



1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.

April 10, 1947 - August 4, 2018

Leon Saxton, Jr., son of the late Leon Saxton, Sr. and Lillie Jean (Maddox) Saxton, was born April 10, 1947 in Kansas City, Kansas. As a young boy, Leon grew up in the Kansas City, Missouri and graduated from Paseo High School in 1965.

After graduating from high school, Leon furthered his education by attending Central Missouri State. While there, he met the love of his life, Edijon Batchler. They were united in marriage on January 6, 1968 in Kansas City and they were blessed with son Leon "Boo" the III in 1968 and Ukiko "Uki" Yvette in 1973.

In 1973, Leon entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement in 2003. During his time in the military, Leon served as a recruiter in Houston, Texas for 20 years and attained the rank of First Sergeant. For his faithful service, he earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (8th Award) Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good conduct Medal (7th Award), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National defense Service Medal (3rd Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 3, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas

Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the US Army Gold Recruiter Badge with 3 Sapphire Achievement Stars.

Leon, Edi and the family decided to move back to Missouri in the late 1990's to be closer to family and also to help start the family business, Sweetwater BBQ. Leon loved his family tremendously and would always do whatever he could to help.

In his spare time, Leon enjoyed being outdoors, whether it was hunting or more often than not, you could find him playing golf. He loved being outdoors.

Leon passed away Saturday, August 4, 2018 having attained the age of 71 years, 3 months and 24 days. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Leon leaves to cherish his memory, one daughter: Ukiko Williams (Brian) of Newburg, MO; three grandchildren: Mallory D'Ann Brinson (Axel) of Houston, TX and Ukara and Breanna Saxton, both of Newburg, MO; five siblings: Helen Louise Brown (Loren) of Kansas City, KS, Larry B. Saxton (Tanya) of Washington, DC, Ida Lanier Saxton of Kansas City, MO, Michael Jeffrey Saxton of Kansas City, MO and Mallory Jean Saxton of Houston, TX; sisters-in-law: Georgie Batchler Trotter (Lewis); Janet J. Batchler Potts (Arlan); brothers-in-law: David Batchler (Patricia) and John Batchler (Jennifer); several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Leon was preceded in death by his wife, Edijon Saxton; his son: Leon Saxton III "Boo"; parents-in-law: Etsuko McCord and George Batchler; and brother-in-law: James Batchler.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 13, 2018 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with John Mark Roberts

and Arlan Potts officiating. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Leon Saxton and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
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(573) 774-6111
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of 1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 13, 2018 at 11:13 AM

BR

Leon was a very close friend and co worker. I will always miss his sense of humor and laugh. He was a man among men. Was a great mentor to younger people and showed them what it was to be a gentleman or young woman. He had a great ear for listening and a huge heart. I will never forget him and will always love and miss my friend.

Brenda Rose - November 27, 2018 at 06:24 PM



“ *1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

SS

“ *Steven Shepard lit a candle in memory of 1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.*



Steven Shepard - August 13, 2018 at 09:34 AM

LC

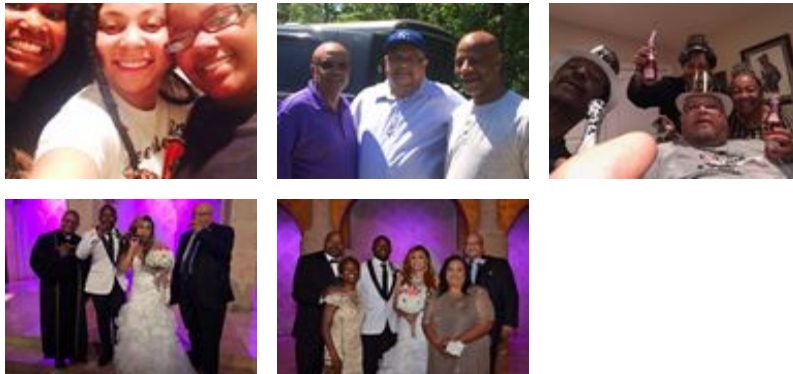
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Lindsay Callahan - August 12, 2018 at 11:19 PM



