

Leonard B. Doucette

January 23, 1930 - May 21, 2017

Leonard B. Doucette, 87-year-old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Sunday, May 21, 2017 at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Friday, May 26, 2017 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie, MN with Father Joseph Herzing officiating. Burial will take place at 3:00 P.M. on Friday at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 8:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. on Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie, MN.

Many men's lives are measured by their bank accounts, or as farmers the number of acres, or their livestock numbers. For Leonard his treasures were his late wife, his children, grandchildren and friends and neighbors. Yet his greatest treasure was found in Christ.

Leonard was born on January 23, 1930 in Brainerd, MN, the eldest son of Lawrence and Elizabeth (Borash) Doucette. He was an active 4-H member for eight years. He grew up on the family farm near Freedhem, MN, and attended Holy Angels Academy and rural country school. He graduated from Little Falls High School, class of 1947. He joined the Minnesota National Guard and was drafted into the United States Army in 1952. He attended training at Fort Knox and received training for a wheeled vehicle mechanic. He was stationed at 552 engineer supply depot in Pusan, Korea during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in October of 1954. He then returned to Little Falls and

purchased 128 acres in Green Prairie Township in January 1955. Leonard was united in marriage to Clara Rose Nekich on June 18, 1955 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely, MN. The couple made their home on the sandy shores of the Mississippi River for 5 years. Clara and Leonard moved to a farm in Culdrum township, where they milked 42 dairy cows and farmed 260 acres. They transitioned to turkey farming in 1969. In 1994, he received the prestigious Ranelius Award and WCCO Good Neighbor Award for unselfish service for chairing a fundraising drive for an injured young farmer. Leonard retired from farming in 2002, and moved into Little Falls in 2005. Leonard was a member of the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association, serving on the board of directors for nine years, as well as serving as president. He also served on the Midwest Poultry Federation and the Minnesota Turkey Research and Promotion Council. He was a member of the Swanville Turkey Growers Association, and the Swanville Lions Club. Leonard was a key leader and member of many organizations including 4-H clubs for multiple decades, Morrison County Planning Board, Lucky Lindy chapter of the Good Sam's camping club, and Flensburg American Legion Post 136. He was active as a Sacred Heart parish trustee for many years and also served on Sacred Heart School Board. Leonard and Clara enjoyed 19 winters in Phoenix, Arizona and enjoyed entertaining family and friends. He was an active parishioner at Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie for over 40 years.

Leonard enjoyed cards games, especially in winning, dancing sharing time with family and friends and cheering on the Vikings and Lynx's.

Left to treasure his memory are his children; Judi Kosbau of Little Falls, MN, Robert (Colleen) Doucette of Little Falls, MN, Nancy (Dan) Tufenk of Brainerd, MN, and Jim Doucette of Little Falls, MN; grandchildren, Nathan Kosbau of Sauk Centre, MN, Garrett (Marybeth) Doucette of Upsala, MN, Grant Dalquist of Randall, MN, Tanya Dalquist of Brainerd, MN, and Connor Tufenk of Coon Rapids, MN. Brother Louis (Agnes), sister Loraine Carlson and sister- in law

Audrey. With many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Leonard was preceded in death by his wife, Clara, his parents Lawrence and Elizabeth, his brother, Marvin; grandson Evan Doucette, son-in-law Hal Kosbau and brother-in-law, Leonard Carlson.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Belle Prairie
18777 Riverwood Drive
Little Falls, MN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Leonard B. Doucette*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 23, 2017 at 03:24 PM



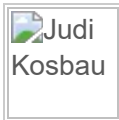
“ *Leonard B. Doucette*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Robert, Colleen and Judy, Sorry to hear about your Dad. Keeping you in thoughts and prayers. Wendy Rutz*

wendy rutz - May 25, 2017 at 10:27 PM



Thank you!

Judi Kosbau - June 03, 2017 at 03:28 PM



“ *Stan & Dee Wielinski lit a candle in memory of Leonard B. Doucette*



Stan & Dee Wielinski - May 24, 2017 at 04:26 PM

CL

“ We are so very sorry for the loss of your loved one
Prayers
Dianne and Charlie Ledbetter



Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter - May 23, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leonard B. Doucette.



May 23, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard B. Doucette.



May 23, 2017 at 03:45 PM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 23, 2017 at 03:22 PM

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“ *Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Leonard B. Doucette*



Claudette Moran - May 23, 2017 at 03:00 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard B. Doucette.*



May 23, 2017 at 12:19 PM

GB

“ *Our condolences. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.*



Greg and Michelle Blaine - May 23, 2017 at 07:48 AM

MG

“ *Mike & Bev Gangl lit a candle in memory of Leonard B. Doucette*



Mike & Bev Gangl - May 22, 2017 at 08:15 PM

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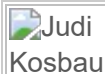
Jim, So sorry for your loss. Big Hug!

Mike & Bev Gangl - May 22, 2017 at 08:17 PM

BE

Judi & family/friends..Sent with Love & hugs: our sincerest sympathy with prayers of Peace & God's BLESSINGS to all the hearts he has touched. Thank You God for sharing Leonard, & all our loved ones with us. Amen

Bev & Ralph Edwards - May 22, 2017 at 09:34 PM

 Judi Kosbau

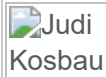
Thanks Bev and Ralph.

Judi Kosbau - June 03, 2017 at 03:31 PM

DP

“ Leonard was one of finest people I ever met in the Minnesota turkey business. His word was as good as gold, and he always saw the best in every person. I will truly miss him. We unfortunately will be visiting our youngest daughter in Boston when his service is being held, but want to extend our condolences to his entire family. Jane and Dick Peterson

Dick Peterson - May 22, 2017 at 06:03 PM

 Judi
Kosbau

Thank you Jane and Dick!

Judi Kosbau - June 03, 2017 at 03:30 PM