



## Leonard Stevens

March 20, 2023

Leonard Edward Stevens, age 90, a longtime resident of Pitman NJ, died peacefully on March 20, 2023 in Moorestown NJ.

Len was born September 28, 1932. He grew up in Audubon and graduated from Trenton State College in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in education. Len served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1954 to 1956. He later received a master's degree from Rutgers University, Camden, in 1960.

An educator his entire life, Len taught in Aura for two years before coming to Pitman. He met his wife Kathy (nee Kathleen O'Halloran) in 1958. Kathy was a teacher in Pitman High School, and her younger brother Charlie was a student in Len's sixth grade class. Impressed with his ex-Marine teacher, Charlie found a way to bring his sister and his teacher together. The matchmaking worked. Len and Kathy were married in 1960. Their happy marriage lasted till Len's death in 2023.

After seven years as a Pitman teacher and six as a guidance counselor, Len became first principal of the newly formed Pitman Middle School. After fourteen years at the Middle School, Len was asked to assume the role of principal at Pitman High School. He retired nine years later, in 1994.

Len and Kathy lived in the same home in Pitman for over 52 years and raised their three children there. They were parishioners at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Pitman. Len was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Rotary and served on the Board of McCowan Memorial Library.

During retirement years Len and Kathy enjoyed plays and visits to

Philadelphia museums. They also traveled frequently. Their first trip abroad included a week in a thatched-roof farmhouse in England. Twenty-four years later, their final trip took them back to England for a stay in an apartment in Oxford. Len spent satisfying hours working in their yard. He took great pleasure in time spent with his eleven grandchildren. In 2015 Len and Kathy left Pitman, with regret, and moved to Moorestown NJ in order to be closer to their children.

Len was a loving, devoted husband to Kathy and a proud father of three children. He was an optimist with a great sense of humor, remembered by his grandchildren for his famous chocolate milkshakes and the five-dollar bills he gave out on the Fourth of July to any grandchild who could recite the Preamble to the Constitution. He is survived by his wife Kathy, daughter Mary Beth Swindells (Rupert), daughter Barbara Stavetski (David), son Larry Stevens, eleven grandchildren and one great-grandson. He is predeceased by his parents, Anna and Lawrence Stevens, and his older brother, Lawrence Stevens.

The family will remember and celebrate Len privately. Should you wish to make a donation in Len's name, please choose any charitable association that is meaningful to you.

# Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall



“ Leonard Stevens

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ My condolences to you on the passing of your husband and father. Thank you for sharing him with us. The many lives that Mr. Stevens touched have been changed for the better. He was a respected and respectful principal.

When my husband volunteered to run the Gloucester County ARC Bike-Hike to fund Camp Sun 'N Fun, Mr. Stevens was one of the strongest supporters of the Pitman-Glassboro route. He was more than a participant. He recruited others to participate and was a tremendous encouragement to me as the route chairperson.

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’” Matthew 25: 21

Nancy Michael - April 30, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ Mr Stevens always greeted me with a warm smile at PMS. I remember Him well. He ran a tight shift. Leaders like Him are hard to come by today. He didn’t put up with any disrespect. He was well respected. My deepest sympathy and sincere condolences, praying that you will find peace in the promises of our Lord and Savior.

Jesus Christ...and Jesus said to her, “I am the Resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he die yet shall he live.”

John 11:25. ( Valarie “née” BREININGER)

Valarie G Niessner - March 30, 2023 at 07:09 PM

TA

“ To Larry, Barb and Marybeth, I'm so sorry to hear about your fathers passing. I've always had the best memories living across the street from you ... playing kickball (and other sports) with your dad. They were the good times that I've never forgotten.

*Tom Althouse*

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**Thomas Althouse** - March 30, 2023 at 05:26 PM

SW

“ I remember many years with Mr. Stevens during my school time. He was such a nice man!

*Sally Vansant Williams*

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**Sally Vansant Williams** - March 30, 2023 at 12:28 PM

AT

“ Adriene Thomas lit a candle in memory of Leonard Stevens



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**Adriene Thomas** - March 30, 2023 at 10:01 AM

DH

“ Mr. Stevens was Middle School principal during my student teaching in 1973. I was impressed by his professionalism and quiet strength. Coached his daughter Barbie in softball and knew him as a team parent as during my years as a Pitman teacher. Condolences to you all.

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**David Hunsberger** - March 30, 2023 at 08:24 AM

JK

“ *Mr. Stevens was an easy person to talk to... He gave so much in a positive to so many in his Educational Career* ✨

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**James Kelly** - March 29, 2023 at 11:05 AM

JC

“ *Mr. Steve s was my Principal twice over in Middle and High School. He was strict but fair and above all, supportive. I also knew him through our church amd through friendships with his children. He was always interested in what was on your horizon when you talked to him. Once you were his student, you were always his student and you always knew he truly cared about you. He was a good man and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Stevens, Mary Beth, Barbie and Larry and their families.*

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**James Cancglun** - March 29, 2023 at 09:41 AM

MC

“ *Oh Kathy I'm so sorry to hear of Len's passing. You both were so supportive of my family when we had our tragedies in 1986. Len was always there for Lisa and Jeanine. I first worked for him in Middle School when I got a job as a student aide and then in the High School where I spent my last years there until 1991 as his secretary. He was one of my biggest supporters when I decided to go to nursing school. God bless him and my prayers are to you and your family. Millie Costa and daughters Lisa DiNoto and Jeanine Haskell*

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**Millie Costa** - March 29, 2023 at 09:18 AM