



## Charles Ray Leonard

May 15, 1949 - October 28, 2014

Charles Ray Leonard, 65 year old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died October 28, 2014 at Earlene Howard Hospice Home in Springdale, Arkansas. He was born May 15, 1949 in Carnegie, Oklahoma to Marion Raymond Leonard and Inez Sanders Leonard. Charles married Barbara Banta on July 15, 1972 in Idabel, Oklahoma. He worked as payroll project leader timelink for Simmons Foods for many years. Charles was a member of First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marion Leonard; his beloved stepfather, Carl McDaniel; his sister, Lawanda Leonard; and his stepbrother, Milton McDaniel.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Leonard; two sons, Aaron Leonard of Siloam Springs, and Carl Leonard and wife Charissa of Siloam Springs; one granddaughter, Ariel Leonard of Siloam Springs; mother, Inez Leonard McDaniel of Siloam Springs; stepsister, Carleene Flowers and husband Tony of Orlando, Florida; sister-in-law, Carolyn McDaniel of College Station, Texas; brother-in-law, Ira Banta III and wife Linda of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; several nieces and nephews; and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 1, 2014 at First United Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, with Dr. Randy Rowlan officiating.

Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Siloam Springs. Visitation will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, October 31, 2014 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First United Methodist Church, 325 E. Twin Springs, Siloam Springs, AR 72761 or to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(479) 524-5131  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Service

NOV **1**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
325 E. Twin Springs St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Mike And Chris Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Leonard



Mike and Chris Hubbard - October 31, 2014 at 02:52 AM

KB

“ I think my first real memory of Uncle Charles was when we made a trip as a kid to Louisiana and I got to swim in the pool. From there playing at the house in BB to sitting on Aaron's cake in Russelville. Skateboarding down the big hill in Neosho to finally hanging in Siloam springs. No matter where you lived you always made me feel right at home with your wonderful cooking your smiling face and laughing loudly at us kids. I have a passion for feeding people now in a large part to you and God has used that wherever I have been to draw people. Words escape me to express the sorrow I feel but I rejoice the most in knowing that we shared a faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that I will see you again and worship Him together in Glory. I love you Uncle Charles. Until that great day!

Keith Banta - October 30, 2014 at 08:56 AM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Leonard.



October 30, 2014 at 08:31 AM

ME

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Mary Edwards** - October 29, 2014 at 07:52 PM

SD

“ *Such a great friend. He always had a smile and such happy laughter. I never see a school desk that I don't have the urge to put my hand under the top and see if I have a message from Charles. Loved his notes and his friendship. Heaven truly gained a special person this week.*

*Sharon Griffis Dean*

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**S. Dean** - October 29, 2014 at 03:13 PM

DA

“ *I will always remember your bright smile, and passion for cooking. Love you to heaven and back Uncle Charles! Debbie Atchley (Swafford)*

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**Debbie Atchley** - October 29, 2014 at 10:24 AM

LQ

*Barbara, my prayers are with you and your family at this time. May we never forget our Lord and Savior at times like this or any time.*

*L.A . QUASIUS*

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**L. A. QUASIUS** - October 29, 2014 at 03:01 PM

LC

*Charles was a wonderful classmate and an integral part of the class of '67 of Mangum High School. He was a kind, gentle man who was friends with everyone. He lifted us up with his smile and his quiet intelligence. He loved his family more than anything. It was truly a blessing to reconnect with him in the past few years, and I will miss him and his Facebook posts. The news of his recent illness and his sudden death have left his many friends devastated. To Barbara and Charles family: please know we are thinking of you and we are convinced that God is blessing him and keeping him in the palm of His hand.*

*Linda Bilbrey Carlton, Orange, VA*

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**Linda Bilbrey Carlton** - October 29, 2014 at 08:13 PM

RM

*We'll miss but always remember you Charles. It's many things, but especially your quick almost mischievous smile, your enthusiasm for life, memories of the Jester store, great times at Jaybuckle springs, your marvelous Cushman scooter, amens weekly in church at Reed, Reed schools, Mangum schools, your mother, LaWanda Ann, Margie, Dutch and Nona, all the Trout and Tylers, aunts and uncles, shared cousins, your new step father, moving to Brinkman, a new extended family, growing up on the farm and finally, MHS 1967. After those early days, I knew and admired you for your love of Barbara, your boys, your precious granddaughter, all your family and your kind caring for your mother. Charles, you certainly made a difference in this world.*

*Robert Morgan*

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**Robert Morgan** - October 29, 2014 at 10:22 PM

BS

*Barbara and family, I knew Charles Ray from both the Reed and Mangum schools and we rode the same school bus for many years. He was a smart, kind and generous young man throughout our school years. It was so good to see you both at the 40th class reunion in OKC. It was obvious that he was a wonderful family man and true gentleman. My heart goes out to you and I will continue to remember your family in prayer.*

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**Brenda York Scott** - November 01, 2014 at 11:16 PM