



Leonard James Addis III

August 11, 1949 - August 30, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Leonard James Addis III, of Salisbury, who departed this life on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at the age of 76. Born on August 11, 1949, in Mineola, NY, he was a son of the late Leonard James Addis, Jr. and Helen Ardler Piorek. Len dedicated his life to serving his country as a proud member of the U.S. Army, where he enlisted in 1971 and ultimately retired as Captain in 2002. A second-generation paratrooper, he was deeply committed to his role in the military and shared his passion for service as an instructor for JROTC in local high schools. His deep sense of patriotism and unwavering love for God and family shaped his everyday life, and he shared his faith publicly as an active member of the Salisbury Baptist Temple where he was recently baptized.

Len was a cherished member of the American Legion Post 64 and the "Wild Turkey Gang," whom he considered his extended family. He was an avid sports fan, supporting the Philadelphia Eagles and East Carolina University sports. A true animal lover, he will be remembered fondly for his many pets, especially his faithful companion, Bella and Paisley.

Len is survived by his loving wife of almost 15 years, Jenny Addis, who he married on October 14, 2010; children; Robert "Bob" Addis and wife, Mary, William "Bill" Addis and wife, Suzanne, Carolyn Ann Swisher and husband, Michael, and James David Addis; step-son who he considered his own, Jesse

Andrew Henry; grandchildren, Samantha Elizabeth Addis, Emily Marie Addis, Robert George Addis, Jr., Payton Aubrey Addis, Logan Joseph Addis, Hailey Lynn Swisher and Declan Cairo Swisher; and brothers, David Addis, Duane Addis and Brian Addis; and a sister, Karen Griffith. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In honor of Len's remarkable life and legacy, funeral services will be held at Salisbury Baptist Temple on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 11:30, where a visitation will take place from 10:30 to 11:30. Interment with military honors will follow at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock.

In memory of Len's giving nature and love for his country and animals, please make memorial donations in his memory to Salisbury Baptist Temple 6413 Hobbs Rd., Salisbury MD 21804, or Tunnels to Towers Foundation by visiting <https://t2t.org/> or the Humane Society of Wicomico County by visiting <https://wicomicohumane.org/>

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery

6827 E New Market-Hurlock Road
Hurlock, MD 21643

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Salisbury Baptist Temple
6413 Hobbs Road
Salisbury, MD

Funeral Service

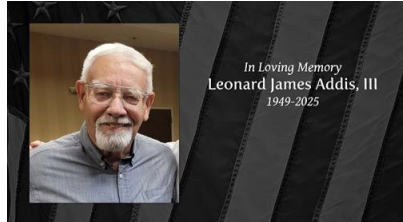
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Salisbury Baptist Temple
6413 Hobbs Road
Salisbury, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leonard James Addis III*



Short Funeral Home - September 08, 2025 at 04:14 PM

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“ *Almost 20 years ago the memories in JROTC - the events and ceremonies, marching and classes. I am so thankful for the leader you were and the impact you made not only in my education but impact still today. Stay alert, stay alive will always be words you said embedded and today I still recall and carry on your leadership skills. Thank you - God bless your family*

Stacie Cathell - September 17, 2025 at 10:21 PM

LC

“ *Love Ku and Kathy Chin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Leonard James Addis III.*



Love Ku and Kathy Chin - September 05, 2025 at 05:58 PM

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“ Love Ku and Kathy Chin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard James Addis III.

Love Ku and Kathy Chin - September 05, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Leonard James Addis III.



September 05, 2025 at 03:27 PM

JO

“ You made school a happy place for me. And for that, I'm always thankful. Rest in peace Captain.



Joy - September 03, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ Our thoughts and love are with you all and the rest of the family. Sending hugs, comfort, and light to you all. Love, the Whitlows



Stacey Whitlow - September 03, 2025 at 09:53 AM

BA

“ Rest in peace neighbor. See you on the other side.

Bonnie Adkins - September 02, 2025 at 08:54 PM

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This is TRULY a very sad day for everyone who ever knew Len. I had the honor of working with him very closely on the Memorial Day service done annually in front of the Civic Center. He was the one that put it all together and he did it MASTERFULLY each year. He had been involved with the high school ROTC program where he helped many deserving students. He will be DEEPLY missed by all who ever knew him. May his memory be eternal !!! With DEEPEST sympathies, Tony Sarbanes

Tony Sarbanes - September 03, 2025 at 10:42 PM