



Leon M. Beachy

September 26, 1947 - May 17, 2024

LEON BEACHY

Leon Beachy was born to Melvin and Cora Stutzman Beachy at Thomas, OK, September 26, 1947. On May 17, 2024, he peacefully slipped away, releasing him from the disease that had taken so much from the one we loved.

His boyhood was spent in Custer County, OK, where he received his education at the Thomas public school. He was baptized into the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite at Hydro, OK, on Nov. 3, 1959, by Minister Harry Wenger. To these vows, he remained faithful.

In 1966 he left for two years of Voluntary Service in Grand Rapids, MI. This proved to be an enriching time, and he made many lasting friendships.

Leon was married to Sharon Inniger at Ithaca, MI, on January 14, 1968. The first years of their married life were spent at Leland, MS, and Lake Providence, LA, where land forming was his occupation. Several years later the young family moved to Macon, MS, to begin farming.

After a battle with cancer, Sharon passed away on March 22, 1975, leaving him with two young children and a lonely heart. On March 14, 1976, Leon was married to Carol Boese at Rich Hill, MO. Three more children were born to the

family.

In 1986 the family moved to Versailles, MO, to dairy, and later, raise turkeys and cattle. As a hard worker and a farmer at heart, he enjoyed the challenges of new farming ventures.

Leon was ordained to the diaconry on November 18, 1991 and served faithfully in his calling to God and the church. The time he spent on the USA Mission board was a special time for him. In 2009 when the Safe Haven congregation was formed, Dad and Mom felt drawn to give themselves to the new congregation and served there until he retired from the diaconry in 2017.

We children remember our home as a place of security and structure. Family devotions were a reflection of the faith that Dad cherished. He taught us many good principles, and the value of a strong work ethic.

Dad was a quiet man by nature, but his ready smile, and his interest in those around him won him many friends and the respect of those in the community.

As his primary caregiver, Mom bravely and lovingly stood by him through the challenges of his declining health. We appreciate the compassionate care he received by the caregivers at Arrowhead Senior Living.

We are thankful for the example he left and look forward to meeting him in Heaven.

Left to cherish fond memories are his loving wife Carol; children, Marilyn and Norman Unruh of Saragosa, TX, David and Delilah Beachy, Diane and Daryl Unruh, Donna and Matt Smith, Norman and Karen Beachy, all of Versailles, MO; one sister, Linda and Ron Schmidt, Macon MS; two sisters-in-law, Loretta and Harvey Boehs and Marva and Daniel Koehn; five brothers-in-law, Allen and Roberta Boese, Larry and Pauletta Boese, Kevin and Laura Boese, Tim Boese; Bill and Deb Inniger; twenty-seven grandchildren; thirteen great

grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sharon, parents and parents-in-law, one brother, and one brother-in-law.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Safe Haven Mennonite Church. Burial will follow in Safe Haven Mennonite Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday at the church.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Safe Haven Mennonite Cemetery

10740 Nebo Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAY **22.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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