



## Leonard Ray Pelfrey

November 28, 1950 - May 8, 2015

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a kind, gentle soul. He was surrounded by his loving wife and family when the Lord called him Home on May 8, 2015. Born November 28, 1950, Leonard was 64 and a lifelong Yuba-Sutter resident.

Leonard was a saved and faithful member of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Yuba City, where he served as a deacon along side his Pastor and best friend, Bro. Albert Runyan. He was also a member of the church's musical group, "The Ton of Fun". He loved the Lord and his Church with all his heart.

He will always be remembered by his loving wife of 42 years, Georgeie; his daughters, Missy Ayotte (Mike), Angie Cooper (Brian), Mandy Dollins (Randy); his sons, Josh Pelfrey (Amanda), Scott Pack; son-in-law, Darin Dollins (Jen) and his sisters, Jody Bryce, Kathy Russell, Betty Sanders; his beloved mother-in-law Doris Pack and sister-in-law, Kay Holcomb. His 15 grandchildren, Abbey, Riley, Mario, Taylor, Briana, Landon, Maya, Ella, Caleb, Brody, Ava, Mattie, Joshua, Bentley and Hudson along with many nieces and nephews that will miss their "Papa" and his wonderful ways.

In his leisure time he served as the "tool man" to family and friends; a loyal fan to his children and grandchildren, and a most devoted, dedicated worker to

Bear Ridge Youth Camp. He loved the outdoors, music and spending precious time with his sweetheart Georgeie.

Leonard was employed by Sutter Cemetery District where he served dutifully for 42 years before retiring in 2014. During his time at the cemetery, he received numerous awards but none meant as much as when he was awarded the "Honorary Life Membership of the Public Cemetery Alliance". Throughout his career, he was a true testimony before God and found a home in bringing comfort to others in their time of need.

Through his illness he was most patient and brave, a beautiful example of Christian fortitude. During his short life he endeared himself to all who knew him by his cheerful light hearted disposition and loving ways, carrying sunshine and joy wherever he went. He leaves behind a rich harvest of memories to cherish, honor and emulate.

On Leonard's final journey home he was greeted by his father and mother, John and Anna May Pelfrey; brother, Bobby Pelfrey: and beloved brother/sister-in-law, David and Patty Pelfrey.

A viewing will be held at Holycross Memorial on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 from 5 to 7 pm.

A memorial service will be held at the First Missionary Baptist Church, 1724 Hooper Road, Yuba City, 95993 on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 11 am. Interment will be immediately following the services at Sutter Cemetery, Sutter CA.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Bear Ridge Youth Camp would be appreciated. 1724 Hooper Road, Yuba City, CA 95993 .



# Cemetery Details

## Sutter Cemetery District

7200 Butte Ave  
Sutter, CA 95982  
(530) 755-0346

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 13.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory  
486 Bridge Street  
P.O. Box 1348  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
(530) 751-7000  
info@holycrossmemorial.com  
<https://www.holycrossmemorial.com/>

## Celebration of Life Memorial

**MAY 14.** 11:00 AM (PT)

First Missionary Baptist Church  
1724 Hooper Rd  
Yuba City, CA 95993

# Tribute Wall



“ *As I sit here reflecting on Leonard's service that was held today, there is no doubt that he is up in Heaven feeling thankful & rejoicing, wanting to tell everybody involved, "well done". Though he misses his family and friends, he is comforted by the message that is printed on the back of his memorial card, the scripture from John 14:1-4. Rather than printing it here, I encourage everyone to refer to that message as often as possible, and think good thoughts for Leonard's family, and for one another as a whole community, in His honor.*

*And like the song "Wish You Were Here", that Aaron sang so beautifully today at the end of the service, I can't help but believe that Leonard was singing along too.*

*Honored deeply,  
David Holycross*

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**David Holycross** - May 14, 2015 at 07:34 PM

MA

*We were honored deeply to have u taking care of my dad. U r an amazing guy w/an amazing heart for people. Thank u David*

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**Missy Pelfrey Ayotte** - May 15, 2015 at 12:57 AM

NK

“ *I spent most of my life spoiled rotten in the Pelfrey home. I have truly been blessed to have such a strong example in my life. My Uncle was an understanding, compassionate, patient, loving and Faithful man. He was the rock of our family, and it will be so hard to pick up the pieces without him. We know this is not goodbye, for he waits for us behind the pearly gates. I love you Uncle Leonard, we miss you SOO much.*

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**Nikki Kesterson** - May 13, 2015 at 10:11 PM

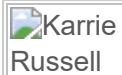


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**David Holycross** - May 13, 2015 at 01:28 PM



