



Leroy Sayegh

July 6, 2024

Leroy Sayegh, 88, died on July 6, 2024, at the Overlook Nursing Home in Pascog, R.I.. Born and raised in Central Falls, RI, a son of the late Louis and Alma (Gora) Sayegh. He graduated from Cumberland High School in 1954 and enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 18. Leroy served our country from until 1957 was stationed in Japan where he was a microwave technician. After his service, he enrolled at Boston University majoring in philosophy and attained his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1970.

After earning his degree, Leroy moved back to Rhode Island and resided in Central Falls for the remainder of his life. Leroy found a passion and talent for teaching English as a Second Language in his life. He worked for many institutions including Community Education at Community College of RI (CCRI), Rhode Island Regional Adult Learning (RIRAL), and Progreso Latino. Leroy helped many immigrants to Rhode Island learn communication skills to improve their American experience.

Anyone that came across Leroy would find that he was unusual and very funny – a king at one-liners. Leroy lived in an apartment on Hunt Street in Central Fall for nearly 50 years. Some of his hobbies include buying/fixing/reselling cars and collecting books and artwork. Leroy never married as he wished to remain independent and carefree. In his final years, he was fortunate to be blessed with friendly neighbors providing help and

care.

Leroy leaves behind his sister Lorice Salem. He was predeceased by siblings Louis Sayegh, Larry Sayegh and Leala Read. His nieces and nephews are from Lorice's family: Mary, Ted and David; and from Leala's family: Mike, Kathy and Carolyne. Leroy had many cousins from Brooklyn, NY including Alice Sayegh and her son Bill Trabilcy.

Leroy had many friends in the community including neighbors, students and co-workers. Leroy was cremated and his burial is not yet scheduled. There may be an informal gathering of friends and family for a celebration of life in the near future. If you are interested in attending, please refer to the comments section.

Tribute Wall

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“ 3 files added to the album *Seriously Folks*



Ted - September 16, 2024 at 09:51 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album *Various periods*



Ted - September 16, 2024 at 09:06 PM

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“ *It was sad to see my Uncle Leroy pass. He was an interesting and funny guy. He was cremated and will have a private burial in the future. A "celebration of life" gathering may be held at some point. If you are interested in attending, post here or send an email to me at tedsalem@charter.net*

Ted - September 14, 2024 at 08:35 AM

KA

*Uncle Leroy was a smart, interesting, and mostly a quirky kind of guy. He was famous for his one-liners at which most people rolled their eyes, all the while laughing!
Bruce and I will attend the celebration of life.*

Kathie - September 14, 2024 at 09:56 AM

MI

Leroy was one of a kind, a brilliant communicator and tireless hoarder. Behind his eccentric sense of humor and jokes, that were sometimes exasperating, was a highly educated, worldly and thoughtful man. He was also a very accomplished teacher. I had once the opportunity to co teach a class with him and witnessed how much of a positive influence he had on his students. I later found out that he had quite a following amongst his former students in his community. He will certainly be missed by many.

Michel - September 21, 2024 at 04:27 PM

GM

*Leroy lived right across from us for 50 years. He was a brilliant man right up to his passing. He was book smart, worldly, handy, generous, friendly etc. He taught ESL at Progreso Latino, CCRI, and tutored hundreds privately, from my recollection. A noncombat veteran who served overseas, graduated college thanks to the GI Bill etc. He was an amazing person. He touched so many lives.
We only just recently were told of Leroy's obituary online. I would guess we may have missed his celebration of life. With that being said, he is with us everyday as we look across the street - from imagining Leroy riding his bicycle around the area. I used to take Leroy to appointments, grocery shopping, lottery tickets, Burger King, Lil Caesar, etc. Our conversations were so intellectual and enlightening. Our daughter Anastasia interviewed Leroy about four years ago when she was in the eighth grade. So interesting. We still have it to share.*

Greg Malec - November 06, 2024 at 07:42 PM