



## Leo George Whitten

May 1, 1933 - February 15, 2025

Leo George Whitten, 91 of Bradley, passed away on Saturday, February 15, 2025.

He was employed at Armstrong Flooring for 38 years and worked part time at BBCHS in his retirement years. Leo was a Bourbonnais Township Clerk & Trustee, a member of the Kankakee County Board, member of the Bradley American Legion and Bradley Lions.

Leo graduated from BBCHS in 1952 and was drafted into the Army in 1953, where he was sent to Korea. He was a loyal fan of BBCHS basketball and football for over 50 years and was inducted into the BBCHS Athletic Hall of Fame for his commitment to the school. Leo loved his family and everyone he met; he never met a stranger. Leo and his best friend, Jim Hamilton still kept in touch through the years, they had a friendship that dated back to grade school.

He is survived by his wife Gloria of 54 years; son, Ray (Janice) Whitten; daughter, Kristi (Danny) Colbert; six grandchildren, Samantha (Jason), Tasha (David), Jenny (Brian), Cassandra (Blake), Nathaniel & Nic (Mallory); five great children, Lucas, Nettie, Hal, Henry & Lylah.

Visitation will be from held from 9:00 am until the funeral service at 11:00 am

on Friday, February 28, 2025, at Jensen Funeral Home. Followed by an interment at Kankakee Memorial Gardens.

Don't Worry Be Happy.

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S 3000 E Road  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 28. 9:00 AM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 EAST State Route 17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

## Funeral Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 EAST State Route 17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

## Burial

FEB 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee Memorial Gardens  
15 S 3000 E Road  
Kankakee, IL 60901



# Tribute Wall

I5

“ So sorry for your loss, but so glad you had the opportunity to experience Leo's love!  
All our Hugs and Love  
IL 5

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IL 5 - February 28, 2025 at 09:07 AM

EM

“ Eric M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo George Whitten.

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Eric M. - February 28, 2025 at 09:03 AM

KR

“ Leo was a coffee buddy of Duane and I. He was always fun and happy. He will be missed. RIP Leo.

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Kathy Roy - February 25, 2025 at 02:47 PM

SR

“ Leo was a fine gentleman and an outstanding public servant. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his entire family..  
Steve Randazzo.

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Steve Randazzo - February 25, 2025 at 01:24 PM

BB

“ BOILERMAKER ATHLETICS/ BOYS BASKETBALL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo George Whitten.

BOILERMAKER ATHLETICS/ BOYS BASKETBALL - February 25, 2025 at 10:54 AM

BB

“ BOILERMAKER ATHLETICS/ BOYS BASKETBALL purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Leo George Whitten.



BOILERMAKER ATHLETICS/ BOYS BASKETBALL - February 25, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leo George Whitten.



February 25, 2025 at 09:30 AM

DN

“ DAVID AND SHORON NESLER planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo George Whitten.

DAVID AND SHORON NESLER - February 23, 2025 at 12:11 PM

DN

“ DAVID AND SHORON NESLER purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Leo George Whitten.



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**DAVID AND SHORON NESLER** - February 23, 2025 at 12:11 PM

TT

“ Tina and George Tuominen purchased the Memories 44" Sonnet for the family of Leo George Whitten.



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**Tina and George Tuominen** - February 23, 2025 at 10:32 AM

NG

“ Sorry for your loss Gloria. I have own Leo since I was little girl he and his parents lived behind us. He was like a cousin to me because I call his folks my Aunt Hazel and Uncle George. He will be missed .

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**Nancy Gagnon** - February 22, 2025 at 12:15 AM



“ Leo was an awesome person. I work at Security Lumber and in the summertime I walk to and from work. If I was walking by and he was out in his yard doing something he'd chat me up every single time like I was an old friend. I never walked by without a conversation. I always admired his spunk because despite using a walker or a cane I'd always see him out there picking up sticks, trimming shrubbery, and whatever else. Very often our drivers would come back from a delivery and be like "Leo's out and about again" if they saw him when driving by. My condolences to his family. I'll sorely miss our conversations when walking to work.

