

Reggie Leister

March 11, 1937 - September 16, 2016

Reginald "Reggie" Leister, age 79, passed away suddenly on September 16, 2016. He was born in Toledo, OH on March 11, 1937 to Reginald S. and Emily A. Leister.

He graduated from Macomber High School and attended The Ohio State University for a short period of time....and was a major Buckeye Fan.

He is preceded in death by his parents Reginald S. and Emily A. Leister, and granddaughter Kelsey Ketterman.

He is survived by his sister Margaret Maish and children Linda (Dave) Ball, Reginald "Shawn" Leister, Julie (Paul) Ketterman and Tim Leister. Grandchildren, Kelly (Brian) Downey, Ryan Ball, Reginald "RJ" Leister, Luke Ketterman, Lauren Ketterman and Russell Leister.

He spent his career at the family business, Leister Game Co., which was a successful game company known for joke and novelty items and gifts. He was always known for saying "This Joke is a Job".

He was an avid car fan as a member of Fiasco car club, and a major motorcycle enthusiast including many trips to Sturgis. He was a longtime member of the "Shrimp Club", which he enjoyed for many years.

He will be remembered for his sense of humor and passion to create laughter, spontaneity, adventure, many road trips, and ease to make friends at every stop of his life. He was a philanthropist of his time, and will be truly missed by many. R.I.L. Reg...Rest in Laughter.

Visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Wednesday, September 21 from 2-8pm. A celebration of Reggie's life, per his request, will be held at The Village Idiot in Maumee on Thursday, September 22 from 2-6pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Toledo Area Humane Society.

Please view Reggie's Memorial Video Tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Coyle Funeral Home

1770 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH, US, 43614

Comments



“ I grew up next to Reggie with his mom and dad and then Reg and his wife. He was like a big brother to me. I learned so much from him and had so much fun tearing cars apart, going to sports car races with him, and playing with new stuff from the game company. I am sad and laughing at the same time. I loved him and will miss him.

Larry Vorderburg - September 30, 2016 at 09:11 AM



“ To the Family of Reggie Leister:

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on Reggie's passing. He was a great guy and good friend to all of us at the Ice House.

May God be with you all during this time of great sorrow.

Tom Crothers

Tom Crothers - September 26, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ I'll miss the big guy with the Big smile. Reggie had a smile that you could see for about a mile. There aren't many folks around that have known Reg longer than I have. We met while being Toledo Blade carriers from the Swain Field station on Monroe street across from the original home of the Mud Hens. Reg was 11 and I was 12 years old in 1948 and we stayed close through our years at Macomber Vocational high school. His mother, Emily was in charge of the cafeteria and was mom away from home to all of our friends and to the rest of the students. When I returned from the Army and started a family I had many fantastic times together with Reggie including ski trips to Northern Michigan with Reg and Jane and other super couples. I enjoyed spending time at the Leister Game Company with Reg and his dad reviewing new games and old standard gadgets such as the gag box of "Farmer's Fannies" which was fake chocolate butts in tissues. I was always amazed to hear about outrageous Harley rides to NYC, races on the trail and riding on thin ice on the Maumee River at 10 degrees below zero. Recent trips to Michigan games and some serious talks at the Village Idiot were nice times for me to exchange facts about old friends, doctor visits and family stories. I feel bad about not getting to send Reggie off. I am just getting over open heart surgery and lacking strength to party but I have said so long to my pal and I look forward to another meeting when I'm ready to make the trip. Later Reg. Love you man,
Your friend, Joe Boyles



joseph boyles - September 23, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ Very upset to here of Reggie's passing. First met Reggie while working at The Lighthouse with him and his family but did not become drinking chums till later on in life at the Idiot. Always enjoyed his jokes and stories and also appreciated his empathy after my Dad passed away. God bless and my thoughts and prayers are with him and his entire family.

Mike "Alvis" Hernandez - September 22, 2016 at 02:15 PM



“Regie" as I knew him for years was the nicest guy I ever new bar none ! He treated me with respect and valued my opinion and knew I was just a poor kid on the south side but he still listen to what I had to say.He Alway' s had something to add to it though and usually made light of it but as friends we would laugh together. He was the only person I knew who had just as many crazy ideas as I did and brought. them to light even if it was just for laughs.He allways joked about how I would get in and out of trouble like it was just the way I am even though I should have known better he didn't rub it in , instead he would help me see the error of my ways, and help me over come them.He helped me more than I could ever re pay him ,even though I worked for him I will for ever be in his Det because I don't know how you can repay. Someone for being a friend and a mentor.He thought me so much over the years it breackes my heart to know that he has left us to carry on his memory .However I will because I' m proud to have known him.

