



Leo L. Roderick Jr.

April 28, 1942 - September 19, 2023

FITCHBURG - Leo L. Roderick, Jr, 81, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, passed away on September 19, 2023 after a brief battle with cancer.

He was born on April 28, 1942 in Dorchester, Massachusetts to Leo L. Roderick, Sr. and Evelyn Harding Roderick.

Leo is survived by his “Bride” of 30 years, Tina M. Roderick of Fitchburg, MA and his son and “Best Bud” William E. Campbell of Groton, MA; sister Anita “Sam” Curran of Florida and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Janice Roderick and his brother Mark Roderick.

Leo was a graduate of English High School, Boston, class of 1959. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1961 and after basic training was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. During his assignment in Germany, he witnessed President John F. Kennedy’s motorcade through the streets of Berlin. Leo stood on the side of the road and saluted President Kennedy as he drove through the Berlin streets in his Cadillac convertible. In 1966 Leo volunteered for service in the Vietnam War where he served as a Chaplain’s Assistant. He didn’t speak much of his time in Vietnam until these past few years after becoming involved with Clear Path for Veterans. He was most

comfortable being around his fellow servicemen and could finally share with Tina and Willie his time in the war. He thoroughly enjoyed the Clear Path for Veteran's breakfast in Fitchburg and the Clear Path Canteen Lunch at Devens. He felt accepted and safe there. He felt loved.

Although he never received formal training, Leo had an ear for languages and was able to converse with people from many countries. A trait that endeared him to all.

After 10 years of military service, Leo left the Army and worked as a long-haul tractor trailer driver for Hallamore Corporation of Holbrook, Massachusetts. He drove across America during the hey-day of the trucking industry in the 1970's. His CB Handle was "Slow Poke" and he was known in the truck stops throughout America as "Roddy the Roadie". His tales of the road are legendary.

Leo retired from Hallamore in 1995 and worked for Apollo Security. He was awarded a plaque for outstanding service as Officer of the Year.

Leo Loved to travel, but only if he could drive there. He had a Lance Camper and a Dual Wheel Chevy truck and he and Tina took many memorable road trips including a road trip to Anchorage, Alaska. Leo loved taking long trips but he also had many local camping adventures where Willie could join him and Tina for campfires and smores making.

Leo was a gentle soul; He was loved by people and animals throughout the world.

When driving past a veteran's monument, any monument in any town, city or state - no matter how small the monument, Leo would ALWAYS salute. When asked by Tina why he always did that he said, "Well Tina, someday when I go

up yonder I know that all of those boys will be standing there saluting me back.”

Calling hours will be held in the Isabelle and Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg on Tuesday, September 26, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Tina and Willie have asked that any donations in Leo’s memory be made to Clear Path for Veterans, 84 Antietam Street, Devens, MA 01434.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP **26.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home - Fitchburg
316 Clarendon Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
(978) 343-4407

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Leo was a wonderful brother-in-law.
He had a great sense of humor and quick wit.

He was caring of all he met.
Loved animals and they loved him back.

He impacted me with his wisdom and point of view many times.

His whole world was my sister, Tina and Will, his son and they are richer for it.

He will be missed.

Patty Haggstrom

Patricia Haggstrom - September 27, 2023 at 09:20 AM

PA

“ Leo was the best I'll always remember the smile on his face and a gentle smile I'll miss his stories that he would tell. He adored William and his bride Tina the love in his eyes said it all.



Patricia - September 25, 2023 at 08:56 PM

YW

“ Leo will be truly missed he was the nicest man I have had the pleasure of knowing ,rest easy, watch over Tina and William.
Yvonne Whitman

Yvonne Whitman - September 25, 2023 at 07:25 PM

CS

“ Our sincere condolences Tina on your loss of Leo. We did not know him well but the last time we met he was a wonderful man. Keep the memories close to your heart.

Carolyn and Sandy Shepard - September 25, 2023 at 06:32 PM

PR

“ Tina & Will I am so sorry for your loss. Leo was such a kind soul, always having something good to say. I know he loved you both so very much. He will be missed.

Pam Reed

PAMELA REED - September 25, 2023 at 04:44 PM

KS

“ Forever in our hearts Leo!
Love you Buddy Don and Kathy

Kathleen Stewart - September 25, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leo L. Roderick Jr..



September 24, 2023 at 09:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leo L. Roderick Jr..

September 24, 2023 at 09:53 PM

LL

“ I remember Leo from when I was a child. He was the older cousin. He will be missed by his family. Lorraine Rodrigues Lee

Lorraine Rodrigues Lee - September 24, 2023 at 07:13 PM

D"

“ Disney Mom "Pat" purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Leo L. Roderick Jr..



Disney Mom "Pat" - September 24, 2023 at 06:01 PM

AN

“ Leo was a great dad and a wonderful husband. Also, he was a grandfather for some of us. I already miss speaking French with him and I will miss him forever.

Anny - September 24, 2023 at 04:22 PM

PM

“ My wife Kathryn and myself just recently became acquainted with Leo and his wife Tina. You could easily see how much of a loving couple they were. Leo was the consummate gentleman and will be sadly missed by all. Thank you for your service to our country and rest in peace...God Speed Leo.

Paul and Kathryn Maruszewski - September 23, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leo L. Roderick Jr..



September 22, 2023 at 10:43 AM



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September 22, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ In memory of Leo Roderick. I will remember Leo for his kindness and good spirit. He always spoke with a positive attitude during his recent medical challenges and continued to be Tina's soulmate to his last days. Rest in peace
Leo for your good life to others and service to our country.

Scott Lauer - September 22, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ Tina I am so sorry and sad to hear about Leo's passing. He was an extraordinary person full of love. You and Willie are in my heart and prayers

paula Souza - September 21, 2023 at 08:30 PM



“ I did not know Leo very well, but I know that his 30 years with Tina & Will he was truly loved. His life was one of amazing service.

Lynn C - September 21, 2023 at 10:21 AM

LM

“ I remember Leo as a very caring person who loved his wife & Willie with all his heart. Tina, so sorry for your loss. May he R.I.P. 🙏😭

Leslie Marshall - September 21, 2023 at 10:01 AM

ED

“ I enjoyed sitting with Tina & Leo at the Clear Path for Veterans New England, at Devens, luncheons. He had a warm smile with kind words. One luncheon, after we enjoyed the delicious meal, a platter of goodies were placed on our table. Leo picked up the platter and held it close to his chest! It was hilarious! It was nice to see the “kid” in him come out. He will be missed, but never forgotten. Warmly,
Elaine D’Alessandro

Elaine Dalessandro - September 21, 2023 at 08:42 AM

SV

He was a very warm and loving person. I truly enjoyed serving him at the Canteen lunches. Rest in peace Leo! You will be in my memories.

Stacey Vear

Stacey Vear - September 26, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leo L. Roderick Jr..



September 21, 2023 at 08:28 AM