



Harold "Sonny" Leigh

December 26, 1936 - April 29, 2019

Harold (Sonny) Finley Leigh passed away peacefully surrounded by his family April 29, 2019 in Dallas. Sonny was born Dec. 26, 1936 in Nevada, Missouri to Ada Constance Reynolds and Harold Leigh. Sonny was welcomed into Heaven by so many family and friends including his mother, Ada Tankersley Freret, step-father, Ralph Tankersley, father, Harold Leigh, brother-in-law, Roy Liston, nephew, Cory Case, mother-in-law, Christine Dozier, father-in-law, Lewis Dozier, and sister-in-law, Dorothy Dozier.

Sonny moved to the city of Terrell in 1952 where he attended high school and met the love of his life, Sally Ann Dozier and they were the first couple to be married in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church in Terrell on June 8, 1956.

Sonny became an aeronautical engineer at LTV in Greenville, Tx (now Raytheon) where he was employed for 38 years before retiring. His hard work and dedication earned his position with the Management Club Committee.

Sonny was a longtime and active member of First Christian Church of Terrell where he served as an elder, a member of the Kingdom Builders Class and Chairman of the Church Board for several terms. Sonny had a generous heart even outside the church and, since 1961, he had been a faithful participant with the Masons in the Artesia Lodge #406. He worked with the Boy Scout Troop 390 for many years as well as coaching youth football, baseball, girls' softball. He stayed athletic as well and played church softball and tennis with the Terrell Tennis Association. His commitment to building a better community allowed him to be appointed to the Terrell Planning and Zoning Commission

where his insight to bringing Terrell into the future was esteemed. He and Sally were also members of the Terrell Boat Club since the early 1970s where the friendships made lasted many years. Just recently, and in honor of his extended family's heritage, Sonny served as the president of the College Mound UMC Cemetery Association for two terms. All these accomplishments were important to Sonny, but nothing was ever as important as his family and his friendships, both of which he treasured. His love and care for Sally and his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the most important aspects of his life and Sonny never let a day go by without letting his family know how much he loved them. His loyalty as a friend and his easy-going personality was always a bright spot for others at get togethers and outings and he will be greatly missed.

Sonny leaves to celebrate his memory his wife of 62 years, Sally Ann Dozier Leigh; children: Kim Stryker and husband Mitch, Chris Thomas, Jon Leigh and wife, Stacey; grandchildren: Matt and wife Cheri, Jeni, Josh, Rachel and husband Matt, Kevin and wife Savannah, Lauren and Lindsey; great grandchildren: Trent, Hayden, Gavin, Elilah, Landon, Everleigh, and Madalyn; siblings: Janice Liston, Judy Schneider and husband Harry, Jeri Case and husband Rick, Randy Tankersley, Cheri Wagoner and husband Jeff; aunts: Frances Tankersley, Hope Tankersley, Maxine Tankersley and Ruth Flory; bother-in-law, Don Dozier; sister-in-law, Karen "Cookie" Lancaster and husband, Jesse, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Memorial service and Celebration of Sonny's life will be 3 pm Tuesday May 7, 2019 at First Christian Church 405 N. Adelaide St. Terrell, Tx 75160. In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials in honor of Sonny's dedication to his church may be made to the First Christian Church Building Fund 405 N. Adelaide St. Terrell, Tx 75160.

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold "Sonny" Leigh*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - May 06, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ *Harold "Sonny" Leigh*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

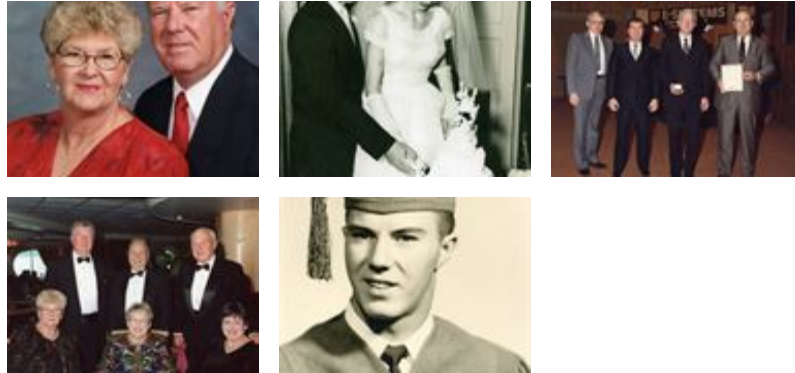


“ *Sally, I was sorry to learn of Sonny's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Bethel Burns*

Bethel Burns - May 07, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ 149 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - May 06, 2019 at 03:55 PM

DM

“ *Sally, Jane and I send you and your kids and grandkids our warmest condolences. I have known Sonny all my life and I always admired him and enjoyed his company so much. He was a treasure in every way imaginable, a kind and gentle man, and will be greatly missed. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers and we send our love to all of you.*

Dan Matheson - May 06, 2019 at 02:46 PM

RS

“ *Sally, I was so sorry to hear about Sonny! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Ronnie Smith - May 06, 2019 at 01:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold "Sonny" Leigh.*



May 06, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold "Sonny" Leigh.*



May 03, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ *Such a wonderful person.*



Kay Squires - May 01, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ *Cecil And Donna Tapp lit a candle in memory of Harold "Sonny" Leigh*



Cecil and Donna Tapp - May 01, 2019 at 03:00 PM

JK

“ *What a guy! We will all miss him so much. I can say he is in a better place; I can say he will no longer suffer, but what I'm saying right now is that, dang, we will miss him so much. When you know someone all your life as most of us did, their presence is an indelible print on our days. Always so kind, always so gentlemanly. And with a wonderful sense of humor. Sonny, congratulations on keeping your beautiful hair! Sally and kids, I send my love for you all. Sonny delighted in you.*

Joyce Wilson Kimmell - May 01, 2019 at 02:33 PM

KL

“ *Thoughts and prayers with the family, Sonny was a good man Matthew 5:4 blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted*

Kirk Lane - May 01, 2019 at 09:05 AM

ST

“ *ALL I CAN SAY IS HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN*

SAMMY TURNER - May 01, 2019 at 08:24 AM

JW

“ *Jim Bob & Yvonne Wynne lit a candle in memory of Harold "Sonny" Leigh*



Jim Bob & Yvonne Wynne - April 30, 2019 at 07:45 PM

JP

“ So many memories of my back door neighbor family! Love you all Leigh family and wishing you peace and comfort at this time. I know he will be missed but hope you are comforted by God's love, your wonderful memories, and knowing that he is not suffering any more.
Tom & Julie Jandrew Ponder

Julia Ann Ponder - April 30, 2019 at 02:42 PM

PC

“ Sonny was a very nice man. Enjoyed all the fun times at the Boat Club. I'm so sorry for your loss. ❤️🙏

Pam & Brad Carnes - April 30, 2019 at 01:35 PM