“ *Uncle Leonard was a wonderful man and will forever be in my heart*  
💜 *I love you uncle Leonard!*

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**Karrie Russell** - May 13, 2015 at 01:06 PM

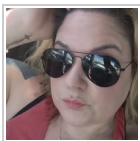


“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leonard Ray Pelfrey.*



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May 13, 2015 at 01:28 AM



“ *Leonard was a great man of God that taught many lessons in Sunday school that I took to heart. My prayers are with his family. God bless you.*

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**Victoria Carlisle** - May 12, 2015 at 04:19 PM

 Deena  
Peterson

“ Leonard was one of those men who was larger than life. I cannot begin to imagine the feelings of loss and grief the Pelfrey family is experiencing, but I know I felt a huge loss at the news Leonard had promoted home. Immediately my mind created a scene with the members of the Ton of Fun who have also gone home, putting on a concert and my parents in the audience, clapping and shouting praises to God.

Our entire family appreciated Leonard for his kindness, his hugs and his smile, but I think the one who appreciated it the most is our oldest daughter. When she was home visiting a few weeks ago we had a conversation about Leonard, and she told me "He was always so nice to me, even after we left that church. He had a way of making me feel like I was important, and like he loved me."

Our thoughts and prayers are with Georgeie and the family, and we can't wait to be reunited on the other side. Love you, Leonard! Hug my dad's neck for me, and give my mom my love!

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Deena Peterson - May 12, 2015 at 04:16 PM



“ Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Leonard Ray Pelfrey.



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May 12, 2015 at 12:24 PM



“ Leonard was a great friend to my dad and our entire family. His loss, like his great influence will be felt both deep and wide. Deep in the hearts of all of those who had the privilege of knowing his heart, honor, and honest living with the Lord at the center. Wide in the inspiration, impact, and instilling God's love to everyone he was around.

*People who are loved as Leonard will never be forgotten. I remember so many times his great joy in singing with my dad, Dave, & Harold in the "Ton of Fun." Now, there can be a "Ton of Fun" had in heaven as they are reunited for an unending concert celebration of what they sang about, even in the silliest of songs, and that was their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*I will look back on the life of Leonard sweetly as a great father to his kids, husband to his wife, and leader in his church, and friend to me and my family. I know and pray that if anyone who knew Leonard would look at his life, love, and legacy he left behind, that you would see a man who without a doubt is with his Lord today. Not because of any thing he did, but the trust he made in his heart towards Jesus.*

*See You Later Leonard,*

*Aaron Bryan, Pastor  
Lighthouse Missionary Baptist Church  
Pollock Pines, CA.*

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**Aaron Bryan** - May 12, 2015 at 09:47 AM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss , I've known Leonard since I was a child . May Jesus comfort you all in your time of mourning. Judi Lowrey Cantrill

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**judi cantrill** - May 12, 2015 at 01:03 AM

DH

“ *Della Heffington lit a candle in memory of Leonard Ray Pelfrey*



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**Della Heffington** - May 12, 2015 at 12:21 AM

KH

“ *We will miss you Uncle Leonard! XOXO*



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**Katie Hunt** - May 12, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KC

“ *Sending our love and prayers to your family. I always remember Leonard with a huge smile on his face! What a sweet soul*❤️

*Much love and deepest sympathy,*

*Kelly and Carl Cook and boys (Kelly Massie)*

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**Kelly Cook** - May 11, 2015 at 11:32 PM

MG

“ *My deepest condolences to the Pelfrey family. May God wrap you in his comforting arms during this difficult time.*

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**Merisa Gonzales** - May 11, 2015 at 10:16 PM



“ Leonard was the kindest, most caring man i think I've ever known. I can't remember ever seeing him when he didn't have a smile to share. The world is a little less bright without him in it. I love you, Leonard.



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**Katy Vernon** - May 11, 2015 at 10:12 PM



“ Back a few years ago I went to Kathleen's grave and all the items we had put on her grave were gone and I cried cause I thought someone had stolen everything,so I went down wanting to talk to Leonard about it and he made a call and found out the guys who worked for him had taken everything and put the things in the building next to the office and had thought that they were surpose to clean all the graves up by removing everything,,well that's not what Leonard wanted them to do,,he wanted them to clean around the graves but not take personal items away,,he hugged me and told me how sorry he was and took me over to get alls the things so I could put them back and assured me that would not happen again....He will be missed by so many.Sending love and prayers to all of his family.



*Judy and Rodger Hancock*

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**judy hancock** - May 11, 2015 at 09:50 PM



“ Machalea Holycross lit a candle in memory of Leonard Ray Pelfrey



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**Machalea Holycross** - May 11, 2015 at 08:50 PM