



## Leonard Raymer

July 26, 2009

Leonard Charles Raymer

Leonard Charles Raymer, age 61, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 4:34 AM, Sunday, July 26, 2009 at the VA Hospital in Lexington, KY.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Michele Raymer in 1985.

He was a communications specialist. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran serving in Vietnam. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include:

1 Son: Christopher Raymer Paoli, IN

2 Daughters: Samantha Dollar Lexington, KY  
Sabrina Raymer Lexington, KY

Fianc?: Peggy Hancock Henderson, KY  
And her children: Serena Funk of Hartford, KY  
Donna Tarver of Henderson, KY  
Russell Hancock of Nampa, ID

2 Brothers: Ken and Don Raymer Caneyville, KY

1 Sister: Beverly Elam Louisville, KY

12 Grandchildren

Nieces and Nephews

Funeral Services will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Thursday, July 30, 2009 at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, Henderson, KY. Rev. Troy Richards will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Henderson, KY.

A Masonic Service will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home by the Jerusalem Lodge #709 F&M.

Friends may call from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday and from 11:00 until service time on Thursday at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, Henderson, KY.

Full Military Rites conducted by the Worsham Post #40.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Red Cross.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leonard Raymer*

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November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM

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“ Len was the best friend I ever had, aside from my wife. He wasn't judgemental and his knowledge of electronics, led me to exploring the Internet, long after we lost contact. He introduced me to my first radio shack computer that wasn't in anyway similar to the computers today, but it sparked my imagination.

*I worked decades in a job that drained me, long hours etc. He left that thankless job. He excused himself to go to the restroom and never came back. He was a hero. We stayed in contact for a while afterwards, but his new job surrounded him with friends that understood electronics and they had the license to use 2 meter radio.*

*But before that:*

*we played video games, he convinced me often to take off from work. I never had more fun. But he pressed me to understand fundamental electronics. I am sure it was the best he felt I could comprehend. hehehe I never got good enough at Morse code to get my 2 meter licence and his new job, a dream job compared to what I was doing took a bit of his time, as my horrible job took all of my time, so we drifted apart.*

*I retired in 2004, but learned more about electronics, but mostly about computers which he introduce me to many years previously.. Then I found what I was good at and with the help of the Internet that I would not have discovered without his prodding my dream job.*

*In 2007, I tried to locate him using the Internet. I found he lived in Shelbyville, not too far from where I lived (oldham county). I had his phone number, but for some reason I couldn't call. So many years passed. I felt there was time to wait. I felt I hadn't accomplished enough. And as well as I knew Len, I knew that wouldn't have mattered. But he hadn't called me, so I felt I had to accomplish something. It was a bad reason to wait.*

*In 2012, I tried again, but the Google search only found his obituary. I didn't believe it was his, until I saw the picture, then I knew.*

*I now live with the regret I didn't call that number in 2007.*

*I remember Samantha, a small child of about 4 years, when I knew him. I have a great story about her.*

*I didn't call the number because he was to me a mentor and I believed I had not accomplished enough to make him proud. And he had many accomplished friends. But by 2012, I knew I had succeeded.*

*My success now, I owe to him.*

*But it was the fun we had playing video games in Louisville when video game stores were popular, ditching work, playing games, drinking coffee, and thinking about building the ultimate electronic gadget.*

*I remember going to movies to see Star Wars with him and his nephew.*

*I have no regrets in life, but one, not calling that number in 2007.*

*Every successful person, can probably point to the person that helped him succeed. Len helped me. He realized I wasn't very quick and he probably felt he failed to really help me learn, but he sparked something in me to succeed and a love for technology.*

*I am where I am today because of him. And I can't even tell him that.*

*And he was a Hill trained killer. And that wasn't a bad thing, again a hero. And perhaps only him and I understand that.*

*tom*

**tom engle - crestwood, KY - He was my best friend! - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM**