



Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks

January 29, 1947 - July 6, 2025

Lee Otis Leaks, lovingly known as "Shorty," was born on January 29, 1947, in McNeil, Arkansas, to the late Bettie Mae Pearson and Roosevelt Leaks. On Sunday, July 6, 2025, he peacefully entered eternal rest.

Otis received his education in the McNeil School District and later dedicated many years of service to Duke Lumber before retiring. He found joy in the simple pleasures of life—fishing, caring for his yard, and working on cars.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Rosemary Leaks, Bessie Ann Leaks, and Patricia Burnell; and brothers, Otta Weaver, Robert Leaks, Calvin Leaks, and Jimmy Leaks.

Cherishing his memory are his devoted wife of 49 years, Ruby L. Curry Leaks of McNeil, AR; four daughters: Tracey Leaks of McNeil, AR, Rachel Hardiman of Tampa, FL, Joyce Ann (Alonzo) Clark of Dallas, TX, and Jossetta Leaks of Texas. He is also survived by sisters: Helen (Ira) Roach and Peggy Ann (Otis) Christopher, both of McNeil, AR; Betty Ann Redman of Liberty, TX; Rosa Ann (Calvin) Leaks, Bobbie Leaks, Diane Leaks, Etta Leaks, and Angela Leaks, all of Magnolia, AR; Linda Johnson of Little Rock AR, Mildred Johnson of Cleveland, OH. His memory also lives on through his brothers: Donald Ray (Schnova) George, Michael (Michelle) Leaks, Hurbert Leaks, Donald Leaks, Terry Leaks, Alonzo Leaks, Freddie L. (Tameka) Leaks, and Romontary

(Dominique) Leaks, all of Magnolia, AR. He leaves behind his sister-in-law, Rosa Weaver of Dallas, TX; a dear friend, Freeman Christopher; and two special nieces who served as his caregivers, Veronica McBride and Victoria Flowers, along with another devoted caregiver, Liz Mallory. A host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends will forever hold his memory in their hearts.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, July 26th, 2025, at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Magnolia, Arkansas 2:00 p.m., with burial to follow at St. Matthew Cemetery in McNeil, Arkansas, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home LLC. Supt. Donald Page, Officiant/Eulogist.

A visitation will be Friday {Jul. 25th} from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.”

Cemetery Details

St. Matthew Cemetery

Columbia County Rd #62
McNeil, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Celebration of Life

JUL 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel
100 HWY 79 NORTH
Magnolia, AR

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Michael B. Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks*



Michael B. Harris - July 25, 2025 at 12:16 AM

BA

“ *My condolences to the family 🙏*



Brenda Alexander - July 23, 2025 at 08:38 PM

RS

“ *Ruby Lee, We are so sorry to hear about your husband. Prayers for you, Marzette Johnston and Renita Smith*

Renita A Smith - July 23, 2025 at 01:47 PM

AW

“ *Ruby Lee
Sorry about your husband. Praying for all of you.
Ameta Vines Watson*



Ameta Watson - July 22, 2025 at 11:01 PM

MC

“ *Michael Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks*



Michael Clayton - July 22, 2025 at 09:39 PM



“ *Rachel Hardiman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks*



Rachel Hardiman - July 22, 2025 at 06:35 PM

NS

“ *Norrissa Sharp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks*



Norrissa Sharp - July 21, 2025 at 06:03 PM

JA

“ *Jurden Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks*



jurden alexander - July 18, 2025 at 06:07 PM

TP

“ *Tonya Porchia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks*



Tonya Porchia - July 15, 2025 at 09:08 AM

TG

“ *Trudy Glover lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks*



Trudy Glover - July 13, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ *Nicole Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks*



Nicole Lowe - July 12, 2025 at 03:39 AM

BA

“ *My condolences to the family*



Brenda Alexander - July 11, 2025 at 07:55 PM

MS

“ Maurice Strong sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks



Maurice Strong - July 08, 2025 at 11:46 PM

LB

“ Loretta Beck lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks



Loretta Beck - July 08, 2025 at 02:44 AM

MP

“ Mary S. Pickings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks



Mary S. Pickings - July 07, 2025 at 09:55 PM

MB

“ Margie Burnell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks



Margie Burnell - July 07, 2025 at 02:03 PM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks



Dearlean Hughes - July 07, 2025 at 12:44 PM

YL

“ Yolonda Leaks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks



Yolonda Leaks - July 07, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ Angela Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks



Angela Stevens - July 07, 2025 at 05:57 AM

AH

“ Angela Hardiman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Otis "Shorty" Leaks



Angela Hardiman - July 06, 2025 at 10:50 PM