Marty Bennett - September 21, 2016 at 10:38 PM



“Condolences and Prayers to The Liester Family, from The Rogers McGee Family.

Reggie gave me my first job in 1964, and I appreciated the opportunity and and friendship we shared, while working for Him and his Father.

Gone But Not Forgotten.

Rogers & Barbara A. McGee

Rogers McGee, Toledo, Ohio - September 21, 2016 at 09:14 PM



“Among my greatest memories during my childhood years were EVERY get together between the Joos family and the Leister family. Whether it was a holiday weekend overnight or a week long trip to the Outer Banks and Williamsburg....ALWAYS laughs and fun with Reg in charge of both. Love and prayers to Jane, Linda, Shawn, Julie, Tim and families. Reggie lives on in all of you but he will be missed and memories cherished.

Perry M Joos and Family

Perry M Joos - September 21, 2016 at 09:11 PM



“ Julie & Family,

Many big laughs on lake trip many years ago...You all are in my thoughts at this time...not easy losing your Dad, I know, but the memories are awesome. All my best to you and 300lb hugs to you all.

Jeff Arman - September 21, 2016 at 04:01 PM



“ Oh Shawn, I am so very saddened to hear of the passing of your beloved father and RJ, your grandfather. My heart aches for you and Tim, Julie, Linda, Jane and the rest of your wonderful family. May the cherished memories and the love and support of friends and family bring comfort and peace to your hearts. My deepest sympathies, With Love always, Molly Mickel

Molly Mickel - September 21, 2016 at 03:41 PM

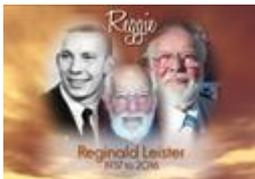


“ I first met Mr. Reggie Leister when I was six years old. He took Julie and Myself on a three wheeler ride all down through the ravine in our neighborhood. He was a really nice man. Condolences to the Family and especially my truly dear old friend Julie. Sending you hugs and love... RIP Reggie!!...

Patrick Rynn - September 21, 2016 at 01:59 PM



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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - September 21, 2016 at 06:05 AM



“ We have known Reg since high school days at Macomber and Whitney and have many good memories of Reg from that time and beyond; such as Macomber football, outings with Reg and Jane at local quarries and big band dances at Centennial Terrace. I recall the summer when Reg and I both worked at Driggs Dairy. On more than one occasion we would play golf after work, still wearing our blue and white striped bib overalls, not being too worried about any possible golf course dress code. Although we have lived in Maryland for 50+ years and saw Reg only periodically, our friendship always felt like it did in those early days. We will miss him.

We want to extend our condolences to Reg's children and grandchildren, and we pray for God's healing comfort for them in their grief.

Dick and Pat Fitzenreiter

Dick and Pat Fitzenreiter - September 20, 2016 at 03:03 PM



“ 8 years ago Reg walked into Starbucks on my first day of work as a barista and we quickly became fast friends over a love of cats and politics. I am filled with sorrow, and deeply shaken learning of his passing. He was a friend who was generous, charismatic, and a spreader of JOY. You will never meet another "Reg".

Here are a few memories:

- * My birthday was during a level 3 snow emergency, and Reg still met me for early breakfast to celebrate, just the two of us.
- * One day Reg slid a \$100 bill over the bar to me at Starbucks, and said "Adrienne, go get your conceal carry permit. I want you to be safe".
- * Reg knew I wanted to buy a VW Beetle so any time he saw one parked in front of a house or on the street, he would asked the owner if they would sell it to me (even if it was not for sale). This worked, he got me my beetle. I painted it pink! Reg loved that.
- * Reg was known to wear shorts and long socks, even in winter. Once he and I went to Carmina Burana at the Toledo Art Museum and he wore a suit!! He looked so handsome and dapper!
- * Reg used to take all of "his girls" (bar tenders, baristas, friends) to Ann Arbor for the day in his big van. Good memories!
- * Reg loved cats and he built a little park for them. He built a heated cat house for the winter stray cats he would nurture. He loved Max and Erma. I remember him taking erma in a cat carrier to The Village Idiot, Starbucks, everywhere.
- * I loved how, like myself, Reg would say terribly funny, politically incorrect comments. No apologies, he just stated clear opinions he had, and if you didn't like it, too bad He was hilarious!!
- * Reg would drive all the way to NYC for a certain sandwich he liked. He would drive the wooden station wagon around. He would ride his bike all over. He would always print out funny slogans and pass out bumper stickers. Man, the memories are endless. What a character! What a beloved man!