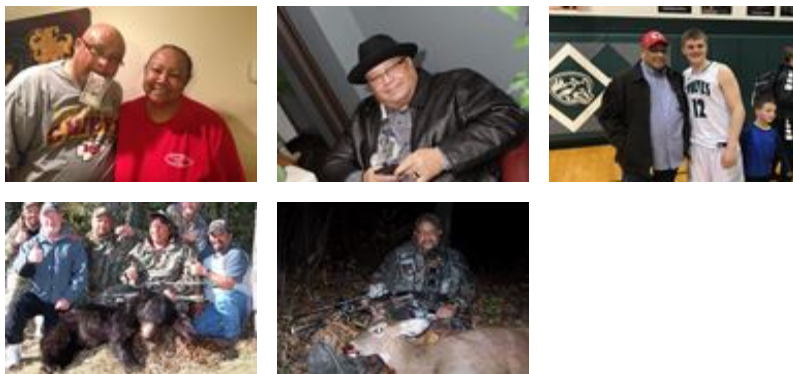
“ 22 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 11, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ 18 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 11, 2018 at 10:00 AM

ME

“ Margaret Florence Evans lit a candle in memory of 1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.



Margaret Florence Evans - August 10, 2018 at 10:33 PM

RF

Nicest man great person will be missed , sorry we never went fishing , in heaven fish bite all day long none stop rip Darren and carol floyes

richard floyes - August 12, 2018 at 07:57 PM

LP

“ Les And Mary Pero sent a virtual gift in memory of 1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.



Les and Mary Pero - August 10, 2018 at 02:42 PM

DP

“ Dee Castro Pearce lit a candle in memory of 1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.



Dee Castro Pearce - August 10, 2018 at 12:16 PM

LJ

“ *LaVerne Jackson-Taylor lit a candle in memory of 1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.*



LaVerne Jackson-Taylor - August 10, 2018 at 04:59 AM

MM

“ *Michael & Crystal Mosier sent a virtual gift in memory of 1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.*



Michael & Crystal Mosier - August 10, 2018 at 04:58 AM

LJ

“ *Mr. Leon was always nice to me when I worked at Sweetwater always let me know I was doing a great job and told me if I needed anything to just let him know and anytime I ask for something he made it happen. I'm going to miss his smile. Rest well Mr. Leon thanks for being good to me. Love Verne*

LaVerne Jackson-Taylor - August 10, 2018 at 04:57 AM

ST

“ *Your smile will be missed it would always brighten up any place you walked into. Our thought and prayers are with the Saxton family and this time we are so sorry for your loss.*



Sue Thomas - August 09, 2018 at 08:58 AM

MM

“ *The family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love you.* ”



Michael & Crystal Mosier - August 08, 2018 at 07:56 PM

 Matt N Barrett

“ *Matt N Barrett lit a candle in memory of 1SGT
(Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.* ”



Matt N Barrett - August 08, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ *condolences to the family. I met Mr Saxton a few times at
Sweetwater BBQ when i was still living in Pulaski county prior to
may of 2009. He was, friendly every time that i saw him when i
came in for the best bbq in pulaski county R.I.P sir* ”

Robert Goodwin - August 08, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ *Robert Goodwin lit a candle in memory of
1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.* ”



Robert Goodwin - August 08, 2018 at 06:18 PM

RA

“ ROSLYN ANDERSON lit a candle in memory of 1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.



ROSLYN ANDERSON - August 08, 2018 at 04:51 PM

NF

“ Neal & christa Femmer lit a candle in memory of 1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.



neal & christa femmer - August 08, 2018 at 12:07 PM



“ Mitzi Sparks lit a candle in memory of 1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.



Mitzi Sparks - August 08, 2018 at 09:10 AM

PG

“ Pulaski County Gideons lit a candle in memory of 1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.



Pulaski County Gideons - August 08, 2018 at 09:02 AM

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“ Steven And Laurie Thompson (Iowa) lit a candle in memory of 1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.



Steven and Laurie Thompson (Iowa) - August 07, 2018 at 08:31 PM

CW

“ We are holding you up in prayer.

Much love

Aunt Jean & Family

Celeste Barton & Deloris Washington - August 07, 2018 at 08:20 PM

BR

“ Leon was not only a good person but great man. He was a loving, caring, funny, husband, father, grandfather, co worker and friend. He would cry with you just as much as laugh with you. He would give you the shirt off his back if he thought you needed it. Leon you will be sorely missed. But I know you are with Edi now the love of your life. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.



Brenda Rose - August 07, 2018 at 08:17 PM



Laurie
Thompson

*May u rest easy Leon!!!! I sure will miss u,love u bunghooleo my friend
!!!! 🥹🥹💕*

Laurie Thompson - August 15, 2018 at 09:53 PM



LH

“ *Laura Huffman lit a candle in memory of
1SGT (Ret) Leon Saxton Jr.*



Laura Huffman - August 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM