



Leo Murray Doody III

July 9, 1955 - July 3, 2024

ALBANY, NY – The family of Leo M. Doody III is devastated to share that Leo passed away unexpectedly, in the ICU at Albany Medical Center, surrounded by family, on July 3, 2024, after an accidental fall at home.

Born on July 9, 1955, in Albany, NY, Leo was the oldest of seven children born to the late Leo Murray Jr. and Marion Louise (Horn) Doody. He was a full partner at Albany Foreign Auto Services, in Albany, NY, where he worked until his death.

Leo was full of life and remained a kid at heart until the end. He was highly intelligent, inquisitive and playful; a set of skills he used in turns to help whoever needed it or prank whomever had earned it and, when the situation warranted, both. He was an inventor, a firearms instructor, an avid hobbyist, and a lover of music, history, books, and of Cowboy Action Shooting.

As a founding member of Circle K Regulators, the local chapter of Cowboy Action Shooters at the Kayaderosseras Fish and Game club in Ballston Spa, NY, Leo truly loved the sport, and over the past 25 years, he made countless life long and lasting friendships.

He was a man who showed his love through acts of service and could always be counted on to help with a project, even if he had no idea what he was

doing at first. Every project was an opportunity to learn and perfect skills and pass on knowledge. When Leo was with friends and family, he was constantly perfecting the art of dry wit: one of the many skills he passed on to his children over the years, much to the chagrin of at least two generations. He also passed on his love of travel, music, adventure, and mischief, although there were times that he seemed to rethink sharing his misadventures after hearing how his children used these same skills. However, once the cautionary tales had been shared and the scolding was done, his shenanigans would soon continue. Additionally, Leo passed on to his children the Doody family tradition of public service, and the philosophies that you should always leave things better than you found them, and that anything worth doing, was worth doing right. In a final example of this, Leo registered himself as an organ donor, unbeknownst to his family, and the last act of his life was to donate both of his kidneys and his liver to help improve the lives of three people he will never meet.

It would be impossible to mention every person who is affected by his loss as he was universally loved by all who met him, but Leo leaves behind a large family who grieves his loss. He will be deeply missed forever by his wife, Bonnie J. Doody (Fairfull), his children, Sean Doody, Jeannette Doody Bourey (Patrick), Kathryn Fitzpatrick (Ryan), Margaret Vijayan (Vinu), and his granddaughter Livia Vijayan, whom he absolutely adored. He also leaves behind his six younger siblings, his brother Peter Doody (Cheryl Feldman) and their children, Sarah Doody (Chris Baldauf) and Victoria Doody (Haley Gray), his brother Stephen Doody (Eva Welchman), his brother John Doody (Anna), his brother Kevin Doody, his brother Christopher "George" Doody (Kathy Kucharek) and their children, James Doody and Will Doody, and his sister Sheila (Kevin Bishop). Additionally, he leaves behind his cousins Debra Tristram (James Cummings) and their daughter Jillian Cummings, Thomas W. Cantwell, Robert M Cantwell (Joan), Margaret C Levitsky, and Elizabeth C Hedges (Bryan).

Leo's family would like to thank all of the medical professionals and staff who helped care for him during his time at Albany Med including the EMTs, ER, Neurosurgical Unit, Progressive Care Unit, ICU, Respiratory Therapist Unit, Social Workers, and the team from the Center for Donation and Transplant.

Leo was exceptional in life, magnanimous in death and he will be missed forever more.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Leo's family Thursday, July 11, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

A celebration of life will be announced by family at a later date.

In line with Leo's personality, the family encourages guests to wear bright colors instead of black. Additionally, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, any donations made in Leo's honor be made to:

Center for Donation and Transplant

218 Great Oaks Blvd.

Albany NY 12203

Save Lives - Center For Donation & Transplant (cdtnyvt.org)

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Tribute Wall

DE

“ To the Doody Family, The Vincentian Institute class of 1973 had a picnic to commemorate our 50+1 graduation. We all want to express our sympathy and let you know that Leo's obituary and picture were displayed and our respects were paid to Leo and our other classmates who have passed.

Debra L. Elsner - September 16, 2024 at 11:18 AM

MR

“ Matt Rasner lit a candle in memory of Leo Murray Doody III



Matt Rasner - July 11, 2024 at 07:02 AM

TA

“ Leo was my mechanic since 1985 He took care of one of my several honda's since it had 11 miles and when I got a new one I gave it to him and he saw that it got driven another 100K even going to new york city where it was left unlocked because it had three pedals! He also helped me move my grandfather clock..thinking it was a 10 minute job...it takes a good hour..... so that was one of the times he had a new learning experience....though I doubt anyone else ever asked him to move theirs. Tom Allison

Tom Allison - July 10, 2024 at 11:42 PM

LR

“ Love Allison Juers and Frank Raymond purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Leo Murray Doody III.



Love Allison Juers and Frank Raymond - July 10, 2024 at 07:30 PM

JL

“ Bonnie and Sean,

My prayers are with you on Leo's passing.

Jeff Loomis

Jeff Loomis - July 10, 2024 at 08:15 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leo Murray Doody III.



July 09, 2024 at 10:09 AM

MD

“ My sympathies, Sean. Leo sounded like a wonderful father. condolences to you and your family.

Martin Daley - July 09, 2024 at 09:08 AM

LM

“ Lynn Malatesta lit a candle in memory of Leo Murray Doody III



Lynn Malatesta - July 09, 2024 at 12:41 AM

LM

Shocked and sad for all of you.

Lynn Malatesta - July 09, 2024 at 12:42 AM

KW

“ Leo was a Philosopher, Humorist, Zen Man, and MY FRIEND. My Heart is ever widening to make more room in it because of Him! Thank You, Brother! 🙌💕💪👍

Kimberley Williams - July 08, 2024 at 06:46 PM