



## Ronald Coley Leaverton

January 25, 1932 - October 15, 2020

Funeral services for Ron Leaverton have been scheduled for 10:00 AM, Monday, October 19, 2020 at the Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel in Broken Arrow. Rev. Bryan Church, associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Broken Arrow will officiate. Burial will be at 2:00 PM at Sallisaw City Cemetery under the direction of Hayhurst Funeral Home.

Ronald Coley Leaverton was born on Monday, January 25, 1932 in Stillwater, OK, the son of Dale J. and Nellie (Coley) Leaverton. He died at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa on Thursday, October 15, 2020. He was 88 years of age.

Ron was a 1950 graduate of Stillwater High School. He received a football Scholarship from Oklahoma A&M (OSU). Following two years of college he was drafted in the United States Army, serving in Korea. Following the war, he worked for McDonald Douglas and American Airlines . He met his wife Carolyn in 1961 and they married in 1965. and had their daughter Karen Diane. He joined the IBEW # 584 as an electrician in 1966 and retired in 1995. After retirement he worked at Fine Airport Parking, with his Step son Mike Fine for 24 more years.

Ron enjoyed woodworking, and was a 32nd degree Mason. He joined the Akdar Shrine in 1969, the Merri Makers Unite, and was active as a Tramp Clown, winning numerous trophy's. He rode the High Wheeler Bike, and later

a Model T Small Car. He was a member of the American Legion, As a hobby he loved Wood Carving, and Ron's leather work won several Blue Ribbons at the Tulsa State Fair.

The family request memorials to The Shriner's Burn Hospital for Children in Galveston. 815 Market Street Galveston, Texas 77550.

He is survived by,

Wife, Carolyn Leaverton, of the home

Daughter, Karen and husband Chris Hoover, Broken Arrow, OK

Grandchildren, Nicole, Brandon, Derrick and Tosha Hollis, Shane, Jackson and Morgan

Brother, Max Leaverton, Tulsa, OK Nephew Danny Leaverton

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Nellie; Step Son, Mike Fine; Step Daughter, Sandra Fine; Brother, Erwin.

# Cemetery Details

## Sallisaw Cemetery

115 East Choctaw  
Sallisaw, OK 74955

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Visitation

OCT 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
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## Funeral Service

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OCT 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
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## Committal Service

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OCT 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Coley Leaverton*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *I love you papa with all my heart you are the best!!!! ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT YOU <3*

**Karen Diane** - July 17, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ *Dad, You were always the best dad and husband, You gave your heart to mom and I and our family and to all your work you did as "Widetrack," as a clown for the Shriners. I have a lot of sweet memories to cherish. I know that you are in Heaven and you have a new body. What a glorious day for you Dad. I will be strong and carry on like you would want me too. You have always been my hero and I love you with all my heart. RIP Daddy. Daddies and Daughters never say goodbye, I will carry you in my heart forever.*

**Karen Diane** - October 24, 2020 at 09:20 AM

DM

“ *Ronnie was a good hearted man - he always treated me like his daughter in law throughout the years. My fondest memory with Ronnie was when we planned Nicole's first birthday around the theme of 'clowns' so he could make his appearance to entertain Nicole and the other children. Of one thing I'm certain ... he adored Carolyn :-)*

*Karen you have been a blessing in your parents life and certainly in these later years of life you've remained steadfast to both of them.*

*RIP Ronnie*

*Debbie Michelson*

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**Debbie Michelson** - October 19, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Coley Leaverton.*



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October 19, 2020 at 09:34 AM

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“ *You always treated me as if I was your own grandchild, & I will always love you as if you were my own grandpa.....R.I.P. Paw Paw, I love you!!*

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**Nicole Fine** - October 19, 2020 at 01:23 AM



“ *"WideTrack", Janice & I always looked up to you and Carolyn. We've miss you. Dr. Ed "Dandy" and Janice "Fine" (Together we're Fine and Dandy) Cleere*

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**Ed Cleere** - October 18, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - October 18, 2020 at 05:23 PM

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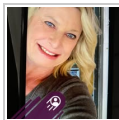
*Awesome video!! R.I.P. Paw Paw*

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**Nicole Fine** - October 19, 2020 at 01:08 AM

DM

*What a beautiful video of all of you!!! XO Debbie*

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**Debbie Michelson** - October 19, 2020 at 01:05 PM



*What a Beautiful Tribute to an Exceptional Family, and a Wonderful Man.*

*You will always be in are hearts. "WE LOVE YOU RON!"*

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**Karen Diane** - October 20, 2020 at 09:47 AM

VN

“ *To the family:*

*So very sorry to hear of your loss. He was a wonderful man that I always admired. He was a good friend to my dad and mom.*

*Vicki Goodwin Nofire*

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**Vicki Nofire** - October 18, 2020 at 04:53 PM

BB

“ *Ron was a great man who was an asset to the whole family. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Barbara Bentley** - October 18, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *Karen Diane lit a candle in memory of Ronald Coley Leaverton*



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**Karen Diane** - October 17, 2020 at 02:08 PM

TB

“ *Ronnie was a gentle giant...and a man with a big heart. His visits to Sallisaw were fun, as well as very interesting. I became enlightened about the Shriners and his work for children. We shared our zest for politics and had many memorable moments. To Carolyn, a family friend I have known for life, beautiful daughter Karen, and all family members, I pray for you all And to Ronnie,.....you were quite a guy. Rest in peace and fly high!!*

*Love,  
Tanya*

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**Tanya Beard** - October 17, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Coley Leaverton.*



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October 17, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *Karen D. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ronald Coley Leaverton.*



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**Karen D.** - October 17, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *Karen D. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ronald Coley Leaverton.*



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**Karen D.** - October 17, 2020 at 10:54 AM

DM

“ In 2003 I was a new Shriner. My wife and I were at one of our first Shrine business meetings sitting alone wondering what the Shrine was really all about. After a little while a friendly man came and sat at our table and said, "Hi I'm Ron Leaverton, welcome to the Shrine". That was the start of a true friendship with Ron and Carolyn. Early in our conversations he said, "have you ever thought about being a clown?" That was the beginning of years learning from him what a clown was about, years of sharing parades, children's parties, entertaining at nursing homes and sharing the Shrine story. Ron had a warm heart and a soft side that some never saw. Mary and I cherish the friendship we shared with him and Carolyn. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn and the family.



*Dave & Mary*

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**David May** - October 17, 2020 at 12:36 AM

JS

“ When I think of Ron I always remember him carving the peach seeds. I found it amazing that he could carve those small seeds. And eating the hot fudge sundaes when we met at Fin & Feather for our Shelton Shindigs... He will surely be missed... Jimmie Stokes

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**Jimmie Stokes** - October 16, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - October 16, 2020 at 03:08 PM

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“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Leaverton family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Ronald.*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - October 15, 2020 at 02:54 PM