Adrienne Lee - September 20, 2016 at 09:40 AM



“ Sarah R lit a candle in memory of Reggie Leister



Sarah R - September 20, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ I am Beyond Heart Broken for All of You. I Loved Your Dad. His Smile, Voice, Spirit. He was Funny, Interesting & KIND. Such a Unique Person. He Will Be Forever Loved & Missed By All. With All of My Love, Sympathy and Friendship. Now and Always....Therese A. King

Therese A. King - September 20, 2016 at 09:07 AM



“ My HONOR to Know Him.

Therese A. King - September 20, 2016 at 09:08 AM



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Kelly - September 20, 2016 at 08:19 AM



“ Erin lit a candle in memory of Reggie Leister



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“ My best memory of Reg is when our first daughter was born. Before there were cell phones, I rec'd a call from Reg (not knowing he was using a car phone) to wish congratulations. After a few minutes of conversation, he said "Well, I'll have to stop by and meet your baby girl." We hung up; then the doorbell rang - when I opened the door, there was Reg. What a surprise! What a creative, fun-loving guy. In recent years, sometimes I would see Reg at Georgettes downtown Maumee. He got there on his bicycle, which he said he loved riding. RIL is so appropriate. Condolences to his family. Jeanne Kolbe-Hubay

Jeanne Phillips-Hubay - September 20, 2016 at 08:07 AM



“ Reg was just like the sunshine, always warm and bright. I will never forget the many ways he help me when I was down and out - just a compassionate and loving guy! There are those special people - the characters - that add spice to life and make it worth livint. Reggie was one of those. I will cherish the memories of him riding his bicycle around, pet cat in tow, with a big smile on his face. He always made me laugh and feel genuinely good inside. He will be missed!
Love ya Reg, God blessed those who met you!
Rest easy old friend



Monika Jones - September 20, 2016 at 06:22 AM



“ Our hearts ache for you. Please know that we hope all the great memories of Reg will help heal your hearts. Keeping you in our prayers. Tim and Jenni Yoder

jenni Yoder - September 19, 2016 at 11:16 PM



“ I met Reg in 1952 at Macomber Vocational High School, where we played on Macombers first Football team. I liked Reg right off, and we became good friends, and have remained good friends for over 60 years, even though Dorothy and I moved to Wyoming several years ago we still remained good friends. Each time we came back to Toledo to visit family, we always looked up Reg, and he has visited Wyoming on several occasions.
Reg was one of the greatest guys I have ever met, and I truly valued his friendship. He helped to raise a wonderful family, and he accomplished a great deal during his lifetime. I could always confide in Reg, and he would always give me good solid advice. We had many, many good times, perhaps to many over the years.
Reg was one of a kind, and I was privileged to have known him. I will miss not being able to see or talk to him any more.
"R.I.P. my friend"

Sincerely,
Bill Maiers
Casper, Wyoming

Bill Maiers - September 19, 2016 at 08:52 PM



“ Wow, where do I begin! I met reg many years ago at the village idiot. It was winter, I remember clearly as he was wearing shorts! He was a character, one I loved so much. Over the years we have had many dinners, talks and lots of "regs rides". But mostly lots of fun and a lot of laughs. You will missed my friend. Xoxo

Carol Dailey - September 19, 2016 at 07:41 PM



“ I met Reggie many years ago, he was my 5th grade Sunday school teacher at Park Congregational Church. I enjoyed many years of friendship with Reg and his family. You will be missed but not forgotten. Godspeed!

David Ball (JR) - September 19, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ I will never walk into Georgette's again without thinking of him! Quite a character...wearing shorts and reading the paper! Blessings to everyone...

Connie Hudson - September 19, 2016 at 08:43 PM



“ A wonderful man, with a great sense of humor; Reg always had us smiling and laughing. Jeff remembers back in the day visiting his shop and all of Reg's jokes about his games. We will miss you Reg!

Cindy Turner - September 21, 2016 at 08:04 AM



“ From the McCloud family we are very sorry for your loss.
Carol McCloud

Carol McCloud - September 22, 2016 at 04:55 PM