

# LEON LUNCINSKI

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President (retired) of Archi-Dec Floorcoverings, Inc., Carrick, PA. Leon was the ultimate Salesman first exhibited in 1965, while stationed with the Air Force at Glasgow AFB, MT; he sweet-talked Lillian Hoffman to leave her family, friends, and job in Montana (specifically Glasgow, Montana, recently identified officially as "In the Middle of Nowhere") to follow him to his home in Pittsburgh "temporarily until

we can get on our feet..." (Evidentially, we have never gotten on our feet as we have been living in Pittsburgh temporarily for 58 years).

Leon leaves behind those who are mourning his passing, wife, Lillian; daughter, Lisa Anne Luncinski; special "Heart" daughters, Mona McDonald, Marla Schmader, and Tina Brand. Special "Heart" son/protégé, Bernie Allen; special Angel Nurses, Patti Chamberlain and Jen Marabotti, who have monitored Leon's treatment, and progress, and given guidance and support through these 3.5 years as he gallantly and courageously fought rectal cancer. Leon's God-children, Sherran Thompson and Eddie Harkins; Aunt Jeanne Przybycin; Aunt Hazel Luncinski; Uncle John Ostrowski; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and nephews; and cousins, also mourn his loss. Leon also has a brother, Gene, of California.

At 9:00 PM, August 2nd, 2023, God sent us a special Hospice Nurse, Nicole K., to support us during Leon's last hours.

We acknowledge and thank Dr. Jason Stepp, and PA Katie Fisher and the staff of AHN Cancer Institute at Jefferson as they worked diligently to provide Leon (and Lillian and Lisa) with the best options to keep Leon alive since diagnosed with rectal cancer in June 2020. In addition to providing the best possible treatments they always responded quickly and compassionately to Leon's every request for medication changes to keep his pain level tolerable.

Predeceased by his parents, Rita and Leo Luncinski; and several other beloved family members. Leon joined up with Zeus, Gizmo, and Gidget at the Rainbow Bridge.

As a commercial floorcovering contractor, Leon gained the respect of decision-makers and was called upon regularly for guidance in the selection/appropriateness of floorcoverings in all types of projects...churches, schools, high rises for the elderly, as well as homes and businesses. Leon established relationships that turned clients into friends, and he provided services to generations of clients.

We often were convinced that Leon was "ensuring his place in Heaven" by his generosity in providing extra non-compensation services to various entities such as the Sisters of Mercy or perhaps the pastor of a church he was working in. On several occasions, if Leon noted that the parish office or rectory was in bad need of update...maybe actual holes in the carpet...but there was no money allocated...Leon would send his workers with materials for that area as well.

Leon's vision to expand the offerings of the retail store to include custom carpet/area rug offerings revealed his artistic talent in the exquisite design and carvings of his creations...including fiber optics. His work went beyond the simple border rugs to intricate designs taken from wallpaper, sofa cushions, or whimsical thoughts from a client's mind. He had a knack for interpreting just what a client wanted and was able to project that into the carpet or rug of her dreams. He often said, "If you can dream it, I can do it."

Throughout his 28 years of operating Archi-Dec, "Mr. L" took under his mentorship several young men and trained them in all aspects of the floorcovering business...many of them went on to use this training in their life's work...along with the work ethic gained from his example.

Leon had the highest work ethic, passed on from his father, Leo...who followed the "Old Polish Proverb" - In order to be successful, all you have to do is work half days - 9 to 9... and then you have the other half day to mess around.

**READSHAW FUNERAL HOME**, a longtime friend, Kevin, is in charge of the arrangements.

September 24, 2023, 2:00 - 6:00 PM, Visitation and Celebration of Life of Leon Luncinski, **READSHAW FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 1503 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15210.

September 25, 2023 (Leon's 80th Birthday), 10:30 AM, Mass of Christian Burial, St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, 3198 Schieck Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

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