



Leander "Popeye" Johnson Jr.

February 1, 1954 - June 16, 2023

Leander "Popeye" Johnson Jr., 69, of Huntington, IN, passed away at 12:20 pm Friday, June 16, 2023, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, IN.

Leander was born on February 1, 1954, in Floyd County, KY, the son of Leander Johnson Sr. and Polly (Burke) Johnson. He attended Floyd County Schools in Kentucky before moving to Indiana. Leander worked for Ken-Koat of Huntington for 30 years and was previously employed by Schacht Rubber, Dana of Andrews and lastly at Clark's Recycling of Huntington.

Leander was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed playing cards, especially poker. Leander started at a young age scrapping metals for money and he continued into his adulthood as a "master" scraper. He was a hard worker and taught his children nothing comes easy. Leander was a family man and always made sure his family was taken care of and provided for. He looked forward to teaching his grandchildren about life and sharing his wisdom. Leander's grandchildren were his world and being called grandpa was one of his greatest blessings.

Survivors include his two sons, Nikkia (Lucinda) Johnson of Huntington, IN, Kevin (Christie) Johnson of Citra, FL; three daughters, Stephanie Johnson of Huntington, IN, Rebeca (Cory) Lusch of Huntington, IN, Tiffany Johnson of

Huntington, IN; twenty-three, grandchildren; fourteen, great grandchildren; one, brother; six, sisters; and his companion, Debby Warner of Huntington, IN. He is preceded in death by his father, Leander Johnson, Sr., mother, Polly R. Johnson, daughter, Betty Jane Johnson, granddaughter, Aryanna Asher, granddaughter, Jestina Kelly, sister, Alka Watts and previous wife Dorothy Septer.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Thursday, June 22, 2023, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held in Kentucky. Burial will be in Johnson Cemetery Floyd County, KY.

Preferred memorials to the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington, IN., in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Leander "Popeye" Johnson.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CJ

“ From driving a minivan 1100 miles to us so we'd have a vehicle big enough to tote your grandchildren, to patiently listening to your grandson talk your ear off on the phone everyday about cations and superheroes when he was little, to making sure your son had what he needed to succeed in his certifications in college, you always showed up and showed out when it counted. You didn't say I love you easily, but when you did, your son and grandkids knew you meant it, with everything in you. We were all so excited about you coming to visit, and are devastated we didn't get that time with you. May you rest in peace, Popeye, and know you raised some strong and tenacious kids and grandkids, who are taking comfort in knowing you've been reunited with your daughter and granddaughter, and all of your other loved ones who were called home before you.

Christie Johnson - June 19, 2023 at 12:22 PM

CJ

“ Sorry to hear about Popeye's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Popeye always had a joke to tell me when I would talk with him. He will be missed.



Charles E Hall Jr - June 19, 2023 at 07:34 AM

SJ

“ I can't believe this I miss u so much



Stephanie Johnson - June 19, 2023 at 06:21 AM



“ *Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Leander "Popeye" Johnson Jr..*



June 19, 2023 at 12:51 AM



“ *I enjoyed being able to grow up in the same home as my grandfather for years. Spending my life with you and growing up and learning new things from you was a blessing. I enjoyed helping scrap for money and gardening. I want to thank my grandfather for all the help that him and Debby gave me when I really needed it. My grandfather meant the world to me.*

Karry Sherman - June 18, 2023 at 11:19 PM



“ *Dad this all feels like a bad dream i love you so much and miss u like crazy I'm so sorry I was gone for years but blessed that I was home for Alil over 2 years before u went home I know u r always watchin over us and I'm sure mom is up there messing with u like always I love both of you so much and always will*

Stephanie Johnson - June 18, 2023 at 10:13 PM