



## Leonard Douglas Hughes

March 19, 1950 - May 8, 2020

Our very loved father, Leonard Douglas Hughes passed away at the age of 70 on May 8th, 2020. The day will come when you have to say goodbye to a loved one for good and that day has come for us. He was loved and will be dearly missed by his wife, Virginia, of 52 years. The pain of this loss will not pass but will get easier as time goes by because that's what he wanted. He would want us to love our family like he loved his, which was unconditional and always. He would want us to cherish every second that we have together and be the best we can be. So that is what we are going to do. He had traditions and ways to celebrate things that will never be the same in his absence.

For anybody that was blessed to know Leonard, they would know what a heart of gold he had and that his grandkids were his world. He was the hardest working and kindest man we know. He was also a man of many talents, one of which was poetry. Here is a portion of one of his poems he wrote to his kids:

"If God has a purpose for me, then I guess my purpose is done.  
Because I've raised two perfect daughters and a very wonderful son.  
I guess after all is said and done, my life has been pretty grand.  
I guess I'm not so sad, I've been a very lucky old man."

We will miss you always and forever!

Love: Virginia, Jack, Michelle, and Letisha

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ *My Grandpa was a phenomenal man and one of the many reasons I am who I am today. Not only did he have the kindest soul, but he was one of the hardest working men I knew. Above all else, my Grandpa was a family man. Everything my Grandpa did was for his family. Whether it was working day in and day out to provide, or simply making a phone call, nothing made him happier than knowing he had a happy healthy family, and for that, I thank him.*

*I'll miss the hugs, his smile, and his jokes, but I know he'd want us to look back and just be happy because that's what he always preached. So from here on out anytime I hear a little Elvis Presley come across my headphones... i'll smile. Anytime I come across all his old yellow hand written letters... i'll smile. I could go on about all the things that remind me of my Grandpa because that's just the impact he had on people. Instead, I just ask that you smile.. because that's what would make him happy.*

*Rest easy Grandpa. I miss you. I love you.*

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**Logan Hughes** - May 13, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard Douglas Hughes.*



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May 13, 2020 at 06:47 PM

MM

“ My husband was my life and now that he is no longer here I am not sure how to proceed. I am going to be so lonely and nothing makes sense right now. I truly loved him and my heart is so sad and broken. They say time heals everything but I am not sure. The way I feel now is numb and unbelievable now that he has left us. I will miss his sense of humor - he could always make me laugh when down. I will forever love and miss him until I join him with open arms.

Love always  
- Your wife, Virginia

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Michelle Miller - May 12, 2020 at 09:47 PM

MM

“ My heart is broken with my dad's passing. Even though he wanted us to raise a glass in celebration of his life it seems impossible at the moment. I am very thankful that he is finally at peace and pain free, but that doesn't make it easier. He was such a special man. He was so supportive in everything I did, he let me make mistakes without judgement, he worked extremely hard and would hold out his hand to anyone in need - no questions asked. My dad had the kindest heart of anyone I have ever known - ever.

I will never forget how special he made every Christmas, how he absolutely adored his grandkids, how proud he was of his own kids, him singing Elvis songs, sitting on the porch and laughing at his one-liners, and his gentle eyes.

Love you always and miss you so much!

- Michelle

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Michelle Miller - May 12, 2020 at 09:20 PM

NB

“ *My brother was the best! To witness the love he had for his family was amazing and gentle. He gave my sister Virg an I an awesome cruise to the Bahamas which we couldn't thank him enough. Took me on my first fishing trip in a boat where I caught my first fish. So many good memories the gift he had to make you laugh such a good sense of humor. We will all miss you so much love you rest in peace. Love Naomi*

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**Naomi Valentine Buck** - May 12, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard Douglas Hughes.*



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May 12, 2020 at 09:35 AM

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“ *I remember going up to Michigan and seeing him and he would always make me laugh I miss him like crazy.*

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**Laura walls (Blevins)** - May 12, 2020 at 07:42 AM

LH

“ My dad is my hero and was my best friend. I am who I am today because of him. My love for animals, my kind heart, finding joy in making others happy, my stubbornness, my work ethic, and most of all my understanding that family truly is everything! I will carry on, and instill these values in my children, so that my dad's positive and loving influences will live on forever! My dad was my world, and my life is never going to be the same without him, a piece of my heart is now missing. I will cherish all of my memories that I have and hold them close, and try to find peace in knowing that he is now pain free, and forever by my side in spirit and listening❤️

