



Martin Leon Helms

October 2, 1935 - November 28, 2023

Martin Leon Helms, 88 of Worthington, KY went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 while surrounded by his family.

Mr. Helms was born October 2, 1935 in Ashland, KY. The son of the late James Vernon "Red" Helms and Martha Jane Hughes Helms.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Joann McCarty Helms; his son, Mark Alan Helms; four sisters, Paulette Williams, Betty Ann Moore, Mary Margaret Helms and Nancy Sue Helms; two brothers, Robert "Bob" Helms and Cecil Helms.

Leon served his country in the US Army National Guard. He retired as a painter from the C&O Car Shop in Raceland but he was much more than his work and service. Leon was a loving father who absolutely adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Most of all though was his love for the Lord. Leon is also a retired preacher of the Freewill Baptist Church.

Leon's loving smile and kind words will be missed by many of us in Worthington.

Surviving Mr. Helms are his two daughters, Debbie (Jerry) Riley and Chris (Jeff) Devaney; two sons, Tony (Rita) Helms and Joe (Debbie) Helms;

daughter-in-law, Connie Helms; fifteen grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Helms will begin at 11:00 am on Friday, December 1, 2023 at Evans Funeral Home in Raceland, KY with Reverend Bill Oakes officiating. Burial to follow at Golden Oaks Cemetery.

Family and friends may visit from 6pm until 9pm on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at the Funeral Home.

Arrangements entrusted to Evans Funeral Home

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Evans Funeral Home, Inc
707 Greenup Ave
Raceland, KY 41169
(606) 836-6114

Funeral Service

DEC **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans Funeral Home, Inc
707 Greenup Ave
Raceland, KY 41169
(606) 836-6114

Tribute Wall

LW

“ Remember, attending a cottage meeting when I was many years younger with my husband and Reverend Helms said something that is stuck with me all these years. I don't think I will ever forget it. He said “don't hang your religion on my coattails. I might just lead you straight into hell,” that had a very powerful meaning to me and still does this day. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Lois Walker - November 29, 2023 at 08:25 PM

AW

Preach is what I always heard people call Leon but to me he differently was a second dad and I love so very dear and all his kids still to this day I feel like they are family I never knew a kinder man he would often talk to me as if I was his own and even at his home I felt like I was there with family and I know that man will have many stars in his crown in my deepest hours he was always there after my dad passed

Anitta Meade Williams - November 29, 2023 at 08:46 PM