

Leonard Coy Richardson
August 25, 1925 - June 6, 2022

Celebrating the Life of
Leonard Coy Richardson

Saturday, June 11, 2022 10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Nome, Texas

Opening Prayer
Cynthia Peveto

Obituary
Pastor Trey Behn

“Wonderful Merciful Savior”

Scripture Reading
1st Corinthians 13
Daniel McLemore

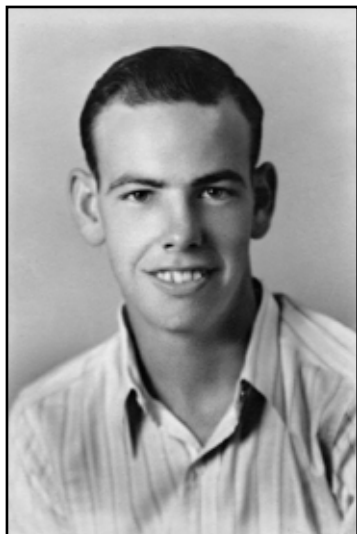
Eulogy
Sandy McLemore
Rachel McRight

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Message
Pastor Trey Behn

Military Honors
United States Navy
Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group

Closing



Leonard Coy Richardson, 96, of Nome, died Monday, June 6, 2022. He was born on August 25, 1925, to Rosa Marie Jordan Richardson and Early Rufus Richardson, near Votaw, Texas, and was a United States Navy veteran.

Leonard was born in a humble home in 1925, in the Big Thicket of Hardin County.

He and his five siblings were blessed with the benefit of a strong Christian upbringing, learning to rely on hard work and spiritual faith to survive and succeed. The family endured The Great Depression with their rural neighbors by hunting or harvesting their own food, bartering and trading, and creating or re-purposing everything they could with their own hands.

When Leonard was only two or three years old, the family moved several miles north, to a modest house in the Holly Grove community in Polk County. The kids walked daily to their one-room schoolhouse, played and fished in Menard Creek, and helped tend gardens and livestock.

After attending Big Sandy High School, Leonard was called in 1943 to serve in the US Navy during World War II. In the Signal Corps, he served in the Pacific Theatre aboard destroyers USS Rowe and USS Bearss, engaging the Aleutian Islands during

the war, and patrolling the northern Japanese Islands after Japan surrendered and the war ended in 1945.

Following an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1946, Leonard's skills in Morse Code and telegraph communications helped him secure a job with Southern Pacific Railroad. Work assignments took him all around Houston, the Golden Triangle, and the rural towns of Southeast Texas. His most notable early job posting with Southern Pacific was Agent in charge of the rail depot in Nome. Here, he made acquaintance with a young woman who worked at a nearby grocery and dry goods store, and in 1950, Leonard and Pattie Sue Goodwin married and settled in Nome. Their blessed union would endure for more than seven decades!

As his railroad career advanced and he transferred as a Freight Agent to the Southern Pacific office terminal in Beaumont, "LC" - as his colleagues called him - became a respected friend and co-worker to many SP employees and customers up and down the SP line, and at many local refineries, chemical plants, and other locations he visited frequently on rail freight business. Leonard retired in 1986, after nearly 40 years at Southern Pacific.

A dedicated member of First Baptist Church Nome for many years, Leonard was a devoted Christian husband and father, and a firm believer and teacher of faith, honesty, and hard work.

He tirelessly helped and counseled his three children to believe in God and in themselves, and to honor and respect family values.

Survivors include his sons, Dan Richardson of Sugar Land and Don Richardson and his wife, Charlotte, of Beaumont; daughter, Sandy McLemore and her husband, Donald, of Orange; grandchildren, Lauren Nichols and her husband, Bob; Rachel McRight and her husband, Jason; Jeremy Richardson; Jonathan McLemore and his wife, Jill; David McLemore and his wife, Kelly; and Daniel McLemore and his wife, Chelsea; and great-grandchildren, Marshall Nichols, Drayton Nichols, Robby Nichols, Rylee McRight, Brooklyn McRight, Zoey McRight, Olivia McRight, Jacob McRight, Isaiah McRight, Maddie Hinson, Lorelei McLemore, and Jenson McLemore.

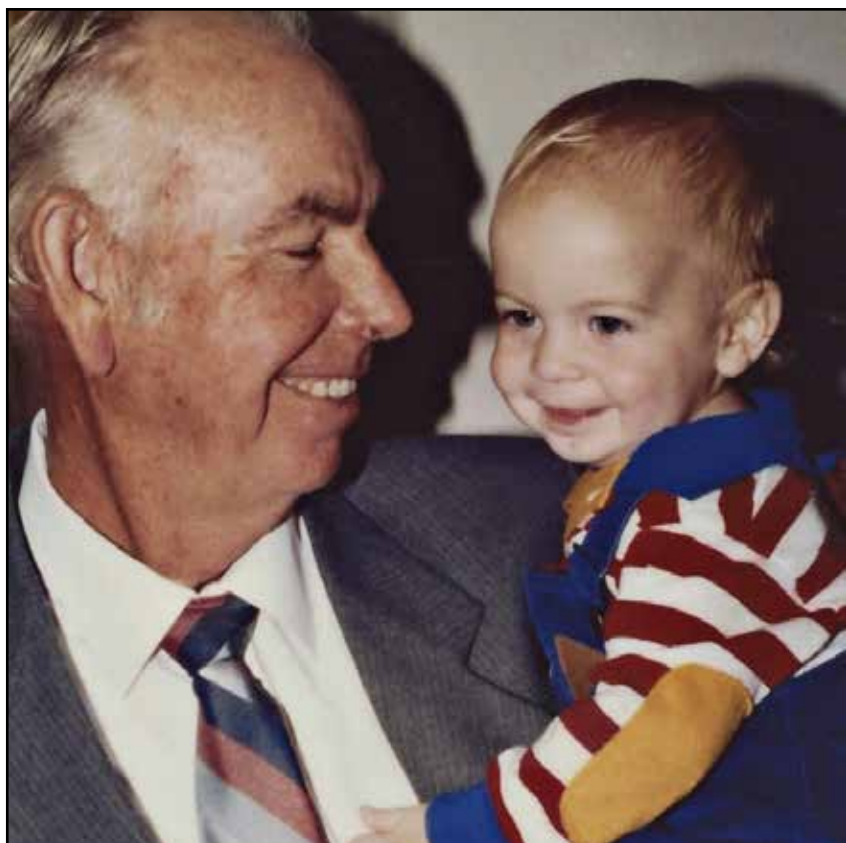
He is preceded in death by his wife, Pattie Sue Richardson; sisters, Henrietta Reeves, Lenaree Hitt, and Vivian Graham; and brothers, Jackie Richardson and Winston Richardson.

The Richardson Family sends heartfelt thanks and prayers to so many friends, family and acquaintances who knew and loved Mr. Leonard, and who honor and cherish the memories of his time with us.













Pallbearers

Lane Henderson
Joe Broussard
Ronny Kolander
Burton Moore
Keith Teel
Claud Jackson

Graveside Service

Saturday, June 11, 2022 2:00 p.m.
Holly Grove Cemetery
503 County Line Road South
Livingston, Texas

Memorial Contributions

First Baptist Church Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 113
Nome, Texas 77629

The family would like to tell the staff of Professional Health Care Home Health and Hospice as well as Montebello Home Care how very grateful we are for all the love and compassion that they poured out on both our parents. The job you do is so important to so many families. You will always be in our prayers.

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