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Letisha Hughes - May 11, 2020 at 11:19 PM

MH

“ Today a very important man has been taken home, where peace is endless and where pain doesn't exist. This man, my Uncle Lenny, was very influential in the man I have grown into being. One where no matter what, you keep your family together. You work your fingers to the bone, sometimes cut them off, in order for your family to eat and stay warm. It pains my heart with this loss, but I am so thankful of all the memories he provided me. This man would put a smile on anyone's face. And I'm so happy my daughter was finally able to meet this man, they immediately fell deep in love and it was amazing to watch. Of course he sang his favorite Elvis songs to her which was so nostalgic and loving to watch. I loved this man, and though life has put its distance between us, anytime we seen each other it was like nothing had changed. I love you Uncle Lenny, may you rest easy with all of our loved ones in the heavens. ❤️❤️❤️

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mike hand - May 11, 2020 at 10:30 PM

JH

“ *The hole that's left in my heart will never close. However- I know the pain of his passing, with time, will turn to happiness because I was blessed to have my dad in my life for 51 years. The love that this man had for his family was extraordinary and unwavering. There wasn't a time that I saw him without kisses and hugs, a time I left him without kisses and hugs, and a conversation on the phone that didn't end with, "I love you".*

*My dad was the most inspirational man in my life. He made sure I had all the tools I needed to navigate my way through life and he made sure I knew how to be a positive role model for my children. I will be thankful that I was blessed to have him as my dad every day of my life. So, if you would like to do something in memory of my dad- call someone and tell them that you love them- he would like that.*

*Dad, thank you for being the best man in my life. I love you and will miss you.*

*Love your son, Jack*

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**Jack Hughes** - May 11, 2020 at 09:38 PM

DD

“ *Many great memories of Leonard! Rest In Peace my friend. Dave Durham*

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**Dave Durham** - May 11, 2020 at 09:27 PM

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“ *James Offerman (brother-in-law) lit a candle in memory of Leonard Douglas Hughes*



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**James Offerman (brother-in-law)** - May 11, 2020 at 09:22 PM

EH

“ My grandpa was truly the greatest of all time- ever. I remember when he built us that huge play structure for us at his house in Milford with the smiley face that could be seen from the moon. I always loved going to my grandparents house because it was NEVER a dull moment. My grandpa would've given the world for us and he did just that. I'll miss you forever.

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**Evan Hughes** - May 11, 2020 at 08:37 PM

FG

“ After knowing Jack for over twenty years I was fortunate to get to know his father in the last few. As it turned out Leonard and I contracted half a dozen roofs together in the last couple years with beautiful results. Everyone we worked with loved Leonard and his workmanship. I was amazed he could do that work so well in his late 60's. That takes a special guy. NOT easy . On one particular job I needed a couple extra days to square up with payment. Leonard looked at me with his gentle way and responded that he was planning giving money to Logan and the kids so it wasn't a rush. I was moved by his generosity and I am proud to be a friend of the Hughes family. Sorry for your families loss, especially you Jack. I love you.

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**Frank Guirlinger** - May 11, 2020 at 04:37 PM

TB

“ I loved spending time with all our hughes family. I am so sorry for the loss of such a great man. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you... love Tricia Wiggle

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**TRICIA K WIGGLE BAZZY** - May 11, 2020 at 02:25 PM

TW

“ I remember working with Uncle Dwayne and him dropping roofs on house for Dessi Steel so the houses could be moved, then raising the roofs up after the move, Also spending time on row lake. Favorite memory was a fishing trip to Canada.

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**timothy wiggle** - May 11, 2020 at 01:10 PM

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No yes Timmy I remember that that was wonderful but he also taught me to that what I married when I first met him before I married into the family he taught me everything about roofing started out at the bottom carrying shingles cleaning cleaning up the ground I work my way up to where I was working with him he was a good man he would do anything for anybody you will surely be missed I love them dearly I'm sure going to miss them rest in peace brother

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**James Offerman (brother-in-law)** - May 11, 2020 at 09:17 PM

MJ

“ He was the best big brother this baby sister could of asked for he would of gave the shirt off his back if you needed it he will be missed dearly by all that loved him rest in piece big brother

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**Melanie hughes josephson** - May 11, 2020 at 12:06 PM