



Leon C. Boisvert

March 28, 1923 - March 29, 2020

PITTSBURG – Leon C. Boisvert, of Pittsburg, died on Sunday evening, March 29, 2020, at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown, one day after his 97th birthday.

He was born in Hooksett, NH, on March 28, 1923, the son of the late Hector and Emma (Brouillard) Boisvert. He lived in Hooksett for most of his life before retiring to Pittsburg in 1985. Leon was educated at St. George parochial school and Central High School in Manchester, NH. Following discharge from the Army, he attended Hesser College, receiving a BA in Business Administration.

Leon served in World War II. He was a member of the NH National Guard and when war was declared, he enlisted when he was not yet 18 by giving an incorrect birth date. He was a Staff Sergeant in Company C, 671st Tank Destroyer Battalion, and served in the Pacific Theater of the war. At one point he was stationed on a supply ship in Ulithi, an atoll in the Pacific Ocean, which was used as a staging area, and he later saw combat action in the Philippines.

Leon lived in Hooksett, NH from after the war until retirement in 1985, He worked first for the Air Force at Grenier Field in Manchester as an accounting supervisor, then for Duracrete Block Co. for 10 years, and lastly as manager

of the New England Brace Company.

He was also active in the Hooksett Fire Department for 39 years, first as a call firefighter and eventually rising to the rank of Deputy Chief. He also served on many other Hooksett town committees, utilizing his expertise in accounting or firefighting. In 1975 he wrote a book on the history of the South Hooksett Fire Department. Upon his move to Pittsburg, he came out of retirement to help the Pittsburg Fire Department and was instrumental in building the new public safety facility.

Leon and Anna first traveled to Pittsburg in 1946, together with Anna's parents, in search of good fishing in the many lakes and streams in the area. They returned many times, eventually buying the land on Maple Mountain where they would build first a cabin, and then in 1985 enlarge it for year-round living, selling their house in Hooksett.

After retiring, Leon and Anna wintered in Florida in Sarasota, eventually having a second home there in Venetian Park Estates, which is where he was introduced to wood carving through a group at the park. He quickly became very skilled at carving, particularly birds, fish, and wildlife. When in Florida, he would be found most days on the porch of their home working his magic in wood. He will be remembered through his numerous carvings, especially birds, that he gave as presents to family and friends and also made available for sale.

Leon will also be known for his Maple Mountain blueberry jam and raspberry jelly (no seeds!). He would gather the berries on the hillside of their land and make the preserves himself. Opening a jar that had been given as a Christmas present was always a reminder of warmer days.

He was a skilled builder, handy with design and construction. Most people

would buy a pop-up camper or a lake boat, but Leon would view them at the store and then build his own.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and no better guide to the Great North Woods could be found. He tied his own flies and knew exactly which one would be needed at each of the fishing spots around the Connecticut Lakes. His enthusiasm and vigor as an outdoorsman continued well into his 90s.

After wintering in Florida for 25 years and seeing his friends pass, and only having "younger" people around, he decided to remain full time in Pittsburg, where, even into his early 90s, could still be found on his tractor cutting the field or grading the road, or in winter out plowing, snow-blowing and shoveling.

Leon is predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Anna (Mehlhorn) Boisvert, who died in 2006; and by his sisters, Juliette L Lessard, Lorraine C Demarais, and brothers Maurice Boisvert and Norman Boisvert.

He is survived by one remaining sister, Germaine Yergeau, and numerous nieces and nephews and their children.

There will be no services at this time. Burial will be at the Lake Cemetery in Pittsburg at a later date, next to his beloved wife Anna.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Cemetery Details

Lake Cemetery

US Route 3
Pittsburg, NH

Tribute Wall

RC

“ Leon was a long-time member of the Pittsburg, NH Historical Society and held many offices in the organization. He was a meticulous treasurer for over ten years, retiring in 2010. He and his wife, Anna were a wonderful couple. Ruth & Les Covell

Ruth & Les Covell - April 15, 2020 at 03:18 PM

CB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Cathy Burns - April 07, 2020 at 09:29 AM

CB

To the Boisvert Family:

On behalf of a grateful nation, and the Department of NH, VFW/Auxiliary District #7, we wish to acknowledge your loved one's service to our country, and send our deepest condolences on your loss.

*District #7 Chaplain,
Cathy Burns*

Cathy Burns - April 07, 2020 at 09:26 AM

MS

“ It was an honor to have known this North Woods legend. His kind and mild mannered personality will live with us forever. Very sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

Michael Schneider - April 06, 2020 at 10:11 AM

SS

“ We will miss you Uncle but so happy you are now joined with your beautiful bride again. We love you and wish you so much happiness on your next chapter in heaven.
Ethan, Stacy, Devin & Aidan

Stacy Sobo - April 06, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ Rest In Peace Leon, you were a great person and we were glad to have had the opportunity to know you. See you at those pearly gates my friend.

Benjamin and Jessica Moore

Benjamin Bentley Moore - April 05, 2020 at 08:34 PM

DC

“ Leon was a good man. Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to the family.

David Chappell - April 05, 2020 at 01:27 PM

BB

“ Uncle Leon will be missed. He was a kind, talented man who loved "Raspberry Pancakes" from the Happy Corner Restaurant in Pittsburg, NH.
May he RIP ❤️



Bob & Caro Boisvert - April 05, 2020 at 01:03 PM

FC

“ Yes Leon is resting in peace, in God's hands pain free. As a friend I was lucky, he gave me one of his birds, by that and his friendship, he will be remembered in my heart always. My sympathy to his sister and all his family & friends.



Francine Champagne - April 03, 2020 at 07:11 PM

RH

“ Roxanne Haynes lit a candle in memory of Leon C. Boisvert.



Roxanne Haynes - April 03, 2020 at 03:52 PM

JC

“ May you now be pain free and rest in peace, my friend.



Jan Corliss - April 03, 2020 at 12:17 PM

CV

“ I was Leon's dental hygienist, and the first time I met him about 10 years ago, I was instantly attached. He was such a kind man, always dressed just so, and was so respectful and appreciative of the simplest gestures. Having been raised in Pittsburg myself, we would talk about the beauty of the area and its peacefulness. I chuckled when he told me how much he dreaded his winters in Florida, but was intrigued by how much he loved wood carving and how it passed the time for him. When he brought me back one of his carved birds, I was so touched. It sits on my office window sill and it makes me smile when I look up at it and think of Leon. He will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to know him.

Christine Vigneault - April 03, 2020 at 10:33 AM