



Leon Desmond Compton

October 3, 1933 - October 16, 2021

Leon Desmond Compton, 88, of Danville, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

Leon was born in Pittsylvania County, VA. on October 3, 1933, a son of the late Richard Lacy Compton, Sr. and Mae Elizabeth Milam Compton.

In high school Leon achieved four-year letters in baseball, basketball, track and field and was a member of the wrestling team. He enjoyed golf, hunting, fishing and making homemade biscuits.

Leon served in the U.S. Army and worked as a Tobacconist for 46 years. During this time, he visited all 50 states and spent time in Mexico and Brazil. He was employed by P. Lorillard as a buyer, Austin Tobacco Co. as Asst. Plant Manager, Munk Austin Tobacco Co., Dibrell Tobacco Co. and Diamond Tobacco Co. Leon was a 62-year member of Kent Masonic Lodge and was a Past Master of the lodge. He was also a member of Consistory Scottish Rites and Danville Shrine Club.

Leon had been married to the love of his life Nancy Poteat Compton for 67 years who stayed by his side until his home going.

He was also survived by two sons, Jeffrey "JD" Desmond Compton and Richard Leon Compton; seven grandchildren; one great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Leon was predeceased by brother, R. Lacy Compton; sister Rebekah C. Lindsey; brother, Wallace Milam Compton; and Infant Girl Compton.

A memorial service will be held at Kentuck Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 2:00PM with the Reverend Allen Mahan and Reverend David Smith officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00pm to 1:45pm prior to the service and at other times will be at the residence, 7036 Old Richmond Road, Danville VA. 24540. A private family graveside will be held at Highland Burial Park at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Kentuck Baptist Church Building Fund or the charity of your choice.

Online condolences at www.wrenn-yeatts.com

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Compton family.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

OCT **19**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Kentuck Baptist Church
1845 Kentuck Church Rd
Ringgold, VA

Memorial Service

OCT **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ Nancy, I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.
God bless
Diane B Harper

Diane Harper - October 24, 2021 at 08:40 PM

EO

“ Dear Nancy, I'm so sorry to hear this sad news and I will be praying for y'all during this time. I'll always remember Leon's smile at church.

Emily Franklin Ozdowski - October 20, 2021 at 08:46 AM

MD

“ Nancy - I am saddened by the news of Leon's passing - - all who knew him know that he was one of a kind. Always full of fun, jokes, laughter and he had a way of making you know that you were his friend. Sending this to you with my heartfelt sympathy because I care.

Mack Doss - October 19, 2021 at 10:41 AM

AD

Nancy I was sad when I saw this. He was a special person who loved life.
Know I am thinking of you and your family.
Love to you.

Annice Davis - October 20, 2021 at 09:03 PM

SM

“ Alan and I send our sincere condolences to Nancy and their family. Big hugs for his niece, Teresa Compton who loved him like a second Dad. May God supply each of you with His Peace 🙏🏻

Suzanne Moore - October 19, 2021 at 10:18 AM

BF

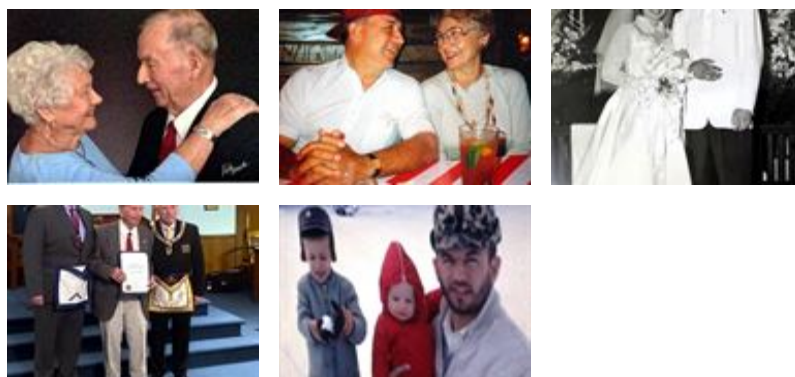
“ We are so sorry for your loss. Leon was a great man and we will miss him.

Bill and Nadine Frey

Bill and Nadine Frey - October 19, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ 107 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - October 18, 2021 at 02:30 PM

WB

“ Nancy Jeff and Richard we are very sorry to hear about Leon's passing. He was a person that always had a smile on his face. I have many good memories of him working at Lorillard tobacco co. I wish i could be there but covid say's no. Prayers are with all the family.

Wesley and Violet Barker - October 18, 2021 at 02:14 PM

BW

“ Dear Nancy and family:
Since school days, Leon has been a friend.
We will miss him. Our condolences and
prayers are sent your way in memory of your
loss. Blessings!



Bobby and Virginia Wiles - October 18, 2021 at 12:32 PM

JC

“ Nancy and family: I am praying for you in your loss. Leon was a
good friend from early childhood. We went to church and school
together and he will be missed by many people. Grateful that our
Heavenly Father made it possible that it doesn't end here but sent
His one and only Son and those who have accepted this gift will be
together again in Heaven. Looking forward to meeting Leon again!!

Janie Curtis - October 18, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the
family of Leon Desmond Compton.



October 18, 2021 at 11:15 AM

NB

“ My deepest condolences to the family. He was my uncle and
brother to my sweet mother. You were so fortunate to have him all
these years. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult
time.

Nancy Lindsey Burris

Nancy Burris - October 18, 2021 at 02:13 AM

EM

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are extended to the family as you grieve your loss. Leon was a kind individual and good neighbor.*

Ed & Kay Morris - October 17, 2021 at 05:29 PM

RB

“ *He was a really nice man and so good to my daughters. God bless.*

Rob Butler - October 17, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Liz Compton - October 17, 2021 at 04:02 PM