



## Leon Barber

March 9, 1933 - November 18, 2012

### LEON CORNELIES BARBER

Went home November 18, 2012 after 79 years as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was born March 9, 1933 in Franklinton, LA and he grew up in a small community just north of town the youngest child of Herman and Ora Barber. After serving his country in Japan during the Korean Conflict, this Air Force private returned home with his new wife Louise and baby girl Leanne. The family soon grew by 2 more girls, Loretta and Lisa, and a son Leon David.

Leon was a mechanic most of his career and operator of Barber's Texaco for 40 years. He retired to drive big trucks across the country enjoying the scenery and began a hobby of cedar works. Those who were privileged to meet Leon, will remember the man as honest, hard-working and "straight-shooting". Leon lived for the simple treasures of life: home, family, which was his pride and joy, and the wonders of God's handiwork on this earth. With his loving wife by his side, Leon has made the journey home.

Survived by:

Wife of 60 years: Louise Calhoun Barber of Franklinton

4 Children and Spouses: Leanne Rushing of Tickfaw, Loretta and Anthony Wright of Baton Rouge, Lisa and Jeff Thomas of Slidell, Leon David Barber of Foley, AL

5 Grandchildren and Spouses: Chris and April Rushing, Jason and Melissa Smith, Eric Smith, Melissa Brown, Kristine Wright

7 Great-grandchildren

Sister: Bettie Boutwell of Jackson, LA

A Special Nephew: John Landry

Dear Friend: Roy Penton

His "Thursday Buddies"

Also a host of nieces, nephews, and other dear friends

He was preceded in death by his parents Herman W. Barber and Ora Strahan Barber, and a sister Dorothy Landry.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Wednesday November 21st from 1 pm until 3 pm. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3 pm Wednesday in the funeral home chapel.

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ *To All of You:  
I am ashamed to say that I did not know that Mr. Leon passed away.  
I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Lisa Brumfield Jenkins** - January 08, 2013 at 10:48 AM

RB

“ *Mrs Louise, Lisa, Leon & Barber family. Sorry for the loss of your  
husband and father.*

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**Rhonda Kinlaw Byrd** - December 07, 2012 at 09:32 PM

ML

“ *To the Barber Family- our thoughts and prayers are with you in this  
most difficult time. You will forever remain in our thoughts, prayers  
and hearts. Our deepest sympathies- Mary and Greg Larsen and  
Samantha and the entire "Other Barber Family"*

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**Mary Larsen** - November 22, 2012 at 08:42 PM

SW

“ *Dear Louise Family, Wayne and I send our sincere sympathy to all  
you. Sorry we were not able to see you during this time but we have  
been sick ourselves. Leon was a good friend and we will miss him.  
May God send you his comfort.*

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**Sallie & Wayne** - November 21, 2012 at 06:13 PM

CC

“ *My thoughts and sympathy are with your family at this difficult time. I know that you will take solace in that Leon had such a full, good life of love and purpose as a good man, husband and father. May he watch over all of you and help provide blessings to your family.*

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**Cynthia Cox** - November 21, 2012 at 11:36 AM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Darlene Willie** - November 21, 2012 at 11:08 AM

GR

“ *"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Mrs. Barber, Leanne and Family, we mourn with you in the transition of Mr. Barber; yet there is hope. Believe that you will see him again in the Resurrection. We lift you in prayer for strength and comfort in Him. Take good care.*

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**Gwendolyn Ross-Young** - November 21, 2012 at 08:39 AM

CR

“ *Leon Barber*

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**Chris Rushing** - November 20, 2012 at 02:23 PM

BK

“ *Leon, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I am here for you if you need a friend. You will be in my prayers. Love you!*

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**Brenda Kearns** - November 20, 2012 at 11:55 AM

HP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I would like to share something positive with you and your family. Just think, if Adam and Eve would have remained obedient, they along with their offspring would have lived forever. Although they interfered with Gods original purpose, Did Almighty God allow them to Bring his original purpose to a Halt, or end? The Bible says that God made our planet to last forever. (Psalms 104:5) It also states: "To Jehovah the heavens belong, but the earth he has given to the sons of men." It's not surprising then, that the Bible holds out the promise of Paradise on earth. In it, God will bless mankind with everlasting life. Harmony and peace will prevail. Pain and suffering will be gone. And People will be able to enjoy to the full, without dying, the natural wonders of planet earth.- Isaiah 65:21-23. Watchtower, January 2013 found at [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

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HP - November 20, 2012 at 10:43 AM

KF

“ Leanne,  
Sorry about the passing of your Father. I will keep you and all in my Prayers. I can still remember the Texaco station, and how it looked.

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Kerry Foil - November 19, 2012 at 07:36 PM

ES

“ Loretta and family you are all in our thoughts and prayers for strength and love to you all. I know Mr.Leon will be missed by so many. Your memories are in your heart forever. Treasure them all. Take care of each other , Love to you all. Emmie & James Squiers

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Emmie Squiers - November 19, 2012 at 04:28 PM

DD

“ From the poem "High Flight" by John Gillespie Magee, Jr., "Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth, And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;...  
Godspeed and Tailwinds Mr. Barber.

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**Donna & Mike Dillon** - November 19, 2012 at 12:50 PM

SS

“ Deepest sympathies on your loss. May you find peace in the knowledge of a life well-lived and the many memories that remain with you in your heart.

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**Susan Senn** - November 19, 2012 at 09:13 AM

BB

“ Louise and family, my heart hurts for you. It is so sad and so hard to let our loved ones go. My prayers are with you. Look to God for strength at this time and in the days to come.

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**Bob Ann Breland** - November 18, 2012 at 08:13 PM