



Leonard S. DiBella

November 1, 1926 - June 30, 2014

Albany- Leonard S. DiBella, 87, passed away surrounded by his loving family on June 30, 2014. Leonard was the beloved husband of the late Sophia DiBella (Bolton) and the son of the late Michael DiBella and Margaret DiBella (Curro).

Leonard was a proud veteran of World War II and the Korean War (two tours). Leonard was a Lithographer at Maqua Company (General Electric) Schenectady and Argus Greenwood in Menands, N.Y. He ran the 2 color, 5 color and 10 color Web presses. Leonard served on the executive board of local Union 259 for a period of 20 years and later became Vice President of the union. He also performed instructional education training in the press room. Leonard was very supportive of his co-workers and was beloved by all. Leonard was a lifelong fan of the Cubs and loved to play the horses and enjoyed his trips to England, but the most important thing to him was family.

His daughters Kim and Tina provided countless hours of great companionship, comfort, care and love over his entire life. We give special thanks to his grandson Alex who lived with Leonard in his later years after his beloved wife Sophia passed and was a very big part of his daily life, support and care. Leonard's grandsons John and Keith were also a special part of his life he treasured his time with them and appreciated all the joy he received from being with them. His son in laws Dan and Pat were always there for him. He

loved Betty Ann, Veronica and Carol as daughters they held a special place in his heart. His Sons Michael and William loved him dearly.

We also recognize all those that provided exceptional care for Leonard at Albany Medical Center over his eight weeks of treatment.

Leonard is survived by his twin sons, Dr. Michael D. (Carol) DiBella, William L. (Veronica) DiBella; Tina M. (Daniel) Martin and Kimberly A. DiBella (Patrick) Keegan. Leonard is also survived by nine loving grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved.

Funeral services Saturday, July 5, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 9:00 a.m., where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Thursday, July 3, 2014 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the funeral home.

Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Those wishing to remember Leonard in a special way may send contributions to Disabled American Veterans at www.dav.org

To leave the family a special message on their guest book; obtain a prayer card or directions; view his Cinematic Life Tribute; or share a photo or E-card with them, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Service

JUL 5. 9:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Leonard S. DiBella*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - July 03, 2014 at 10:45 AM



“ *Leonard S. DiBella*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W. - December 04, 2015 at 09:14 PM

SD

“ Grandpa,
Although I never got to spend as much time with you as I would have enjoyed, you are and always will be in my heart and prayers. You were always an excellent man, husband, father and grandfather. I cannot fathom a person having more love to give than you. Your love was unfaltering and always forgiving, I know you've found comfort and peace now, and you'll receive all you've ever deserved in heavens embrace. We may have lost a great man but we have undoubtedly gained a guardian angel. I love you forever.

Love,
Shauna

Shauna DiBella - July 14, 2014 at 10:50 AM

VD

“ Leonard S. DiBella (LSD) *How befitting for a man that had a Million watt smile and was so electric. Lennie was something special. He was truly a good soul. A soldier of both World War II and Korean War (2 tours) he fought for his country with honor. He raised four beautiful children that have gone on to live lives to make their parents so proud. He had nine grandchildren that he spent as much time possible with and showed them what it meant to be a person of character. He didn't just talk the talk like so many. He lived by example and everyone around him was a better person because of it. My father-in-law was like a father to me and he always treated me like a daughter. I pray he knows how very much that meant to me. I'm a better person for having known him and I can only hope to honor his memory by becoming the best person I can be. I know he and Mom are having a cup of tea in heaven and smiling down on all their children and entire family with love. Until we meet again. Love*
Veronica DiBella

Veronica DiBella - July 07, 2014 at 03:14 PM

VD

“ 4 files added to the album Leonard DiBella RIP 7-5-14



Veronica DiBella - July 07, 2014 at 02:51 PM

“ *Dad’s Eulogy from his Family*

During his life, Dad provided to his children, family and co-workers but also to all those he met in life’s journey the true meaning of being a man.

The strong character traits that Dad exhibited in life never wavered. Dad possessed the ability and recognized the importance of being able to balance life’s responsibilities; family, work and country and he always did so with a smile. For Dad’s children his core values, inner strength and beliefs made us who we are today.

Dad touched us in only the way a dedicated, committed caring, loving and nurturing parent could. From our younger years to our later years Dad was always a focal point in our life. We learned much from Dad throughout our early lives and even into those last few days of his illness.

