



Leonardus S Van Dam

January 4, 1944 - August 10, 2025

Leonardus S. van Dam, of Cliffside Park, NJ, passed away on August 10, 2025, at the age of 81. Born in Barton, New York, on January 4, 1944, he lived there until the age of 7 before moving with his family to Jersey City. He later raised his own family in Cliffside Park.

Leonardus was predeceased by his beloved wife, Pearl Paratore van Dam; his parents, Leo and Helen; his brothers, Thomas and George; and his sister, Mickey (Ruth).

He is survived by his loving daughter, Jennifer, and his devoted son, Lenny, along with daughter-in-law Jaime. He cherished his role as a grandfather to L.J. and Luke—nothing brought him more joy than spending time with them. He also leaves behind his brothers Arnold, Anthony, and Joe; his sisters Margaret and Ria; his in-laws John, Janet, Darlene, Joe, Robert and many loving nieces and nephews.

Leonardus proudly served in the U.S. Army and was a longtime member of the Cliffside Park American Legion, where he valued service, camaraderie, and community.

He was a proud member of the UFCW Union Local 464A, and worked as a butcher for over 30 years - where he was known for his work ethic and friendly

smile.

He loved traveling with his wife and family, sharing stories of the old days, and enjoying a glass of Merlot with those he loved. His warmth, humor, and storytelling will be deeply missed.

Above all, Leonardus treasured his family. His legacy lives on in the love he gave, the memories he created, and the deep bonds he built with everyone who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories Mausoleum

300 Soldier Hill Rd.
Twp. of Washington, NJ 07676

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home
268 Kinderkamack Road
Oradell, NJ 07649
info@volkleber.com
<http://volkleberfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Mass

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter the Apostle RCC
431 5th Avenue
River Edge, NJ

Committal Service

SEP 12. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leonardus S Van Dam*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - August 13, 2025 at 11:26 AM

JD

“ *What a wonderful friend Lenny was. Enjoyed so much every Tues. and Thurs. mornings down at HUMC Pulmonary Maintenance. We shared so many wonderful stories of our grandchildren, travels, and everything in between. Enjoyed going to lunch now and then too. I will miss him dearly. My deepest condolences to his lovely family. Joe Davan*



Joe Davan - September 03, 2025 at 08:02 PM

JD

“ *What a pleasure it was truly getting to know Lenny. Enjoyed our Tues. and Thurs. mornings at HUMC Pulmonary Maintenance. Always enjoyed sharing stories of our grandchildren, travels, and everything in between. Our lunch were very special. What a wonderful friend. Will miss him dearly. Joe Davan*

Joe Davan - September 03, 2025 at 06:28 PM

LL

“ Linda L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Leonardus S Van Dam.



Linda L. - August 13, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - August 13, 2025 at 11:23 AM

LL

“ Linda Locke lit a candle in memory of Leonardus Van Dam



Linda Locke - August 13, 2025 at 10:00 AM

DA

“ LOVE knows no boundaries, even those that divide Heaven and Earth. Lenny was greatly loved, respected and admired by all. He inspired us by his genuine love and care for his family and friends. A true leader indeed. Gone from our presence but not from our hearts. With Love & Prayers, Your Friends from Pulmonary Rehab @ HUMC



Danuta Albro - August 12, 2025 at 08:50 AM

MR

“ I'm so deeply sorry for your loss all my love and condolences to the family !! He was a loving caring godfather I will miss him deeply. May god bless him and all of the van Dam family. All my love the Ricci Family

Maryann Ricci - August 10, 2025 at 04:17 PM