



Leo Glogas

December 19, 1934 - November 6, 2024

Leo Franklin Delano Glogas passed away on November 6, 2024 at his residence in Bluffton, IN. He was born a twin on December 19, 1934, to Abraham and Rachel Glogas in Marion, Indiana.

At age two, Leo moved with his family to the small town of Dunkirk, Indiana where his father started a men's clothing store named after his first-born son, Leo, calling it Lee's Men's Shop. Leo began working in the store at the age of 8 dusting boxes and continued to work there part time until he graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1952. Leo was a graduate of Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana with a bachelor's degree in Business and a certificate in Teaching. Upon graduation, Leo returned to Lee's Men's shop in Dunkirk to continue his work there and to be around the people and community he loved most. He soon purchased the shop from his father, Abie, who continued working with Leo. When Abie passed away in 1970, Leo's brother Gary left his full-time position as a senior at Ball State University and went part-time so that he could help Leo manage operations of the store during that time and ended up working beside Leo for 17 years.

Besides owning Lee's Men's Shop, Leo was a regular attendee of Temple Beth El in Muncie, Indiana where he was a lifelong member. He headed the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Committee for many years which he grew substantially and was able to secure many winners in his time at the

post. This role was one of his proudest accomplishments in the community. He held numerous other leadership and supportive roles in committees and organizations while in Dunkirk. Leo spent his most productive years trying to help facilitate the development of Dunkirk into a well-rounded community that would draw in and retain working class families. He was a consistent visitor of Top's Restaurant, visiting each morning and afternoon to have a cup of coffee and fellowship with other merchants and community members. He was an avid ping pong player and fierce competitor. He also served as a substitute teacher for the Jay and Delaware Community School Corporations as he was able and continued to substitute teach well into his retirement years. The small town of Dunkirk, Indiana was his pride and joy, and the people were his extended family. He resided in Dunkirk until he moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana at age 78 to live closer to his children and grandchildren. Leo passed away gracefully at the age of 89.

Leo was preceded in death by his wife, Gwendolyn Carol Glogas, on September 21, 2017. He is survived by his twin sister, Ethel, of Rialto, California, and brother Gary of Dunkirk, Indiana. He is also survived by his four children, Dr. Glenn Glogas (Charlotte Strait) of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Gayle Jones (Rick) of Indianapolis, Indiana, Greta Henry (Dave) of Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Geoffrey Glogas (Jaye Campbell) of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and 8 grandchildren: Rachel, Robert, Madeleine, Sean, Jacob, Shane, Ella, and Maxwell.

Leo will always be remembered for his love for his home community of Dunkirk, Indiana. His legacy also includes a deep faith in God and a deep love for his family. He was an example of the power of hard work and being of service to others. A private graveside memorial service for close family will take place at a later date. Leo's family would like to thank all those who shared friendship with Leo throughout his lifetime and express a special thank you to everyone who took the time to visit, reach out to or accept a phone call

or two from Leo during his final years of illness.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Tribute Wall

JE

“ I know Leo and my dad, James Pavey, were friends for many years when they were younger. My dad spoke fondly of Leo. My dad passed in 2006. I am sorry for your loss.



Jeannie Epstein - November 21, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ Healing Thoughts Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Leo Glogas.



November 21, 2024 at 10:25 AM

RB

“ Leo Glogas will be remembered not only for his hard work and dedication, but for his warm personality, kindness to all and friendliness as well. He tried to always come up with a good joke and positive approach to life.



He was truly one of the greatest persons I have ever met. I was proud to call him a friend and mentor.

It was always a pleasure to see his smiling face when he popped in for a visit at the News and Sun office.

Going out with him for a quick cup of coffee and pleasant conversation was always a highlight of my day.

I would usually come home that night to tell my family a new joke to which they would quickly respond: “That’s got to be a Leo joke — isn’t it?”

Leo will certainly be missed by many.