Dad always helped out those he met throughout his life and this exemplified his persona of giving but never taking. Dad’s easy going demeanor exuded an atmosphere of civility, courtesy, understanding and respect at all times. Everyone Dad met always appreciated and certainly commented on Dad’s pleasant manner.

Dad ‘s childhood was hard; growing up during the depression, World War II and the Korean war and these experiences contributed to the making of the man who was made of the right stuff.

He was the consummate father, father-in-law and grandfather, always able and willing to give some fatherly support, never harsh, always loving, always finding the right words to offer and always doing something for his family.

Our Father was a man of few words, but those few words conveyed much wisdom. When I was in high school I told Dad that I had finished reading the Red Badge of Courage and was going to sell it

to another student, but Dad said "Just give the book to someone who needs it" Dad taught us generosity. One Sunday on a rainy day I helped my Dad put in a water pump on his car we spent hours in the rain underneath the car at Armory garage parking lot, from that experience Dad taught me patience and persistence to finish any job to completion.

When I was young I waited at the front door for my Dad to come home from work he would always rub my hair and call me curly even though my hair was as straight as a porcupine. My fond memories of Dad also include playing football with him in our front yard and him teaching us how to skate.

In my last year of High School, like most sons at that time, I wanted to work either with my Dad, or work in his profession. After I asked for a job at Argus Press, he said to me "I have worked my whole life with my hands, I want my son to work with his mind" in this way he taught me to be all I that I could be.

Our Dad always greeted everyone with a big smile, a strong handshake and kind words, even in his last days he taught us to be kind and cheerful to all you meet.

My Dad has been a better man than I have been, or will ever be. But in his honor I will strive to follow the path that he has shown me to become a real man. Indeed, my Dad was a man who truly exemplified the phrase 'The Greatest Generation'

Dad's grand children cherished every moment with him he is now with them and us in our hearts with his unfaltering love. We will love him forever and have gained a guarding angel.

On Dad's journeys throughout his life he was able to spread his love and touch the hearts of those who were not so close to home, visiting in England he was a beloved and memorable part of the family and we all feel so privileged to have known such a wonderful man and have such a wonderful friend.

Dad's passing is not an end but rather a new beginning for he is

now reunited with Mom and for us it begins a proud period of the remembrance. Dad we know you have found comfort and peace and will receive all you have ever deserved in heavens embrace.

William L. DiBella - July 07, 2014 at 01:42 PM

KD

“ Dad,

Although my heart is broken that you are no longer here with us, my soul is eased by knowing that you are now with Mom, your parents, your sisters and all those whom you loved and missed that have gone before you. I will miss you every moment of everyday for the rest of my life, and cannot imagine life without you. Pat and I will treasure forever each precious moment we had with you and Mom. All the good times, all the laughs and the spur of the moment times when we would be sitting at the house and just decide to jump in the car and go to Atlantic City. You gave so much of yourself to us - your family, friends and everyone you knew always held you in the highest regard. You are truly an inspiration to Pat and I and we are so thankful for you, and for all the time we had with you. I will miss hearing your voice and being able to tell you I Love You, so I will now say that to you in my prayers as I know that you will hear me. We love you so very much. Rest in peace knowing that you have taught us well and guided our lives with wisdom and love which we will keep in our hearts forever.

Your loving Daughter and Son-in-law, Kim and Pat

Kimberly DiBella - July 04, 2014 at 12:44 AM

LG

I am so sorry to hear your sad news, he was an amazing man and will always be with you in spirit.

I will miss him playing pool in the New Bell next time your in the UK.

Love from all over the pond

Lisa Gething

xxx

Lisa Gething - July 04, 2014 at 04:33 AM

TP

“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsCdIX-5UjE>

Thomas Piggott - July 03, 2014 at 05:35 AM

TP

“ *Dear Kim and family.
A message from Tom from England.
I was deeply saddened by the news of the passing away of Leonard
. My heart felt condolences to you and all your family. I always
looked forward to his visits to the UK, a truly sad loss.
I hope you do not mind but I have attached a song for you, this is
how you all must be feeling.
Take care
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsCdIX-5UjE>*

Thomas Piggott - July 03, 2014 at 05:32 AM

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Tom: Thank you for the beautiful song and the kind words. I know you were close with Lennie and he truly cared for you. He was such a man of honor and I know we are all so blessed for having known him and we can only honor his memory by trying to emulate his life. Thank you.

Veronica DiBella - July 07, 2014 at 03:22 PM