



## Leonce J. Richard

February 23, 1956 - September 4, 2019

Gardner- Leonce J. Richard, 63, of Gardner, sadly died Wednesday morning, September 4, 2019 in the Heywood Hospital in Gardner after a courageous battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

He was born in Rexton, N.B., Canada on February 23, 1956, a son of the late Damien and Rita (LeBlanc) Richard.

Leonce was a hard worker dedicating 28 years as a printer at Vogue Wall Covering and the last 12 years in the facilities maintenance department at Fitchburg State University.

Leonce enjoyed spending time with his family especially his seven grandchildren. He also had a passion for the outdoors which included gardening, camping, fishing and hunting.

He leaves the love of his life, his wife Eva (Morkavage) Richard with whom he recently celebrated 38 years of marriage and has spent the past 42 years with; three daughters, Janet Morkavage of Gardner and her son Coean;

Dawn Shockley and her husband A.J. of Farmington, NH and their two boys, Mateus and Liam; Lorrie Boudreau and her husband Dean of Athol and their four children, Brent, Dillon, Zachary and Brooklyn; his surviving siblings, lola

Babineau and her spouse Ronald, Aldea Choquette and her spouse Regina Todd and Reginald Richard and his spouse Betty Murphy.

In addition to his parents Leonce is predeceased by his siblings, Robert, Raoul, Huberte and Rheal.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 13, at 11AM in St. Joseph's Church, 49 Woodland St., Fitchburg. A calling hour in the church will be held prior to the Mass from 10 to 11AM.

The Isabelle and Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements. For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to his family.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church  
49 Woodland St.  
Fitchburg, MA

## Funeral Mass

SEP 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *wanted to smash but i didnt* ”

ijfmek - November 26, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Leonce J. Richard.* ”



September 12, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



Sandy Herndon - September 12, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Leonce J. Richard.* ”



September 11, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Leonce J. Richard.*



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September 09, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ *LJ was such a great person to know - he had such great stories and loved to brag about his family. He will be missed by all of us here at FSU.*

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**Erin R** - September 09, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ *LJ was the kindest most personable person I have had the honor of knowing!! He always had a smile (even when he shouldn't) and would always look to help anyone if needed.*

*When I returned to FSU last December after 6 years, LJ was one of the first staff to welcome me back and ask me about my family.*

*Great Man and will be absolutely missed here at FSU!!*

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**JOSEPH LOBUONO** - September 09, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ *Leonce was truly a kind soul and seeing him at work always made my day better. I loved hearing his stories and seeing the beautiful treasure chests he was working on for his grandchildren. I will miss his smile. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this time.*

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**Andrea Johnston** - September 06, 2019 at 07:36 PM

GN

“ Leonce was a very close friend back in the 70's & 80's until i departed for CA then stayed. My heart is saddened by his departure and my prayers go out to Eva & all family and friends. When "Smokey" worked at Anwelt I started there in maintenance, first met him when I found him sound asleep on a pile of leather hides & our friendship began. Leonce and all of the "gang" have always been in my thoughts and the memories bring smiles and warm my heart. Although it's been many years Leonce has remained my good friend and always will.  
Love and prayers ,  
Greg Nilsen

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**Greg Nilsen** - September 06, 2019 at 02:08 PM

RB

“ I worked with Leonce for a few years at FSU back then it was FSC He was a Great co worker. So Sad was a truly Nice Guy,Prayers to all his Family he sure will be missed by many!! May he RIP!!!

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**Robert Brideau** - September 06, 2019 at 07:37 AM

DE

“ Leonce was a hard working coworker and a nice person,who shall be missed here at FSU facilities.  
Rest in Peace . Prayers are with you all.

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**Debra** - September 06, 2019 at 07:06 AM

RO

“ So sorry for your loss .Praying for the family .Love your cousin in N.B Rita Oulton was a (Leblanc)

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**Rita oulton** - September 06, 2019 at 06:29 AM

IB

“ Leonce you were one heck of a brother. The sweet memories I have will be there with me forever thank you for that.....Love you and miss you already ❤️

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**lola Babineau** - September 05, 2019 at 10:59 PM

AC

“ I wish I could pinch myself and wake up from this nightmare.....We love you so much Bro 🌹  
May you Rest In Peace! 🙏

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**Aldea Choquette** - September 05, 2019 at 09:02 PM

OA

“ It was a privilege having Leonce as a coworker for years. He was one of the best workers we've ever had. He always had a positive attitude. I will truly miss him.

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**Oz Aker** - September 05, 2019 at 08:05 PM

AA

“ I was lucky enough to have my classes in Leonces building each year in college. Everyday he would stop me for a conversation and talk about our days. On my graduation, he was just as excited as my family was to see me graduate. I was blessed to have him a part of my life in college. I will miss him and forever keep him in my heart.

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**Alexandra Aker** - September 05, 2019 at 07:59 PM

DA

“ What a great man that I was fortunate to know. You will forever be missed by all and I hope you can introduce my brother to your poutines - God Bless you and the whole family

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**Dave** - September 05, 2019 at 05:04 PM

JM

“ *Leonce was so sweet and kindhearted, it was such a pleasure to have him work at the university. There was always a smile on his face and the best attitude. We will miss him so very much, he will be remembered in our hearts. My thoughts to his family and friends. I am sure he will shine down on you all.*



*Jessica Murdoch*

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**Jessica Murdoch** - September 05, 2019 at 02:23 PM