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**Fred Seemann** - February 21, 2025 at 01:28 PM

JH

“ Leo and my husband, John Henderson, were buddies in high school and throughout the remainder of John's life. They liked being together. There were regular coffee meetings at Jaffee's corner drugstore in Bradley, attending games together and just "hanging out". When John was in his final days of living at Riverside and then Miller, Leo was his faithful friend who often came and spent time with him. Thank you, Leo, it meant a lot. I hope you guys are once again drinking coffee and sharing memories of the good "ole days"

*Joyce Henderson*

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**joyce henderson** - February 20, 2025 at 11:34 PM

MD

“ I will miss seeing him for his morning coffeese at Starbucks! He was always such a joy to see! He was friends with and played High School basketball with my Uncle Leon Marlaire. Uncle Leon just passed a few weeks ago. I hope they have a fine reunion and shoot some hoops together up in Heaven! 🙏💕☕🏀 I sure will miss him!

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**Marie Delabre** - February 20, 2025 at 06:57 PM

LI

“ I'm going to miss my cousin. He was always there. Love you, Leo George Whitten! Prayers for comfort and peace for the Whitten family.

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**Lillie** - February 20, 2025 at 04:37 PM

CB

“ My husband Dennis thought so much of Leo. I am sure he would be sad. So sorry for your loss. Sympathy to all of your family

*Cindy Bossinger*

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**Cindy Bossinger** - February 20, 2025 at 01:33 PM

LP

“ I'm sending prayers for peace, love, and hugs to Gloria - and to all who knew and loved Leo.

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**Linda Phifer** - February 20, 2025 at 10:34 AM

JH

“ Leo has been my best friend since meeting him in the 7th grade after my family moved to Bradley, and I have had 78 years of his friendship. Leo was an outstanding individual and a loyal friend who could be counted on to be there when one needed a helping hand. I have such great memories of our hi-jinks in high school and also summers when I would return from college. One memory that is prominent in my mind: At our first Prom as juniors at BBCHS, Leo, our buddy Gary Wright, and I did not have dates for the Prom, not unusual, so we went to the Chicago Loop to eat at a fancy restaurant, Fritzels on State and Randolph. Between courses they brought us fancy small bowls with water. Collectively we could not figure out what to do with them. Either Leo or Gary suggested we drink it, as we getting ready to do that, a waiter took pity on these small town kids, and explained that they were finger bowls used to clean you fingers after the main course. I will miss Leo who was my best friend and an eternal optimist. Good bye, my good friend and God gets a great guy..

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**James L Hamilton** - February 20, 2025 at 09:30 AM

GH

“ My sympathy to Gloria and to Leo's children. Leo and I graduated from Bradley High School in 1952. He was everyone's friend and would give you the shirt off his back. He also was a follower of all sports at Bradley. He said what he wanted, and like it or not, he was still a friend. He had a great sense of humor. I lived only 3 blocks away from high school and, because I loved my sleep, I had a hard time getting out of bed in the morning. I was always running up to the school just before the bell rang to start class. One morning, in an all school assembly, EVERYONE was in the gym. A movie was began and it showed a lone girl running up to the school door as the bell was ringing. Leo took that time to yell out my name to everyone!. We all laughed because it was so true. I never disliked the embarrassment, because it was Leo's humor. He will be always remembered as the true spirit of Bradley both at the high school and in the whole town. He will be missed. Again my sympathy to his family!!

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**Geraldine Wolven Fiore Hallas** - February 20, 2025 at 12:44 AM

BP

“ My deepest sympathy to Gloria and the entire family. Leo was my friend and twin for many years. We celebrated the same birthday & became twins. When I moved from Bradley, Leo was the one who called me when a friend passed away or something interesting happened and he felt I should know. You were loved and will be missed dear friend. RIP

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**Barbara Phillips** - February 19, 2025 at 07:40 PM

CB

“ Remember Leo and Cal McCarty when I was a kid.

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**Cindy Bittmann** - February 19, 2025 at 07:06 PM

SH

“ Leo was such a joy to be around! One of a kind, he always made me smile. I am blessed to have been able to know him.

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**Scott Henley** - February 19, 2025 at 04:02 PM

LM

“ My husband worked with Leo. So sorry a good man. Deepest sympathy to family and friends.

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**Lisa Shea McIntyre** - February 19, 2025 at 03:16 PM

GM

My sympathy to Gloria and family. Met at Wesley United Methodist Church. Great family.

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**Gloria Milligan** - February 22, 2025 at 01:47 PM

DN

Started having coffee at Starbucks with Leo around 20 years ago he would always say hello to everybody. and have the BBHS updates. Leo had great love for his family and friends, when my father died three years ago Leo and Gloria drove 300 hundred miles to his funeral something I will never forget. Got to see Leo two days before he was sent above, he was in good spirits we had a 40-minute visit. We will miss him.

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**DAVID NESLER** - February 23, 2025 at 12:03 PM