



Leonard Joseph Gloeb

September 23, 1929 - December 19, 2018

Age 89 of Roseville.

Departed December 19, 2018.

Eleven Who Care honoree. Master gardener. Consummate volunteer. Retired from Army Corps of Engineers.

Survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy; children, Bernadette, James, Amy (Jack) Magistad and Aline; 8 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; sister, Joanie Chonis; sister-in-law, Helen Gloeb.

Visitation 4-7PM Wednesday, December 26 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Hwy 96 W., Shoreview. Mass of Christian Burial 10AM Thursday, December 27 (visitation begins at 9AM) at ST ODILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, 3495 N. Victoria, Shoreview. Interment Fort Snelling. Memorials preferred.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ When I was at Children's for a bit as a teenager in late 1999-early 2000 I was very fascinated by the cool plants Leonard brought to my room. He actually brought me up to the greenhouse near the end of my stay and gave me small specimens of many different plants including cacti. I ended up killing all of them eventually because I had no idea what I was doing, but I now recognize that he was single-handedly responsible for starting my interest in plants. I still garden today with a focus on growing carnivorous plants. I still appreciate his generosity and kindness in recognizing my interest and helping to get me started in gardening. I'll never forget it. Thank you.

Brad Lawrence - March 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Just learned about Leonard's death and was overwhelmed with sadness. I missed him when I had to move. If there was a better man than Leonard I never met him. Love to you Dorothy and you family!!!

Armin Bartz - February 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I just want to share with you how meaningful Mr. Gloeb's work in bringing the joy of planting and caring for "my own plant," has been to me (as a fellow gardener!) and to so many children and their families. He was a lovely, kind and gentle man. I hope the fond memories bring you joy.

Dr. Hoyt - December 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I had the honor of getting to interact with Leonard at Children's. Whenever I saw him coming down the hall with his little cart of green friends my heart smiled!!! He always took time to stop and chat with me and the other nurses. His passion for gardening and kids was evident in the time he took showing the kids how to plant each plant and how to care for them. His smile will be missed but his memory will live on every time I see someone pushing the green cart of plants down the hall. May his family find peace in the wonderful memories that they have of Leonard.

nadine S - December 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Leonard was a part of my experience and first impression of Children's 23 years ago when I worked as a Child Life Specialist. We partnered together to provide gardening activities to children on 3200. He also came with a smile, laughter, jokes and stories of his wife Dorothy. He was a blessing to Children's and won't be forgotten.

Desiree Wallace - December 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I am a Clinical Nurse Specialist in the NICU in St. Paul and read about the passing of Leonard on Children's website. I learned about his dedication to Children's and although I did not have the privilege of actually knowing your husband, father, brother, friend, I appreciate the impact he had on so many lives. I'm grateful for his service to children - and to our country - and wish you and your family peace and comfort during this time.

Kristin McCullough - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ In my early days as a Child Life professional I had the pleasure of working with Leonard weekly. My favorite memory is when presenting plants to patients and adding some education he would share if he was a plant his name would be Gloeb Leonard. To this day I think of him when I'm gardening.

Stephanie Alvarez - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Leonard was a volunteer extraordinaire', but he was really a part of our Children's St. Paul family. He touched the lives of countless children, families and staff. I enjoyed learning from him and watching him spread joy through his gift of gardening. It is a sad end of an era for us at Children's. Our sincere thanks to Leonard's family for sharing him with us. May you be comforted in your grief knowing Leonard was loved beyond measure.

Patsy Stinchfield - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ As a fellow Master Gardener, I've always found Leonard to be an incredible inspiration for his dedication to children in the hospital, bringing the healing power of plants to them and their families. His are some big shoes to fill! A life well lived.

Laurie Witzkowski - December 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ 28 years ago, I planted my first plant with Mr. Leonard. Not long after that I planted my second plant with him and was in his feature in the Pioneer Press. As an adult, I have watched him plant with my own child and many other patients at Children's. What a wonderful and special man he was. He touched so many lives and helped many with healing. My condolences.

Amanda - December 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Leonard, I will miss watching you care for the children at the hospital. I will miss watching you passionately care for the plants you chose to give to the kids. I will miss watching you passionately care for all of us as you taught us all how to be your colleague pushing the "Little Green Friends" cart. Thank you for helping us all to see how to be a little kinder to those around us.

Barb Frederick - December 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Sad time of year to loose a dedicated and creative master gardener. I enjoyed many years working with Leonard at Children's Hospital. He provided the plants and the guidance for our work with the children there. He will be missed by many.

Jan House - December 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I am saddened to learn of Leonard's passing. I will treasure the times I asked him many questions about plants and flowers. He was so knowledgeable. May Leonard be carried on the wings of the angels.

Colleen Long, RN - December 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ We extend our condolences to Dorothy and the entire family for your loss. Leonard was a generous man who supported people and the community. Peace and comfort to the family at this time.

Michelle and Randy Palaoro - December 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Rest In Peace Leonard, on this special Winter Solstice. One of a kind, you will be dearly missed. My sympathy to family and friends.*



Gail Lee - December 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *Dear Dorothy, I am very sad to hear of Leonard's passing. He will remain an inspiration to me and many others as a Master Gardener and a gentleman. It was my pleasure to get to know you while helping with the Children's Hospital training manual. He was a "one of a kind" person, full of grace, as you well know. I hope you take comfort in the love and support you provided him. With love, Susan Oven, RCMG*

susan oven - December 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *As a fellow Ramsey County Master Gardener who worked with and witnessed Leonard's amazing service to the program for over 20 years, I am proud and humbled to say that I had the opportunity to know him. I will always remember him fondly. May he rest in peace.*

Diane Dodge - December 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM