



Leon Chittenden

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Leon Chittenden, age 93, of Frankfort, formerly of Spring Lake, passed away Wednesday, November 22, 2017, at The Maples in Frankfort, Michigan. He was born November 10, 1924, in Spring Lake to George D. and Gladys (Viebrock) Chittenden, and he married Mildred Vink on September 10, 1948. Mildred preceded him in death on April 24, 1987. Leon then married Mary Timmerman on July 11, 1992, at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church.

Leon served his country in the Army during WWII. He then went to Michigan State University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree, and worked as a school teacher for Mona Shores Elementary Schools for over thirty years. Leon was a member of Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, Lions Club, Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post # 28, and the Sgt. Alvin Jonker V.F.W. Post # 2326 in Grand Haven. His other interests were golf, fishing, gardening, and dancing.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Mary Chittenden of Frankfort; daughter, Julia (Mike) Jones of Stuart, Florida; son Todd (Nancy) Chittenden of Crete, Illinois; six grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; his sister, Alice Shumake of Spring Lake; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Claudia Chittenden, and six brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 16, 2017, at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church with Rev. Dan Anderson officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post # 28 of Grand Haven Honor Guard. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the National Parkinson Foundation are appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.sytsemafh.com.



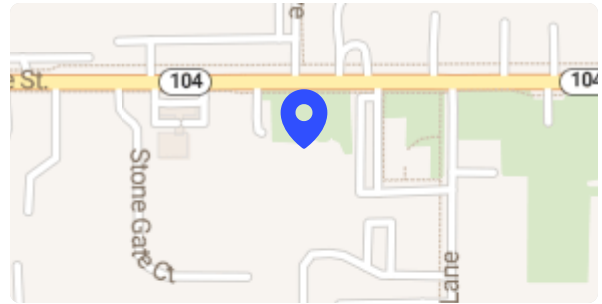
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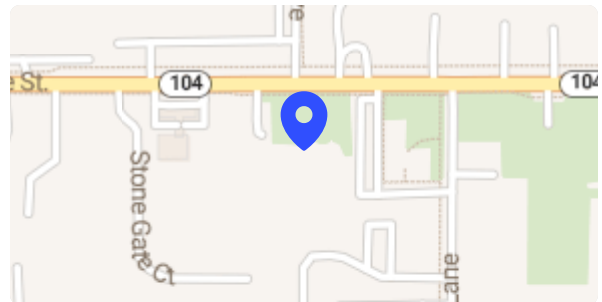
Visitation

- Saturday**, December 16, 2017
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Spring Lake Presbyterian Church**
760 East Savidge Street, Spring Lake MI 49456



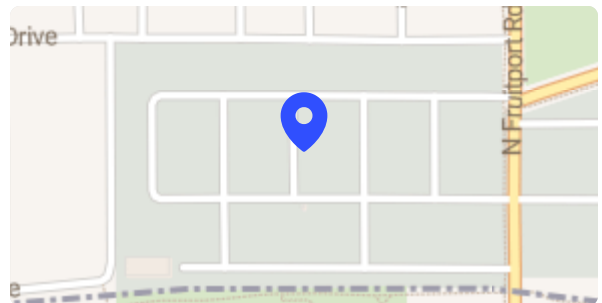
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Cemetery Details

- Spring Lake Cemetery**
17181 North Fruitport Road, Spring Lake MI 49456





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LB

Lion Bill posted:

The months have pass us by, but your smiles and love will continue to live on within us all. It has been more than ten-years since Lion Leon nominated me into the Spring Lake Lions Club, seems like such a short time. But Leon's strong determination and his love for the Club will never be forgotten, if only the world was full of such caring individuals. May Our Heavenly Father Bless His family, and many friends. The Spring Lake Lions Club was founded in 1977 and Leon was one of the original members. The average age of our members today is sixty-years young. Peace.

June 5 at 4:27 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Chittenden family.



December 2 at 3:57 AM

LG

Lois Gray posted:

My sincere sympathy to the Chittenden Family. Leon was such a special person to many. Many of the Gray family remember Leon for at least 60 years and he was friend to all.

December 1 at 1:40 PM

NB

Norm Beebe posted:

Leon was a dear friend from SLPC . WE shared many experiences including Men's services on Good Friday. Miss him for now.

November 30 at 5:24 AM

BV

Barbara Seger(Vink) posted:

You will never be forgotten. An inspirational and caring Uncle. God gives you rest and joy for eternity.

November 29 at 4:01 AM



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JA

Jackie posted:

My condolences, Mr. Chittenden was an excellent teacher. I remember him well from Hile School.

November 28 at 6:00 PM

PV

Pam Shane Veach posted:

Awww! My 5th grade teacher about 1969! I remember him well and just told my granddaughter about him last year when she had her first male elementary school teacher at Reeths Puffer. I have lots of fond memories! Pam (Shane) Veach

November 27 at 6:45 PM

GB

Georgia Brandenburg posted:

I also had Mr Chittenden in 5th grade at Hile school. He was my favorite elementary teacher. Also made learning so much fun. He cared about each and everyone of his students. May God comfort your family at this time.

November 27 at 6:28 PM

CM

Cheri Munoz posted:

I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Chittenden. He was one of my favorite teachers at Hile School. I had him for 5th grade and he was absolutely fantastic. I was very bored in school and he was one of the few teachers that knew just how to keep me busy and engaged. I loved going to his class ❤️ I always felt like I was his favorite kid in the room! He was definitely one in a million.

November 27 at 5:23 PM

BF

Barbara A Featherstone November 28 at 11:04 AM

He also my favorite teacher at Hile school in 5th grade. Payers to your family.

DM

Diane Martin November 27 at 7:14 PM

He was a favorite teacher of mine in 5th grade at Hile School. It sounds like he had a very good and long life which he deserved.



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CH

Charlotte Pearson Hammell posted:

I have many fond memories of my fifth grade teacher! He was a wonderful teacher, who made learning fun.... I have thought of him often. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers... R.I.P. Sir!

November 27 at 5:12 PM

CS

Catherine Swiatek posted:

I loved having Mr. Chittenden as my teacher way back in 5th grade at Hile School. He always had interesting lessons, got you excited about learning and had good energy to go along with it. Rest in peace, Mr. Chittenden... thank you for all you shared.

November 27 at 5:06 PM

CH

Cheri shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.



November 27 at 4:51 PM

CM

Cathy Martin posted:

There are certain people that I will always remember from my childhood that were always gentle and kind. Your dad was one of those people. My thoughts are with you at this time, blessings as your exchange your memories of Uncle Leon. Cathy Erdmann Martin

November 27 at 4:37 PM

WH

Willie Hawkins December 20 at 3:59 PM

Mr chittenden was my 5th grade teacher at hile school. He made learning fun. He was fair but stern and i thank him for that...RIP Sir you will be greatly missed.



Cheri shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

November 27 at 4:51 PM



5th Grade Class 1980-81 School Year at Hile School <3



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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