



Thanks and praise,
For our days,
Neath the sun,
Neath the stars,
Neath the sky,
As we go,
This we know,
God is nigh.



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In Memory

Leonard Charles Uecker, age 88, Heber Springs, Arkansas, died in the Baptist Health Center in Little Rock, Arkansas on Tuesday morning, March 17, 2020, following a brief illness.

Leonard was born on July 9, 1931 at Raymond, South Dakota, to Wilhelm and Rosa (Benike) Uecker. As a young man, he guided pheasant hunters to supplement the family's income. They belonged to the Lutheran church, and Leonard was also confirmed in the faith.

He attended Raymond High School and enlisted in the United States Navy upon graduation. Len served proudly on minesweepers during the Korean War, and was discharged with a commendation, service ribbon, and a Presidential Citation. Afterward, he attended South Dakota School of Mines and studied electrical engineering.

Leonard married Patricia Jean Pelc of Illinois on July 19, 1957. They spent their newlywed years in the Territory of Alaska, and then returned to the Chicago area.

Len's many years working as a service engineer allowed him to help people and solve problems, both of which brought him great pleasure. No doubt raising three daughters required a similar skill set. For a man who lost his father and grandfather as a young boy of 4, he was a model dad: tremendously kind, hardworking, and faithful.

Len loved to meet people, and it showed in the ways he spent his time. He had a lifelong passion for flying, and took many trips as a private pilot. He also played dulcimer and dobro with Pat and other local music enthusiasts. Len attended and served regularly at Faith Lutheran Church in Fairfield Bay, and was committed to the work of the Save Greers Ferry Lake organization. Len was willing to give his all for a cause. From childhood to his last days, Len also brought laughter wherever he went, being known and remembered as a clever practical joker.

Leonard is survived by Patricia, his cherished wife of 62 years; daughters Susan (Stuart) Roberts, Linda Hoover, and Lori (Ron) Vandulek; grandchildren Hannah, Liliana, Magnolia (Mitchell), Jonathan, Holly, Jack, Cooper and Drake; sister Phyllis Carlson, and 7 loving nieces and nephews and their families. We were blessed to call him ours.



Celebrating the Life of Leonard Uecker



Services from

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Raymond, South Dakota

Thursday, July 9, 2020

10:30 AM

Officiant

The Reverend Randy Bader

Music

Organist—Barb Wegman

“Abide with Me” #588

“How Great Thou Art” #256

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” #517

Casketbearers

Leonard's Family and Friends

Interment

Prairie Valley Cemetery

Raymond, South Dakota



The family of Leonard Uecker thanks you for your presence here today,
for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.