



## Thomas Charles Leonard, Jr

February 12, 1944 - January 6, 2019

Thomas Charles Leonard Jr, age 74, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, January 6, 2019. He was born on February 12, 1944 in Cleveland, Ohio, son of the late Thomas C. Leonard Sr and the late Florence R. Leonard. He attended Kent State, Case Western Reserve and the University of South Florida, with a minor degree in Mechanical Engineering and B. S. degree in Criminal Justice. He was a longtime resident of Sarasota, FL for almost 43 years.

Thomas worked as a Deputy Sheriff with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department, for 32 years, retiring in March, 2009. He held several roles over those 32 years as Deputy, Detective and one of the first School Resource Officers.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 30 years, Doreen Mackay Leonard ; 3 daughters, Mechele Leonard, Victoria Cross (Eric) and Stephanie Leonard; 3 grandchildren, Heather Wilhelm (Kyle), Alexander King and Dana Habedank. 3 great-grandchildren Savana Wilhelm, Kai Wilhelm and Koa Wilhelm. A nephew, Christian Leonard (Meg) and a niece, Emily Leonard Parks PhD (William) of his brother, the late David C. Leonard PhD and Linda Leonard. A sister-in-law, Kathleen Jones (William), brother-in-law, Robert Mackay and mother-in-law, Eleanor Mackay, nephew-in-law Dennis Spensley (Suzanne) and a niece-in-law Lauri Genereau (Dion). and other loving relatives.

He was predeceased by a son, Sean Thomas Leonard and a daughter, Jessica Lynn Leonard.

He enjoyed participating in the National Marksman competitions, becoming the No. 2 Marksman in the country at the time, among several other shooting competitions with the Sarasota County Sheriffs Marksman team. Also, he received the State of Florida Governor's 20 award, maintained for 10 years straight, 2000-2010, in recognition for his outstanding achievement in police combat competition during the Florida Police Combat League.

Thomas was married in and attended as a member of Ascension Luthern church. In his spare time he enjoyed rebuilding classic cars and spending time with friends, especially watching movies. He had a very kind heart and quick wit and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Viewing will be at Toale Brothers - Colonial Chapel, on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Additional viewing will be on Friday, January 11, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until funeral service begins. The family will be there to greet relatives and friends.

A funeral service will be held at Toale Brothers - Colonial Chapel, on January 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Burial service will be held at Sarasota Memorial Park on January 11, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel  
40 N. Orange Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
(941) 955-4171  
info@toalebrothers.com  
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

## Viewing

JAN 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial Service

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JAN 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota Memorial Park  
5833 S Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL 34231

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ My very deepest sympathy to Doreen and the Leonard family. I know I speak for myself and my brothers--Jeff, Joel and Phillip--when I express our regards and love.

*My fondest memory of Tom was more than 20 years ago we he and Doreen visited us in California and stayed in our home (with me and my ex- Ed). I'll never forget the fun we had starting with hauling the mattress out to experiencing Tom-- and Doreen's-- loving kindness.*

*I'm so sorry we lost touch, please give my regards to your entire family.*

*Love,  
Diane Schanker Harris*

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**Diane Harris** - February 16, 2019 at 05:33 PM

KA

“ Always a kind and gentle man who was loved by all. To his family you are all loved by your Ascension family.

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**Kandi** - January 10, 2019 at 05:57 PM

DH

“ Thank you for sharing your life with the kids of Camp XRAYD. You touched their lives, and positively influenced the decision-making of so many.

*DeWayne Hill*

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**DeWayne Hill** - January 10, 2019 at 04:44 PM

MH

“ *How blessed we were to know Tom Leonard and count him and Doreen as dear friends. Our family sends their love, condolences, and prayers for peace and understanding in your hearts. We are so very sorry for your tremendous loss of one of the finest, most gentle men we've ever known. We loved Tom's outstanding wit and humor and big, kind heart. Rest in eternal peace, Tom.*

*Love,  
Charlie & Mary & Family*

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**Mary Hancock** - January 10, 2019 at 02:50 PM

MH

“ *1 file added to the album Thomas Leonard*



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**Mary Hancock** - January 10, 2019 at 01:13 PM

SM

“ *Condolences to the family, worked many years with Tom in the School Resource program, Night shift, at the Sarasota Sheriffs office.*

*Steve Matosky*

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**Steve Matosky** - January 09, 2019 at 08:59 PM

AF

“ *Doreen, all our love to you. May God's gracious love embrace and uphold you.*

- *Your brothers and sisters at Ascension Lutheran*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3Pqu6R9AIQ>

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**ascension Family** - January 09, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas Charles Leonard, Jr.*



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January 09, 2019 at 12:53 PM

MH

“ *5 files added to the album Thomas Leonard*



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**Mary Hancock** - January 09, 2019 at 11:39 AM

LF

“ Linda Leonard and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Charles Leonard, Jr.



Linda Leonard and Family - January 09, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Thomas Leonard



Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - January 09, 2019 at 08:06 AM

DB

“ Sincere condolences to Doreen and extended family from the Berrebie family. May he Rest In Peace 🙏

Deirdre Berrebie - January 08, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Charles Leonard, Jr.



January 08, 2019 at 05:34 PM

CK

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Leonard family. Tom was so giving of his time with the Camp XRAYD kids from Teen Court. Tom, Doreen and Eleanor had such a big impact on these kids.*

*May you rest in peace.*

*DeWayne, John and Deb*

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**Captain Debra Kaspar** - January 08, 2019 at 05:17 PM