



Leonard L. Czech

April 10, 1932 - January 30, 2022

There will be a gathering celebrating the life of Leonard L. Czech on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at the Elmdale Community Center in Elmdale, MN from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Come ready to share memories, laugh at the good times, and remember the full life he lived. Leonard passed away on January 30, 2022. Caring for Leonard and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Little Falls, MN.

To view Leonard's funeral mass via livestream please click link and you will be re-directed. <https://my.gather.app/remember/leonard-czech>

Leonard L. Czech was born on April 10, 1932 in Elmdale, Minnesota to the late Tom and Helen (Jendro) Czech. He attended school at District 1184 in Elmdale. Leonard was united in marriage to Joann (Warzecha) on February 5, 1951 at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Elmdale, MN. The couple made their home early on in Elmdale, later moving to the farm in Swanville Township, where they lived for many years. Leonard was a very loving hard working husband and father. Together Leonard and Joann were blessed with 5 children, James, Mary Carol, Gerald, Michael, and John. He attended St. Edwards Catholic Church his entire life. Leonard was a very personable, caring, and generous man. He worked many jobs early in his life including the boats, carpenter, and as the proprietor of the Elmdale Liquor Store and Dance Hall. In 1964 they moved to the farm where he farmed and he began working

at the Little Falls School District for about 35 years as a custodian. Leonard also enjoyed music. As a concertina player he had his own band "The Lenny-Ed Band". He also played with many other local polka bands. In October 2019, he moved to the Swanville Apartments where he was able to help his brother Arnold. Leonard enjoyed visiting and caring for many people.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, James (Theresa) Farmington, MN, Mary Carol, Farmington, MN, Gerald (Karrie), Little Falls, MN, Michael (Mary), Holdingford, MN, John (Alma), Little Falls, MN. Five grandchildren, Andrew (Amy) Czech, Sarah (Uri) Welshans, Tony (Kaley) Czech, Natalie (Nick) Deane, all of the Twin Cities area, Gloria (Jeremy) Stockinger, Sauk Rapids, MN. Eight great-grandchildren, Cooper Czech, Ivy Czech, Victor Welshans, Vera Welshans, Vivian Welshans, Elsie Czech, Louis Czech and Nathan Stockinger. He is also survived by his brother, Arnold Czech of Swanville, and sister, Dorothy Stanek of Hoyt Lakes; many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Leonard was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Joann and parents, Tom and Helen Czech.

Cemetery Details

St. Edward's Catholic Cemetery

Elmdale, MN

Previous Events

Gathering

JUN 5. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Elmdale Community Center
8197 MN-238
Bowlus, MN 56314

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Leonard L. Czech*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 20, 2022 at 09:05 AM



“ *Leonard L. Czech*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *89 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 20, 2022 at 09:04 AM



“ Leonard was one of the kindest men I ever had the pleasure to know. He was the custodian at my school and I loved our daily visits. He always had a smile on his face - and we kept in touch long after his retirement. God Bless you, Leonard!
Mary Hanson

Mary Hanson - February 06, 2022 at 08:47 PM

SS

“ I was so sorry to hear about Leonard. I'll miss seeing him in Herbies when he would stop for a beer and visit. Prayers to his family.



Sue Scepurek - February 04, 2022 at 11:44 PM

TM

“ Tim Matros lit a candle in memory of Leonard L. Czech



Tim Matros - February 02, 2022 at 08:39 PM

KW

“ Karen Waddell lit a candle in memory of Leonard L. Czech



Karen Waddell - February 02, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Leonard L. Czech.



February 02, 2022 at 10:32 AM

JJ

“ Leonard's family:

My deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to one and all.

I played quite a few (dance) jobs with Leonard. I will forever be great full for those opportunities.

In remembrance of and to Leonard I will attach a couple of photos:

#1. Dance Hall poster from years past. This poster was found when the girls (my sisters) were cleaning out the Folk's (Wille and Betty) house.

#2. (I asked Leonard) to put together a band for my Folk's 50th Wedding Anniversary that would feature musicians that Dad would have worked with why back when.

August 28, 2004, The Band:

L-R Tom Heying (bass), Eddie Welinski (sax), Dave Larsen (sax), Leonard (Concertina), Richard Gwost (drums) and Dad (Willie) singing (I think Dad was singing) "Over Three Hills".

Leonard may you Rest In Peace as you are welcomed into that BIG DANCE HALL, in Heaven.

Jeff Jelinski



Jeff Jelinski - February 01, 2022 at 02:00 PM

FT

“ Fred And Judy Tabatt lit a candle in memory of Leonard L. Czech



Fred and Judy Tabatt - January 31, 2022 at 07:33 PM

SE

“ Sharon (Matros) Engelhardt lit a candle in memory of Leonard L. Czech



Sharon (Matros) Engelhardt - January 31, 2022 at 06:23 PM

GB

“ Leonard was a special person to me. It was because he gave me the first opportunity to play tuba in his band. I played regularly with his band for 6 years starting at the age of 12. He gave me my start and here I am still playing with polka bands 65 years later. Still enjoying it I must say.
RIP my friend!!

Gary Baggenstoss - January 31, 2022 at 05:15 PM

GB

“ Gary Baggenstoss lit a candle in memory of Leonard L. Czech



Gary Baggenstoss - January 31, 2022 at 05:07 PM

RS

“ Rosie Solorz lit a candle in memory of Leonard L. Czech



Rosie solorz - January 31, 2022 at 04:08 PM

FC

“ Florian And Linda Czech lit a candle in memory of Leonard L. Czech



florian and linda czech - January 31, 2022 at 04:07 PM

SK

“ My sympathy to the family and friends!

Shirley kuchinski - January 31, 2022 at 04:04 PM

TG

“ Our sympathy and prayers to Leonard's family. We are neighbors of Mike & Mary's. We loved seeing and talking to Leonard at the Elmdale bar, he will be missed dearly.
Tim & Sheila George

Tim & Sheila George - January 31, 2022 at 01:52 PM

MC

“ Sympathy and Prayers for Leonard's family. Leonard was a kind, gentle soul. I was a classmate of Jim Czech 1 thru 12 grade. And Theresa for 5 years at Upsala High. God's blessings.

Mary Lou Czerniak - January 31, 2022 at 09:55 AM

MC

MaryLou (Klisch) Czerniak (Elmdale born and raised). Another memory of Leonard was his talent for music. He played concertina for many dances and weddings. Prayers for all the family.

Mary Lou Czerniak - January 31, 2022 at 11:53 AM

AZ

“ *Amelia Zehowski lit a candle in memory of Leonard L. Czech*



Amelia Zehowski - January 31, 2022 at 09:39 AM

TG

“ *I loved seeing Leonard everyday when he came in his stories were so wonderful to listen to I'm truly going to miss him. Prayers to the family.*



Tammy Gorka - January 30, 2022 at 09:27 PM

MS

“ *Mary And John Sobiech lit a candle in memory of Leonard L. Czech*



Mary and John Sobiech - January 30, 2022 at 07:19 PM

RS

“ *Our prayers for Leonard From Richard and Cathy Schwientek*



Richard Schwientek - January 30, 2022 at 07:04 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Leonard L. Czech*



Sandy Nelson - January 30, 2022 at 06:43 PM

KB

“ *Kim Barnes lit a candle in memory of Leonard L. Czech*



Kim Barnes - January 30, 2022 at 05:26 PM