



Theodore Fredrick Leider

June 26, 1936 - March 20, 2017

Theodore Fredrick Leider, age 80, died Monday, March 20, 2017 at his home. Ted was born June 26, 1936, and raised in Evanston, IL, the son of Elmer Leider and Gladys Vanhalen. In 1956 he joined the US Army and was stationed in Germany where his unit, the 264th Field Artillery, 7th Army, was in charge of the Atomic Cannon. During this deployment, he also was on the 7th Army bowling team and traveled throughout Europe to other American military bases winning many awards for his unit. In December 26, 1959 he married Edith Robbins in Amboy.

Upon the death of Edith's parents, he and Edith decided to move to the Robbins family farm near Amboy. After leaving the big city, Ted adjusted quite well to rural life where he and Edith raised two daughters and shared the joy of riding horses and improving the Robbins home and farm. In 2002 the farm was officially recognized as the Robbins-Leider Centennial Farm.

Ted was an active member of the community: He was a member of the Lions Club; owner and operator of Leider Excavating; Amboy Township Road Commissioner; and became a Local 150 Operating Engineer where he retired as a Gold Member and was recently honored with 45 years of service. At the Local 150, Ted was a crane operator and worked on projects as diverse as the Byron Nuclear plant and Rockford Chrysler plant. Ted was extremely proud of his family's achievements and interest; he was especially pleased

when his grandson Brandon chose to follow in his professional footsteps by joining the Local 150.

Ted's longtime passion was golf, which upon retirement, he enjoyed to the fullest: regularly escaping cold winters of Illinois for the sunshine of Arizona. He was a diehard fan of the Chicago sports teams and was thrilled when the Chicago Cubs won the World Series.

He was preceded in death by his wife October 14, 2003; an infant daughter Michelle Ruth who died at birth and siblings Richard and Frank Leider. He is survived by two daughters, Lauren (Gary) Behnke and Jennifer (John) Poss, and five grandchildren: Brandon, Leah and Alicia Poss and Travis and Nicholas Behnke; sisters Marilyn Reynolds and Janet LeVine; and golfing companion and loving friend of many years Donna Nass.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at 11:00 AM in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy with the Rev. Timothy Draper, Pastor, officiating. Cremation will follow with private burial of cremains at a later date in Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be held on Saturday, from 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Gifts in Ted's memory may be given to JDRF or Rock River Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Prairie Repose Cemetery

990 Rockyford Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Previous Events

Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St Patrick Catholic Church Amboy
32 N Jones
Amboy, IL 61310

Tribute Wall



“ Theodore Fredrick Leider

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Theodore Fredrick Leider

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ Though we are unable to attend the service this Sat. My husband Ron Koscielak, was happy that we got to see and talk with Ted on two occasions in the past 3 years. They talked and reminisced about their good times together. He has wonderful memories.

marge koscielak - March 24, 2017 at 12:57 PM



“ Jim And Marilyn Braid a lit a candle in memory of Theodore Fredrick Leider



jim and marilyn braida - March 24, 2017 at 08:54 AM



Laurie and Lynn : 0 Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Dad and prayers and consolation to you and your children. Keep the good memories as I know there are many. Always recall playing Bridge at your home and enjoying the Christmas parties we had with our husbands. Many blessings, Jim and Marilyn Braid a

jim and marilyn braida - March 24, 2017 at 08:57 AM

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“ *Bonnie Carson lit a candle in memory of
Theodore Fredrick Leider*



Bonnie Carson - March 22, 2017 at 08:42 AM