. He worked at the bakery until they closed their doors; Callen's Market is where Robert would finally retire as a butcher. Robert was a devoted member of Assembly of God Church of Rolla and a twenty-year volunteer with the Rolla Rural Fire Department. He enjoyed gardening, spending time with his family and taking care of his loving wife until her death in October. He was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Robert is survived by his children, Sheila Leininger of Rolla, Missouri and John (Theresa) Leininger of Jefferson City, Missouri; brothers, Russell Leininger of Oregon and Lloyd Collins of Willow Springs, Missouri; sister, Donna "Susie" Leininger; grandchildren, Robbie Saunders, Angelo Leininger, Sheridan Cook and Grayson Leininger; five greatgrandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Robert was preceded in death by son, Dale

Leininger; brother, James "Jake" Leininger; two sisters, Delores Wheatly and Mary Collins.

Funeral services for Robert Leininger will be held at 1:00PM on Friday, January 31, 2020 at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri with Ray Cook officiating. Interment will be in the Pearidge Cemetery, Doolittle, Missouri with full Military Honors. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service on Friday, January 31, 2020 from 12:00PM until service time at 1:00PM, also at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to the Pearidge Cemetery. Cards are available at all James and Gahr locations.

# Cemetery Details

## Pearidge Cemetery

Doolittle, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 12:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
1651 E. Hwy 72  
Rolla, MO 65401  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Edman Leininger*

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January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *My Fondest memory of Uncle Robert was when he would come to visit and bring his stuff to make donuts for all of His brother Jake's children, he was a Navy Man of 31 years and worked in the Bakery for many years there, then went on to work at a bakery after retiring from the Navy.*

*Sorry for your Loss, John and Shelia.*

*Linda Leininger Welch of Enola Arkansas*

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**Linda Leininger Welch** - January 29, 2020 at 12:56 PM