



## Leo Laurence Von Rueden

September 21, 1936 - July 2, 2025

In Loving Memory of Leo Von Rueden

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Leo Von Rueden, age 88, of Mounds View, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on July 2, 2025, at Our Lady of Peace Hospice Home in St. Paul. Born in Hinckley, Minnesota, Leo was the son of Laurence and Clara Von Rueden. On June 8, 1963, he married Ruthie, the love of his life. Together they built a joyful, loving home, raising three children-Kimberly, Jeffrey, and Paul-and weaving a life filled with laughter, resilience, and deep family connection.

Leo served in the United States Army with pride and honor, stationed at Fort Niagara in Youngstown, New York. After returning home, he built a long career as a parts specialist and retired from Superior Ford. Retirement brought him briefly back to work alongside Ruthie at MNGI, where his easy humor and warmth made a lasting impression.

A man of many interests and quiet creativity, Leo found delight in the simple pleasures of life. He collected shot glasses and salt and pepper shakers and loved camping, hunting, and fishing. Every year, he looked forward to traveling to Branson, Missouri, with friends and family-a beloved tradition filled with music, joy, and shared memories. At home, he was most at peace gardening, cooking, and crafting-through stained glass, leatherwork, woodworking, and intarsia. His patient spirit and gentle nature were reflected in everything he made and shared.

Leo is survived by his children: Kimberly (Kent) Toft, Jeffrey (Serena), and Paul; grandchildren: Nikki Schumaker, Chad (Megan) Toft, Justin (Megan) Von Rueden, Jackie Von Rueden, Paul Michael Von Rueden, Christopher (Sarah) Von Rueden, and Brinley Von Rueden; and great-grandchildren: Brody Schumaker, Logan (Maleah) Schumaker, Natalie Toft, and Levi Von Rueden. He is also survived by siblings Rita Mullen, Judy (Mike) Grommesh, and David Von Rueden; in-laws Marlene Gray and Cory (Howard) Osgood; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents; his cherished wife Ruthie; sister Jean (Wes) Bramer; and in-laws Jim Mullen, Paul (Dorrine) Hedtke, Arnie Hedtke, Alice Montague, and Dale Gray.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on July 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton, MN 55112 Interment will follow on July 23 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
835 2nd Avenue NW  
New Brighton, MN 55112

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Lori, Butch, Fred & families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Laurence Von Rueden.

Lori, Butch, Fred & families - July 10, 2025 at 12:27 PM

LF

“ Lori, Butch, Fred & families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Leo Laurence Von Rueden.



Lori, Butch, Fred & families - July 10, 2025 at 12:27 PM

RF

“ Rita and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Leo Laurence Von Rueden.



Rita and family - July 09, 2025 at 11:38 AM

MG

“ Michelle G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Laurence Von Rueden.

Michelle G. - July 08, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leo Laurence Von Rueden.

July 08, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ Sharon W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Laurence Von Rueden.

Sharon W. - July 08, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ Love the Bramer Families purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Leo Laurence Von Rueden.



Love the Bramer Families - July 07, 2025 at 09:07 PM



“ Judy, Penny, Renee, Shri and Jessica planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Laurence Von Rueden.

Judy, Penny, Renee, Shri and Jessica - July 07, 2025 at 01:16 PM

JJ

“ *Judy, Penny, Renee, Shri and Jessica purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Leo Laurence Von Rueden.*



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**Judy, Penny, Renee, Shri and Jessica** - July 07, 2025 at 01:16 PM