



Leonard H. Drache

April 1, 1939 - January 2, 2024

Vernon - Leonard Drache, age 84, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at the Karen Ann Quinlan Home for Hospice in Fredon, NJ, with his family by his side. He was born in Paterson, NJ on April 1, 1939 to the late Herman and Frances (Tomevi) Drache and was raised in Fairlawn, NJ. Leonard served in the United States Coast Guard Reserve from 1958 to 1965. He lived in Oakland, NJ and in Vernon, NJ for most of his life. He took great pride in being a Union Carpenter, a handy-man extraordinaire and taking care of his home and yard made him happy. Leonard was a man of many stories, the gift of gab and truly enjoyed his friends and neighbors all through his life. He could often be found reading Louis L'Amour books and could not put the book down until it was finished. Leonard enjoyed fishing wherever he might find himself, whether it be at a bucolic local lake or anywhere he and his wife, Eileen, travelled throughout the years. He loved his boat and treasured time at Lake George with his family where many precious memories were made. Leonard was a dedicated and faithful member of the New Jersey Free Masons for 55 years and the Order of the Eastern Star for 50 years. He was a member of the former Samaritan Lodge No. 98 in Hardyston and a current member of the Kittatinny Lodge #164 F. & A. M. and Northern Chapter #38. He served as Tyler, Proxy to Grand Lodge, Worthy Patron and was Grand Representative for the State of Wyoming. But more than anything, his devotion to his family is what defines him. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Heinz Drache and

many aunts and uncles.

Leonard is survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, Eileen (Nebiker); his loving daughter, Colleen Drache and her spouse, William Start, II; his loving son, Alan Drache and his spouse, Heather Schwenke; and one very cherished grandson, Kevin Drache. He is also survived by his cousins, Vivian Ramella, Cynthia Conrad and Genevieve Summers.

Friends may pay their respects to the family on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to

7:00 p.m. at the Kittatinny Masonic Lodge #164, 336 US Route 206, Branchville, NJ 07826. Masonic Services will immediately follow at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Leonard's Memory to:

Kittatinny Masonic Lodge #164, P.O Box 82 Branchville, NJ 07826 or Northern Chapter # 38 O.E.S., 20 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848 or Shriners Hospital for Children 3551 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140 Private cremation services have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex, NJ 07461. Online condolences may be offered to the family on www.pinkelfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kittatinny Masonic Lodge #164
336 US Route 206
Branchville, NJ 07826

Memorial Service

JAN 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Eileen and family, so sorry for your loss may his memory be eternal.
Blessings Adele VanHaste (Leo Kaytes Ford)

Adele Vanhaste - January 11, 2024 at 08:18 PM

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“ Dennis Weir & Family, Mike, Lisa, & Rach purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Leonard H. Drache.



Dennis Weir & Family, Mike, Lisa, & Rach - January 09, 2024 at 12:16 PM

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“ Dennis Weir & Family, Mike, Lisa, & Rach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard H. Drache.

Dennis Weir & Family, Mike, Lisa, & Rach - January 09, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leonard H. Drache.



January 09, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Eileen, my deepest condolences to you, Kevin, Alan, Heather, Colleen and Bill on the passing of Len. Much love, Laurie Emmons*

Laurie Emmons - January 09, 2024 at 10:36 AM