My sincerest sympathy.

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Robert Banser - November 15, 2024 at 04:36 PM

GF

I have many good memories of Leo and his family when I was growing up in Dunkirk. He and his twin sister were very close to my sister Eileen.

One of my favorite memory is pet setting their Parrot one summer and it was kept on our screen porch and it would yell “Hello” to all that passed by and than burst into a song”There’s a fire upstairs !”

In later years my husband Fred and I would join Leo and his class for monthly Saturday

Breakfasts at Pete’s

I feel privileged to have known Leo.

Genevieve Hart Farrell - November 16, 2024 at 10:32 AM

RJ

“ To the family members of Leo Glogas:
The communities of Dunkirk and greater Jay County were lucky to have an individual like Leo Glogas in their midst Whenever there was a worthwhile project to support,Leo was right at the forefront. Leo was a warm, energetic, enthusiastic force for the betterment of the community. There are many projects which would never have come to fruition without the hard work, dedication and perseverance of Leo.
One example is the West Jay Community Center. Without Leo’s tireless efforts, I don’t believe it would have ever been built. Now it is a thriving center of activity for the entire community— young and old alike.

Robert Banser Jr. - November 15, 2024 at 03:58 PM

MW

“ First time meeting Mr. Glogas was with the trips dad made to get a new suit or shirt. Amazing tailor. Then I became more amazed as he gave a presentation at the middle school. He spoke of the Holocaust. He mentioned his 4th cousin is PM Netanyahu. This peaked my interest as my father-in-law is Jewish too. I always would give Mr. Glogas an hug when I would see him. The last time I saw him was at one of the DHS Alumni dinners. He came and hugged me first because he said, “I knew your hug was coming.”
Note: My dad told me Leo’s dad’ would support, monetarily, all the churches, not just his synagogue. Wonderful family. May peace be upon them.

Mona Wenger - November 14, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ Leo was a great supporter of Dunkirk and in return Dunkirk was a great supporter of Leo. My grandfather Marshall Hunt took me there to buy my first real suit. Leo was loved by so many people in his home town. Prayers for his family.

Vickie Pavey - November 14, 2024 at 03:26 PM

KS

“ I remember Leo as a family man. He was respectful and caring of Carol. He was very proud and loving of his children. Leo was always eager to share what was going on in his children's lives. Your Dad took over the men's store from his father and put so much energy into it, making every customer satisfied. Leo also took the time to ask the customers how they were doing and asking about their entire family. Lastly, Leo was all about Dunkirk, his hometown. He was involved in many organizations and community activities. He was proud of Dunkirk and worked hard to make it a good place to raise a family. I'm thinking of you four children and all of his family at this difficult time.

Karin Pettyjohn Shreves

Karin Pettyjohn Shreves - November 13, 2024 at 07:20 PM

MG

“ *To the Family of Leo Glogas,
I am sorry to have recently learned of the passing of your father and grandfather. Leo was a kind, generous, and thoughtful person. I have fond memories of Leo as we shared time together as members of Temple Beth El.
Leo would always engage in conversation with my wife, me, and our two sons. Leo seemed to love people and sports. It was common for Leo to laminate articles of temple member's children from newspaper articles he would read in the local Jay County newspaper.
Leo was supportive of the Dunkirk Elk Lodge 1776 Hoop Shoots. Again, if he knew the shooter he would laminate an article and give it to the family.
Many years ago, temple members used to gather together in the autumn to clean up and maintain the temple grounds. Leo could always be counted on to be there. I remember one specific time he swept the sidewalk in front of the temple off of Jackson Street and I could have eaten a sandwich off of the walkway because he swept it so well!
My condolences to the entire family. May Leo's memory be a blessing.
Mark Greenberg*

Mark Greenberg - November 13, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ *Deb Addington lit a candle in memory of Leo Glogas*



Deb Addington - November 12, 2024 at 10:30 AM

DA

“ Sending my condolences to the Glogas family. I have many fond memories of the Glogas family and accompanying my grandmother, Betty and mother, Rose, many times to Lee's Men's Shop throughout my childhood. Leo was always such a kind, warm person.

Dande90142@aol.com - November 12, 2024 at 10:26 AM

MO

“ Leo would come into CVS and spend time with me. He was so personable and kind. He shared his faith with everyone and loved to teach about it. He will be missed.

Marie Obanion - November 11, 2024 at 12:17 PM

TF

“ I always enjoyed taking care of Leo in his final years. He was always so friendly & I loved to see his smiling face. Sending my condolences to you all.

Tiffany Fullenkamp - November 10, 2024 at 01:47 PM

WK

“ I always liked Leo. Bought a lot of clothes and shoes at his shop and rented tux's for special events too. God bless his soul. He will certainly be missed by the community.

William Kelly - November 09, 2024 at 02:06 PM

CN

“ Leo was a blessing to many. He has definitely left a legacy with his beautiful family and community. He always had a sweet smile and a soft word. Prayers for the family. Claudia Frazee Nicholson

Claudia Nicholson - November 09, 2024 at 10:29 AM

CV

“ Our deepest condolences for your loss. What a wonderful, kind man and loyal Dunkirk resident. He will be missed by many.
Claude and Karen Vincent

Claude and Karen Vincent - November 09, 2024 at 09:54 AM

RP

“ I was one of Leo’s recipients of his Elk’s Scholarship Program. He encouraged me to enter the local competition level, where I placed 2nd, losing to Jim McCord of Redkey. Leo was so impressed with my application (actually a scrapbook detailing our participation in our community) that he sent both Jim’s and my entries on to the state level where I ended up winning the boy state competition award along with the girl winner, Dodie Butler, another Dunkirk entry that Leo supported. I will never forget his encouragement and belief in me.

Thank you, Leo
Robert Phillips
Dunkirk Class of 1966

Robert Phillips - November 09, 2024 at 07:35 AM

MM

“ Hello Glogas family,
So very sorry the passing of your dad. I can’t put into words how extremely important he was to my family. He was a great father to all of you. He set a perfect example of how to treat and love people. I know he is reunited with your mom and is in the presence of Jesus. Prayers of strength and comfort to all of you. Love, Marty, Teresa, Anne Mei & Eleanor ❤️

Marty McClain - November 08, 2024 at 10:09 PM

JG

“ Sincere condolences to Leo’s family. He truly was a great DHS alumni and speedcat at heart. Honored to call him a friend.

judy garr - November 08, 2024 at 07:07 PM

BG

“ Sending all my love to the Glogas family. Mr. Glogas was, and ALWAYS will be my hero. I did a lot of hard partying growing up. Mr. Glogas knew it, and always spoke life into me when I would see him. He was a gentle loving, and caring man. A man of great wisdom. I believe I'm alive today because of the prayers that he prayed for me throughout the years. My heart is broken... I can honestly say that I am blessed, and honored to know the beautiful Glogas family. I am truly sorry for your loss.

Bill Grogg - November 08, 2024 at 06:51 PM

RG

“ Rita Frye Giudice lit a candle in memory of Leo Glogas



Rita Frye Giudice - November 08, 2024 at 06:26 PM

SD

“ I met Leo at River Terrace, when my Mother was there. Had alot of interesting conversations with Leo. He was such a special man and enjoyed so much getting to know him.. He will be so missed. RIP Leo. 💙



Sandy Davise - November 08, 2024 at 05:01 PM

JC

Growing up in Dunkirk, I considered Leo as one of the 'Town Fathers', benevolent and kind. Also a great men's store manager. Our men got special gifts as well as regular wardrobe purchases from Lee's Mens Store. My condolences to the whole family.

Judi Housemsn Culy - November 10, 2024 at 11:12 PM