



William (Bill) Joseph LeAn

December 11, 1944 - August 16, 2013

William (Bill) LeAn, 68, of Humansville passed away suddenly on Friday, August 16th, 2013 at Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar. A lifelong resident of Humansville he was one of 2 children born to Roland and Jo LeAn and was a 1962 graduate of Humansville High School. Bill began his auctioneering career working with Everett Griffin of Fair Play. After a while Bill and Ronnie Bruce formed the Bruce and LeAn Auction Company and were partners for nearly 40 years auctioning many, many sales in the area. Bill began to specialize in working with Texas Longhorn Cattle and became quite well known in Longhorn circles as an auctioneer, showman, and judge traveling the United States to participate in Texas Longhorn events. He has been a recipient of many honors and awards through the Texas Longhorn Association. Another love of Bill's was bluegrass music. He hosted a Bluegrass radio show with Larry Smith on KRLK Radio in Stockton for 10 years and was well known throughout the local bluegrass music scene as he played with various "bluegrassers". Bill loved to ride motorcycles and he and Jo took many riding trips. Playing golf was a real passion of Bill's along with fishing and hunting. He enjoyed life and lived it! Bill served as a member of the Humansville School Board for several years and drove a school bus for more than 10 years. He cared about the youth of the Humansville community and coached softball and baseball. He owned several businesses at various times including pawn shops in both Humansville and Bolivar. Bill was a Christian and a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Humansville.

He was a 33rd degree Mason in the Bolivar Chapter and was an Honorary Kentucky Colonel. He is survived by his wife Jo of the home; his father Roland LeAn and mother Beatrice Jo Hudy; brother Darrell LeAn and his wife Donna of Humansville; sons Kelley LeAn of Pittsburg, Missouri, Michael LeAn and his wife Lana of El Dorado Springs, Missouri; daughters Kimberly Flores and her husband Eddie of Springfield and Jo Dee Ryan of Springfield; step-daughters Lynn Nuckolls and her husband Robert of Oak Grove, Missouri and Cindi Creech and her husband Ronnie of Republic, Missouri; grandchildren Katie, Megan, Michael, Morgan, Joseph, Lane, Adam, Maya, Elena, Hank, Luke, Jared, Jessica, Jenna, Jacklyn, Alex; several great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at Murray Funeral Home, Humansville with Rev. Scott Killingsworth officiating. Musicians will be Roy, Betty Jo, Mark and Kendra Craft. Pallbearers are Ronnie Bruce, Billy Bruce, Mike Sprowls, Ronnie Creech, Eddie Flores, and Darrell LeAn, Jr. Burial will follow in the Humansville Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday from 6-8 PM with a Masonic Service to be held at 6. Memorial contributions may be given to the Humansville Alumni Scholarship Fund in memory of Bill LeAn c/o Murray Funeral Home or Melody Bays; 400 S Bolivar Rd., Humansville, MO 65674. Online condolences may be submitted at www.murrayfuneralhomes.com.

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Tribute Wall



“ *William (Bill) Joseph LeAn*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *William (Bill) Joseph LeAn*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *He will be sorely missed.*

RED LETTER EDITION - August 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jo and Family, Until recently, I attended many auctions Bill and Ronnie had and I always enjoyed Bill's humor, kindness, and personality. My Sympathy and Prayers for Jo, Roland, and the many others who were close to Bill. May your Memories give you Peace and Comfort. Allan-Springfield*

Allan Stone - August 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was a true honor to know Bill. He touched many lives and is greatly missed by all. Sending you guardian angels that multiply upon need. Sandy & Bill Martin*

Sandy & Bill Martin - August 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Thank-you for letting me golf with you. Sorry, I am not very good. But it was awesome watching you. And sorry i tore out the axle on your austin healy And yes i was peeling out on some leave. Not sure i ever owned up to it back then. Thank-you for serving our country and being a professional in everything you did.

Bobby Lean - August 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Jo, Sorry to hear about Billyou are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill was a good friend and was always there when I needed answers
Jerry Carson

Jerry Carson - August 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of the sudden & unexpected loss of one of the Finest Men we known. Bill was truly admired & well thought of by everyone he came in contact with. Our heartfelt sympathy to Jo & the rest of the family. He will be missed by a multitude of friends & loved ones. Our Thoughts & Prayers are with Jo & the family at this difficult time.

