



Leonard Van Putten Vink

January 20, 1941 - March 21, 2020

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Len Van Putten Vink passed away at his home on March 21, 2020. With his family right by his side, he faithfully went with our Lord.

He is survived by his loving wife, whom he called his "swee-eetie" Kaaren Hoffman Van Putten Vink of 59 years, married on June 25, 1960. His siblings are Ruth Varcadipane and husband Rich of PA and Joyce St Cyr and husband Paul of MN. Also survived are his daughter Laura VPV, married to Steve Moore of Belmont, NH and James P Van Putten Vink, married to Sandy of Wellington, Fl. N. His grandchildren by Len and Carol are Sarah, married to Mike Rice and Jessica Van Putten Vink in NC. Granddaughter by Laura and Steve is Brielle, married to Andrew Torressen of NH. Granddaughter Josie Van Putten Vink by Bob and Dawn of NJ. Grandchildren by James and Sandy are Bailey, Kyle and Skyler Van Putten Vink of FL.

Len was predeceased by his parents Ruth Van Putten Vink and Leonard Van Putten Vink Jr. Sadly also predeceased Len's other 2 boys, Len Van Putten Vink IV age 57, passed on April 8, 2018, married to Carol of NC and Bob Van Putten Vink age 55, passed on March 20, 2019 married to Dawn of NJ.

LCpl Van Putten Vink was a very proud veteran of the US Marines enlisted April 20, 1961, honorably discharged February 25, 1963 with 2 years in USMC Reserve. He was awarded Good Conduct Medal and proudly earned his Rifle Marksmanship Badge. His Specialty Title was Antitank Assault Man, graduated Demolition and Land Warfare school.

His post USMC career while living in Allendale, NJ included 25 years working at the Ford motor company in NJ at night while carpentry and home building during the day. He worked hard to provide for his family.

His hobbies included hunting and fishing with his sons. He liked motorcycles and loved to

garden vegetables with his father in-law William. He raised chickens, ducks and turkeys and a pig named Squeak. He also loved his many cats and dogs throughout the years. He always thought it was funny on Thanksgiving to freak out his family members by bringing the turkey feet into the house and teasing them. He also enjoyed family and friend retreats to his cabin in Pennsylvania where waterskiing and boating were great fun.

Len and Kaaren retired to Royal Palm Beach, Florida in 2002. His new found hobby was his electric tricycle. Funny to see him riding alongside the highway at 20 mph without pedaling!

Len always made friends easily and was generous with those who were less fortunate. Never pretending to be any better than them.

Finally, when illnesses struck, first leukemia contracted while he was in basic training at Camp LeJeune.

He was a warrior and battled every time another illness struck and just when we thought he was down, he would bounce back. He had a very strong will, strong opinions and was a high maintenance guy!

He had a hard time showing his love through words, but he had a good heart and secretly sensitive. He loved his family "forever and ever Amen".

Comments



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Laura Moore - April 01 at 06:27 PM



“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Laura Moore - March 28 at 11:29 AM



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Laura Moore - March 27 at 12:43 PM



“ Fond memories of cousin Lenny when we were kids. Get togethers at Aunt Ruth's house were always fun. Rest in Peace. Doris(Van Puten Vink) Hepp

Doris Hepp - March 27 at 08:33 AM



“ Rest in peace Uncle Lenny. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this most difficult time.

Joe, Jeannete and Casey

joe - March 27 at 07:48 AM



“ With deep sympathy as you remember your love one. May the God who gives peace be with you all. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - March 27 at 05:43 AM



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Laura Moore - March 26 at 04:02 PM



“ As a little girl, I remember thinking my Uncle Len was the most handsome man , dressed in his Marine dress blues. In his gruff manner he loved to tease but he was always kind and good to me. Semper Fi Uncle Len

doris - March 26 at 10:00 AM



“ Semper Fi Marine ,

Len always treated me as one of his sons . The things we did most people would never believe ,the stories I could tell. Pennsie , Big Bird, Squeak, We had a Great time growing up. With all the craziness he kept us on the straight path . You where always a great man Len . You will always be remembered and missed. God Bless

Keep moving forward Marine Until Valhalla

Bill Scharff

Bill Scharff - March 26 at 08:18 AM



“ My heart is heavy, dear brother. So hard to lose a loved one. We both have had more than than our share. God gives us life, then calls us home. All in Gods plan. We can only believe He knows best. I know your at peace now. Please give me a sign, after you get reacquainted with everyone in heaven. You were a great brother. You only had to look at me, i new you loved me. I will never forget you. You are always in my prayers. I have been talking to you. I do expect to hear from you, Love You Forever!
Sister: Ruthie Varcadipane

Ruth Varcadipane - March 25 at 06:54 PM



“ Gwen P Kemp lit a candle in memory of Leonard Van Putten Vink



Gwen P Kemp - March 25 at 06:49 PM



“ I remember when he and his family took me in at a time in high school when I needed it. They were my second family. We had lots of fun in the backyard and I remember one time in particular with a chicken (that's all I'll say). RIP. Tell my mom and dad hi.

Terri Smith D. - March 25 at 05:58 PM



“ Our hearts are broken. Len will never be forgotten he was a very special brother and uncle to our kids. We have fond memories of Len down the shore with his Hunt Mobile. We all thought that was so cool!! We have memories of him grilling on the back of the tailgate and 2 big bouncer guys came up to him to tell him he could not do that, we knew this was not going to go well as the blood rushed to Len's face. We thought Len would punch them out. After a few choice words we looked at the rules at the motel parking lot and there was nothing that said you could not grill. Len won that battle!!
Len talked tough but he had a heart of gold. Len will be sorely missed. God Bless

Joyce StCyr - March 25 at 11:37 AM



“ Love this

Laura Moore - March 25 at 11:55 AM



“ Great times

Kaaren Van Putten Vink - March 26 at 11:20 PM



“ I lost my best friend on Saturday night. I know he is with Our Lord ,he is out of pain and he is with our sons.I love you Len and miss you terribly. Please behave yourself! It won't be long...I'll be right behind you. Always remember..one, two , three my Marine. Semper Fi...Always Faithful

Kaaren Van Putten Vink - March 24 at 06:26 PM



“ Oh he won't be able to behave himself! Haha!

Laura Moore - March 24 at 09:38 PM



“ He was indeed special - so sorry Kaaren and James - love to all of the Van Putten Vinks in your time of reflection and celebration.

Margaret Zamora - March 24 at 05:40 PM



“ Farewell, farewell dear friend of seventy years and brother that I never had of my own. May the Lord bless you and keep you til we meet again. My sincere thoughts and prayers to Kaaren, Laurie, James and all the grand children and relatives.Sleep well Marine, we have the watch. John P. Kemp.

John Kemp - March 24 at 04:54 PM



“ We are saddened to learn of your family loss.
May the God of all comfort help to ease the pain of your grief. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - March 23 at 07:06 PM