

Leon T. Selby

December 19, 1933 - December 8, 2015

Leon T. Selby, age 81, of Rensselaer passed away Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. Leon was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on December 19, 1933, the son of Thurman and Anna (Hielscher) Selby. He was a lifetime resident.

At 18 years of age Leon enlisted in the United States Navy. He was stationed at Argentia, Newfoundland and served from 1952 to 1960.

Leon returned to Rensselaer and for 40 years was the trainer and owner of Selby Racing Stable's and was a member of the United States Trotting Association. He was also the owner and operator of the Marathon Gas & Service Station in Rensselaer for 20 years.

He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Rensselaer.

Leon was a 50-year member of the American Legion Post #29, a member of the V. F. W. Post #1279 and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a former member of Curtis Creek Country Club where he was known as "Leon the Legend" and was a 5-time Club Champion, last winning the Championship in 1987.

An avid bowler, Leon had bowled in the local men's league and was the 1963 Indiana State Bowling Champion. He also enjoyed playing cards, especially a good game of poker.

In Rensselaer, Indiana on June 10, 1961, Leon married Carol Williams who survives.

Surviving is his loving wife Carol and their children, Julius "Butch" Selby of

New Albany, Ind., Brett (companion Lidia Zych) Selby of Anderson, Ind., Jody (husband Jeff) DeBoy of Lafayette, Ind., and Lisa (husband Don) Watt of Rensselaer; ten grandchildren, John Meister, Lindsey Skiles, Kylee Thurston, Sandra Watt, Chelsea Watt, Meghan Selby, Brittany Selby, Haley Selby, Chassity Howard, and Melissa Selby; five great-grandchildren, Brody Skiles, Leighton Skiles, Palmer Thurston, Kian Meister and Nathan Thomas Howard; two sisters, Jo An Ford of Buckeye, Arizona and Marlene (husband Bill) Lyall of Sun Lakes, Arizona and a brother, Marvin (wife Jorja) Selby of Rensselaer. Leon was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson Jason Selby and a great-grandson, Robert Matthew Davis.

Friends may call at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer Friday, December 11, 2015, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be on Saturday, December 12, 2015, at the Church of the Nazarene in Rensselaer at 10:30 a.m. with Reverend Lisa Ulrich officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Rensselaer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, VARO Federal Building, 575 N. Pennsylvania Street, # 324, Indianapolis, IN 46204, the Church of the Nazarene, 200 S. McKinley Avenue, Rensselaer, IN 47978, or the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, 820 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Service

DEC 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Nazarene
200 South McKinley Avenue
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Leon T. Selby*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 10, 2015 at 01:19 PM

LA

RIH Leon--you will be missed!!

Lori Burdett Aichner - December 10, 2015 at 06:29 PM

MS

Carol: this is Mari Hoeflerlin .. I was going thru kidney cancer surgery when Leon passed ... I wish to send my condolences and prayers for your family,! I knew them all years ago .. I wd have been there if I cd! Send my love to all of your family!

Mari Hoeflerlin Schultz - February 04, 2016 at 12:50 AM

TB

“ *So long my friend....not goodbye because I'm sure we'll meet again one day! Until then you enjoy that big Texas Hold em game in the sky! It was my pleasure to serve you & Ed when you came in for the weekly poker games. Genuinely nice guy and always a gentleman! My heart goes out to your family. May God grant them peace and comfort now and in the days ahead. Rest easy buddy!*

Tammy (Hesson) Bottoms - December 13, 2015 at 12:11 PM

JH

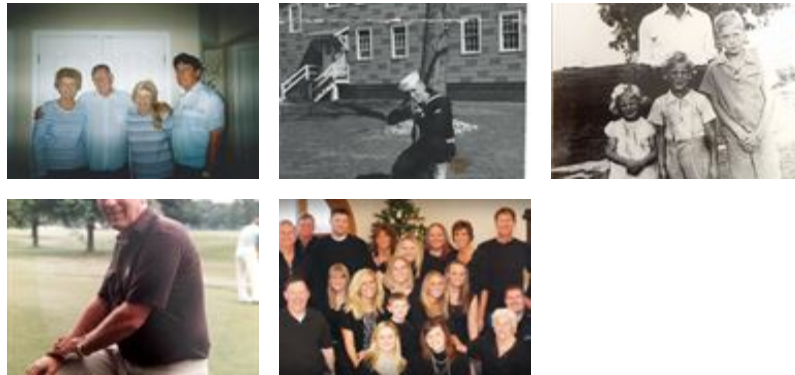
“ John and Karen Hering purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leon T. Selby.