Lee & Linda Ragains - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jo so sorry to hear of Bill's passing, he was a wonderful friend, wish we could be with you and your family, but you know we have to work, poor people have poor ways. love you guys

Junior Haddock - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Bill and I shared a lot of common interest that we discussed on many occasions, being auctioneers, being Masons, and of course the love and passion of the cattle. It was a true honor to be with Bill the week before he passed and to visit for what will be for the last time. He will be remembered as an impact to this and every thing he touched.

Joel Lemley - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Jo and family, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you guys in this time of sorrow, Bill was a great guy and will be missed by many. God bless you and your family.

Kirk & Julia Stanton - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Bill was a great person and will be greatly missed. Branstetter Family

Clyde & Frances Branstetter - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Bill always was ready to tease and laugh with me, he made our bike rides more fun. He is on a new ride now

phil stottlemyre - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Sharon and I offer our most sincere condolence to Jo and Bill's family. We were saddened to hear of his passing. I always enjoyed his company at Longhorn events and he will be missed. We lost a true gentleman. Buck and Sharon Adams Buckhorn Cattle Company

Buck & Sharon Adams - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. We enjoyed visiting with him in April @ Winfield, KS.

Dale & Janet Eppard - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Bill will be greatly missed by all that knew him.. Will be praying for you Jo during this very hard time. Call me anytime you may need to talk. You have my number...

David and Vicky Stonebrook - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Jo, I am sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He was a very special person who was so encouraging to me as I grew up in the music. I will never forget his laugh and his smooth voice when he emceed events. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. The Ozarks has lost another bluegrass icon.

Gary Cook - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ You are in our prayers. He is going to be really missed. May God bless you during this time of loss.

Russell & Brenda Coffin - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ We are very sorry for your loss, Bill was a great man and good friend.

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Keller - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *May God be with you in your time of sorrow*

Dennis & Sheryl McCoy - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *We cannot begin to tell you how shocked we were to hear. Jo, we are thinking of you and have you in our prayers .. there are going to be so many people both at visitation and the funeral so it will probably not be easy to visit with you. But please know that you are in our prayers and thoughts. We are also thinking of the rest of Bill's family. If we can help you in any way please let us know.*

Jay and Betty Mashburn - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ *Enjoyed playing music with Bill. My prayers are with the family*

Howard Leuthen - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Jo, I'm so sorry for your loss In time I hope your good memories will outweigh your feeling of loss. Barb*

Barbara Allen - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *My thoughts and prayers to out to the LeAn family. Bill and I attended high school together and our family was pleased to have him preside over our parents estate sale. He will be missed. Jim Camey*

Jim Camey - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ To the family of Bill, we are truly saddened by the loss of a wonderful man! We will forever remember Bill with a smile on his face and a gentle touch and warm words we had with him about longhorns! Wish we could be there. But please know you are in our thoughts and prayers!! Dakota Longhorns, Jon and Cindy Johnson

Jon and Cindy Johnson - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Jo and Family. We are so very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was such a delight and we were honored to be considered his friends. We loved listening to his radio program and still have a copy he made of a song he dedicated to our boys. We look forward to a reunion with him again one day on the other side!

Gary & Lisa Baugher - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I had the honor of working a few differnt longhorn sales with Bill. He always helped to make you smile and lift your spirit when you were feeling blue. I was so happy that I was able to take the Road Trip to the Rocky Mt. Select Sale last year. Love the music you shared with the world. You were a great man and will be missed very much.

Justin & Amanda Rombeck - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ So sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort at this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you Jo and your family. Laurel

Laurel Dunlap - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ Jo and family, know that we our thinking of you during this difficult time. Frank and I were truly fortunate to get to know Bill and visit with him at longhorn events. May fond memories always stay close in your heart.

Frank & Linda Pate - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Jo, Please accept our sincere condolences at the sudden and unexpected loss. Bill & Michelle Smith

Bill & Michelle Smith - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ We are so sad to hear of Bills passing! We have known him for many years. From golf to auctions. Our thoughts and sympathy are with his family. Nancy Crowell Gary Cribbs

Nancy Crowell & Gary Cribbs - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Kim, I'm so sorry for your present grief and loss. You were a stalwart friend as my dad was passing and after my Mom's auto injuries. May you find peace of mind reflecting on precious memories of past good times.

John Bradley - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Wish to extend sympathy on behalf of myself and Bolivar Masonic Lodge. James H. "Jim" Whitman

James Whitman - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Jo and family Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Bill was such a wonderful person and was glad to call him our friend. The longhorn industry will deeply miss him at the events. Hugs and Prayers Jim and Becky Rombeck and family.*

Jim and Becky Rombeck - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM