



REV. LEONARD LEE MEYERS PhD

November 7, 1928 - August 3, 2022

REV. LEONARD LEE MEYERS, Ph.D., 93, of Prescott, AZ, passed to his forever home on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, in Prescott, Arizona. Born November 7, 1928, in Corwith, Iowa, to Donald and Florence Meyers, Leonard (“Len”) and older brother Lyle grew up on the family farm, walked to country school, and played high school basketball. Following graduation and work on the farm, Leonard joined the U.S. Air Force (Korean War), received communications training in San Antonio, Texas, and was stationed in Turkey from where he was able to make an influential trip to the Holy Land.

Returning home, Leonard continued his education at Sioux Falls College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he served as student body president.

College is also where he met his future wife, Dorla Deane (Deane) Troyer of Arnold, Nebraska. They married Aug. 18, 1956, graduated from Sioux Falls College in 1958, and moved to California where Leonard pursued his Divinity degree from Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and Deane taught in the Oakland public school system. Following the birth of oldest daughter Laura, and Len’s graduation from seminary, both in 1959, the family moved to Kalona, Iowa, to live and work while Leonard earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Iowa (1962). Sons Daniel and Martin were born during this time.

The family then moved to Ottawa, Kansas, for Len’s position as Professor of Philosophy at Ottawa University. Daughter Mindy was born in 1963, Deane taught elementary school, and the Meyers family enjoyed the Ottawa

University community and athletics, were active in First Baptist Church, and made life-long friends. Through the years, Leonard served as a substitute pastor for many small, rural Baptist churches, sometimes with Deane playing the piano and 4 little ones in the pews.

In 1978, with two kids in college, the family moved to Phoenix, Arizona, and later to Middle Verde, Arizona, where Len and Deane accepted the ministry of the Rock Church. The experiences of working with, serving, and counseling this congregation – primarily mentally-challenged adults and their leaders who lived at Rainbow Acres Ranch, and members of the Yavapai-Apache Indian Tribe – was a highlight of Len's and Deane's lives. Their contributions to these communities will be remembered.

Upon his retirement in 1991, Leonard and Deane moved to Lake Montezuma, AZ, and in 1994 moved to Prescott Valley, AZ, to be closer to family. Leonard continued to provide hospice counseling and perform wedding ceremonies in the area, and he and Deane held weekly meetings of Senior Friends Together. Len also greatly enjoyed his retirement, working outdoors, and being the best "Poppa" in the world. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary shortly before Deane's death in 2006.

The combination of a near-catastrophic event, recovery, and friendship brought his neighbor, Margaret Damschroder, into Leonard's life. They were married on August 17, 2007, at the ages of 78 and 79, and thoroughly enjoyed their 15 years together. They attended and were active in the Prescott Valley Church of the Nazarene and Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and in 2019 they became residents of Touchmark in Prescott, AZ.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, brother Lyle Meyers (2019), first wife Deane Meyers (2006), son-in-law Russell Kasper (2005), and daughter-in-law Vida Meyers (2009). His survivors include: wife Margaret Damschroder-Meyers, Prescott, AZ, and her family; daughter Laura Kasper, Prescott, AZ, grandson Ryan Kasper (Ali) and great-grandsons Bradley Kasper and Nolan Kasper, Lake Forest, CA, and grandsons Kevin Kasper (Meg), Portland, OR, and Troy Kasper (Nicole), Surprise, AZ; son Daniel D.

Meyers and wife Susy, Henderson, NV, granddaughter Roxana Meyers Leonard (Casey) and great-granddaughter Leila Leonard, Los Angeles, CA, granddaughter Ariana Meyers, Paris, France, and grandson Cameron Meyers, Los Angeles, CA, as well as Susy's two children and two grandsons; son Martin Meyers, Prescott Valley, AZ, granddaughter Hayley Meyers, granddaughter Kendyl Meyers, and grandson Derek Meyers, all of Phoenix, AZ; daughter Mindy Meyers and wife Debbi Bevington, Las Vegas, NV; and sister-in-law Beverly Meyers, Corwith, Iowa, and family.

A celebration of Leonard's life will be held Saturday, August 13, 1:00 p.m., at Sunrise Funeral Home, 8167 E. St. Rte. 69, Prescott Valley, AZ, Pastor Tricia Lowe officiating. Inurnment will follow at Middle Verde Cemetery. To send a tribute, visit www.sunrisefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration

AUG **13**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Sunrise Funeral Home and Crematory

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Tribute Wall



“ *REV. LEONARD LEE MEYERS PhD*

January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Leonard (Len) Meyers was a wonderful man that was married to our mother Margaret Damschroder, for 15 wonderful years. He treated her with love, respect, and honor every day they were together, and for that we cannot thank him enough.*

Len and I found that we shared many similarities that created a bond I will forever cherish. First, we both served our country in the U.S. Air Force. I enjoyed hearing his stories about the duty stations he was assigned at and learning what expertise he had in his assigned job. It was during these talks that I learned of his overseas travels and the impact it had on his future. The second similarity was when he learned of my employment, he said “I have one of your devices helping my heart”. I even had the opportunity to be with him on a Dr. appt to check the device. Third, (and most important) I learned he had great taste in clothing! When I visited with him and mom I usually wore “Old Guys Rule” brand T-shirts, well Len was always telling me how much he liked them, so I was proud to give him his first one. He told me he got compliments when he wore it around their residence!

To Len’s family, you should know that the kids of Margaret are forever grateful to your father for the joy and fulfillment his love gave her and us. Rest in Peace Len, you are greatly missed.

Until we meet again

Brad & Rhonda Damschroder

Brad Damschroder - August 14, 2022 at 03:37 PM

BD

“ Leonard (Len) Meyers was a fascinating man with so many stories to tell, and shared so much Love with our Mom, Margaret Damschroder, and us her children.

Immediately, Len and I shared a bond as both of us are US Air Force Veterans, something we were very proud of. I enjoyed hearing his stories about being stationed overseas and fascinated at what duties he was trained to perform and the travels he was able to do while there.

When I mentioned where I was employed at the time, he said "I've got one of your devices helping to keep my heart beating", and I even had the opportunity to attend a Dr. visit with him to check the device, making our bond even closer. But what clinched our friendship was his appreciation of fine clothing. Whenever I visited I was usually wearing an "Old Guys Rule" brand of T-shirt, and he always admired them. So of course I knew he had to have one for his collection, and I know he wore it with pride!

Len, you are truly missed by all who called you family and those that were lucky enough to call you friend. You and Mom spent 15 wonderful years together and we are so proud and happy that you shared so much love and companionship with her. We Love you and will miss you dearly.

Brad & Rhonda Damschroder

Brad Damschroder - August 12, 2022 at 11:39 PM

MS

“ I'm not able to attend the memorial service after all. Just want you to know I have so many special memories of your family I can't even begin to tell them. God bless you all.

Marilyn Showers - August 11, 2022 at 12:12 PM

TF

“ *The Marilyn Showers family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of REV. LEONARD LEE MEYERS PhD.*



The Marilyn Showers family - August 11, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of REV. LEONARD LEE MEYERS PhD.*



August 11, 2022 at 12:15 AM

MD

“ *This picture of Len and Margaret was taken in 2007, 3 months before their wedding. What a blessing they were to each other for 15 years!*

Mike & Phyllis Damschroder



Mike Damschroder - August 08, 2022 at 01:47 PM

BM

“ *Brian, Pat, Brad & Mike purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of REV. LEONARD LEE MEYERS PhD.*



Brian, Pat, Brad & Mike - August 06, 2022 at 11:47 AM