John and Karen Hering - December 11, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 11, 2015 at 03:52 PM

RB

“ Richard And Vickie Bozell lit a candle in memory of Leon T. Selby



Richard and Vickie Bozell - December 11, 2015 at 12:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leon T. Selby.*



December 11, 2015 at 11:53 AM



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December 10, 2015 at 07:29 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to all of you.*



Don and Gloria Waymouth - December 10, 2015 at 02:57 PM



I met Leon many years ago at Balmoral Park. I have maintained a wonderful friendship with him for many years. I enjoyed our visits and golf outings very much. Rest in peace my friend.

Ben Wessels - December 11, 2015 at 08:33 AM



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Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 10, 2015 at 12:55 PM

JB

“ *Dear Carol and family,
I am sorry for your loss. Leon leaves this life, with many accomplishments, most important his family. I hope and pray that your memories will bring you comfort in the days and nights to come. Although, I never had the privilege to golf with him, he would treat Brett and I to special dinners at the Curtis Creek Country Club! I also, was never in a card game with him, but he was betting that Brett and I would return his Cadillac safely home after prom! I will be holding you close in my thoughts and prayers. I wish I could be there for the services, and pay my respects to him as a veteran, a gentleman, and a sportsman. Hold onto this thought, he is where the pastures are greener, and that love has no boundaries.*

*Love,
Julie Birkmeyer*

Julie Birkmeyer - December 09, 2015 at 07:03 PM

GP

“ Carol and family,
Leon and I have been friends for over 40 yrs. For over 20 yrs we played in the State Police fund raiser tournament. A few yrs ago we went to Virginia where we played in a tournament where my boys are members. One year when we took my SJC baseball team to Florida we met Leon and Carol walking down the beach. In my 40+ years knowing Leon I never had a bad day with him. He was such a special person. I will miss him dearly! I am sending this from Colorado where my family and I are snow skiing and will not be able to be at the Wake or funeral. I apologize for that.
George and Bernice Post

George Post - December 09, 2015 at 05:56 PM

DK

“ David And Kim lit a candle in memory of Leon
T. Selby



David and Kim - December 09, 2015 at 03:54 PM

KK

“ Thinking of you all. Leon was one of my favorite guys at Curtis Creek. If I was working and he stopped in, he left me a two dollar bill even if he didn't order anything. I still have a few saved that he gave me. Glad I held on to them all these years. We'll miss ya, Leon.

Kate Korn - December 09, 2015 at 03:15 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Leon. He was a fine man, wonderful neighbor and great golfer. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.

Myles Beeching



Myles Beeching - December 09, 2015 at 07:58 AM

 Terri Smith-Godsey

“ We are so blessed to have had him in our lives. We are so happy we were there last year, it means a lot. We love you all and will keep you in our prayers and thoughts. He will be sorely missed.

Terri Smith-Godsey - December 09, 2015 at 06:40 AM

JH

“ Rest in Peace my friend.....

Jeff Hesson - December 09, 2015 at 06:30 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. I will be praying for your family.



Jerry and Beth - December 09, 2015 at 03:47 AM

LA

“ He was a great man blessed w/an awesome family--I remember we got Chuckles & Yoohoos everytime we stopped in the Marathon--good times make great childhoods--thank you Selbys!

Lori Burdett Aichner - December 08, 2015 at 09:50 PM

WG

“Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.” Wanda Gifford



Wanda Gifford - December 08, 2015 at 07:16 PM

KF

“Dear Family,
We are so sorry to hear about Leon.
We will miss his "Smiling Face."
You are in "Our Thoughts & Prayers."
With Our Deepest Sympathy,
Kathy Hopp- Whitaker & Family



Kathy Hopp- Whitaker & Family - December 08, 2015 at 06:56 PM

DF

“Dear Family,
We are so, so, sorry to hear about Leon.
He will be sadly missed around town.
We are "Thinking of All of You."
With Our Deepest Sympathy,
Debby Hopp- Anderson & Family



Debby Hopp- Anderson & Family - December 08, 2015 at 06:52 PM

TM

“Tammy McEwan lit a candle in memory of Leon T. Selby



Tammy McEwan - December 08, 2015 at 03:30 PM