



Norman James LeCates

December 18, 1924 - February 12, 2018

SEAFORD- Norman James LeCates, 93, of Seaford, and formerly of Laurel, was called home to Heaven to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, February 12, 2018 at Methodist Manor House in Seaford, where he had resided the past few years.

He was born December 18, 1924 in Laurel a son of the late Oscar J. and Minnie Florence (Niblett) LeCates.

Norman grew up on the family farm and at a young age left school to help on the farm after the unexpected passing of his father. He farmed almost his whole life and dreamt of owning his own farm one day. After retirement his farming continued, but only on a smaller scale. He had a green thumb and could grow the best tomatoes and other vegetables. On July 4, 1945 he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Lee Wagner, and shortly thereafter, his dreams of owning his own farm came true, as they bought a farm and raised a family. He was a long time member of King's United Methodist Church in Laurel where he sang in the King's Church Quartet. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed playing for the King's church league softball team and bowling in the Laurel Men's Bowling League. Fishing and family camping trips to Assateague, Chincoteague and their summer home in Crisfield were always fun for the whole family. Norman and his wife also enjoyed spending many winters in Florida. He will be remembered as a kind hearted man with a great sense of humor and someone who always put others needs before his own.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Mary Lee (Wagner) LeCates; daughter, Shirley Figgs; son, Jim LeCates and wife, Fran; and daughter, Diane Brubaker, all of Laurel; grandchildren, Troy Travatello, Timmy Travatello, Teresa Travatello, Jamie LeCates and his wife, Jenn, and Tara Lynch Banks and her husband, Jeffrey; great grandchildren, Alex, Benjamin, Josh, Daniel and Caroline; and sisters, Arvalene E. Moore of Laurel and Mildred R. Hitchens of Delmar. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Harvey Lee LeCates; and a son-in-law, William Dale Brubaker.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, where a visitation will be held from 1:00 to 2:00. Pastor John Rogers will officiate. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to King's United Methodist Church, c/o Mrs. Karen Perry, 34591 Gordy Road, Laurel, DE 19956.

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

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

9th Street
Laurel, DE

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525
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Service

FEB 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Norman James LeCates*



Short Funeral Home - February 19, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ *Norman James LeCates*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM

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“ I am so sorry I didn't hear about Mr. LeCates sooner. I would have sent flowers or attended the funeral. Mr. LeCates was an amazing self made man. He built a thriving farm and ran it himself until his children were old enough to help out, I assume. My fondest memory of him (aside from his Woody Woodpecker imitation) came in December or so of 1972. I had enough respect for him that I asked him for his youngest daughter's hand in marriage. I was scared (or skeeert) To death to ask him, but to my surprise he didn't throw me out of his truck or shoot me. He gave his consent. And when the engagement ended prematurely he shook my hand and wished me well. When he did that he seemed to know how devastated I was. Diane Lynn LeCates was the absolute love of my life, and I think he knew that. Again, so sorry for the family's great loss. My sympathy to his wife Mary Lee, Shirley, Jimmy and of course, Diane. Try not to be overwhelmed with grief, but rejoice in the fact that he walks with Jesus now and is in a much better place, Amen.

Dave Fleetwood - May 21, 2018 at 08:03 PM

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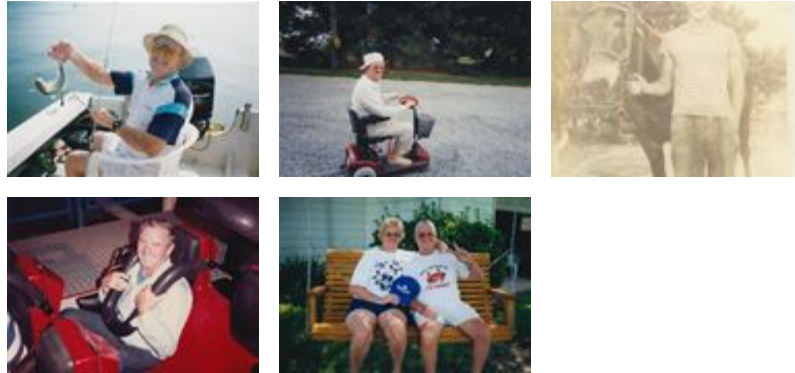
“ I mostly remember the good times with Uncle Norman during the years he and Aunt Mary Lee came to Florida. My husband Denny and I have memories of meeting them at a camping trip in VA when we were stationed there in the Navy. Digging for oysters and having Aunt Mary's oyster stew was a treat! Norman was good-hearted and fun and could belt out the song "Oh, Lonesome Me" with great gusto. He could also play a mean game of dominoes which we always enjoyed. May he rest in peace.

Barbara and Denny Noto and Family

Barbara and Denny Noto & Family - February 19, 2018 at 07:35 AM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Short Funeral Home - February 18, 2018 at 07:48 AM

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Very nice, very thorough. Best I ever saw. Wish we'd done that for my folks. DF

Dave Fleetwood - May 21, 2018 at 08:48 PM

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“ We remember Uncle Norman for his sense of humor and kind ways. Now you can Rest In Peace. Sending our prayers for comfort to the family.



Harvey and Sherry LeCates and Children

Sherry LeCates - February 16, 2018 at 10:53 AM

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“ Linda Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Norman James LeCates



Linda Carter - February 15, 2018 at 05:20 PM