



Leonard "Lenny" Stevens

March 15, 1947 - October 25, 2019

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Lakeland – Leonard "Lenny" Stevens, 72, passed away October 25, 2019.

He was born March 15, 1947 in Dover, New Jersey to the late Leonard Stevens and Roberta "Stevens" Searles.

Lenny worked for Cushman Wakefield in New York City for 10 years. He then moved to Lakeland and started his career with the USF Sun Dome for 20 years. After retiring he became employed by the Lakeland Civic Center, and retired in 2000.

Lenny was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jerry Stevens; sister, Flossie Caskey; and 2 grandsons, James F. Searles, III and Austin Gill. Lenny is survived by his wife of 44 years, Helen Stevens of Lakeland; daughters, Dawn (Billy) Searles, Brenda (James) Searles, Sherri Stevens (Junior Lance); sons, Lenny (Brenda) Stevens and Kenny Stevens (Michelle Butts), all of Lakeland; sisters, Dorothy Kostka (Bill Quick), Irene Bishop and Judy Trautman; 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren with 1 on the way.

The family will receive friends and family on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019 from 10-11 am at Gentry Morrison Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland. Services will follow at 11 am at the funeral home, with interment to follow at Glen Abbey Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Glen-Abbey Memorial Gardens

2198 K-Ville Avenue
Auburndale, FL 33823

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 28, 2019 at 10:02 AM



He was a handsome man who was loved very much

Alyssa Stripling - October 29, 2019 at 08:08 AM



“ Leonard "Lenny" Stevens

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM

AL

“ I was a foreign student at USF in 1980's and worked at Sun Dome as an HVAC student for Lenny. He was like a father to me and called me "my foreign son"

One midnight, after an Elton John concert, I brought in a crew to clean up the Dome. It was so messy the crew left me at 4 am. I was so scared of Lenny I started cleaning the place up by my lonesome self. Lenny came in at 7 am with a coffee in one hand and cigarette in another. Saw me on the 3rd floor picking up garbage. Called me down, gave me hug and told me to go home and rest ... a true gentle giant

When I graduated with a bachelors in Computer Science, I was so unsure of myself to move on that I continued working there for minimum wage \$3.75 an hour! So he invited me to his home in Lakeland for a 4th of July party in 1987 and said to me "son, you deserve better. It's time for you to leave Sun Dome or I'll kick your a\$\$" ... so I left, got me a real job and eventually moved to Boston 30 years ago and have been a successful computer engineer and a project manager ever since because of that advice

I had meant to come back to Tampa, find him and give him a big hug. Alas life got in the way... but I know he's up there lightening up the Heavens with his smiles

*Love you Lenny and happy trails until we meet again under another Dome...
-Albrik (your foreign son)*

Albrik - January 23, 2020 at 02:57 PM

KM

“ Karen Marko lit a candle in memory of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens



Karen Marko - October 30, 2019 at 08:16 AM

KM

Uncle Lenny was the best. My favorite memory of him was when he took me for a ride down the beach on his motorcycle. He was the best Uncle ever... He was larger than life.

Karen Marko - October 30, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens.*



October 30, 2019 at 01:19 AM

AE

“ *Albert Emery lit a candle in memory of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens*



Albert Emery - October 29, 2019 at 09:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens.*



October 29, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens.*



October 29, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens.*



October 28, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens.*



October 28, 2019 at 05:20 PM

CF

“ *CHRISTINE FLOWERS purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens.*



CHRISTINE FLOWERS - October 28, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ *I met Lenny when he became my boss. We grew to be friends over time, and I will say, he was a great friend. He was an awesome guy who loved with all his heart. He could be cranky sometimes, but when push came to shove, he was one of those rare people you could always count on. I regret that life got in the way of me coming to see him, but I loved him still the same. Lenny, you'll always be alive in my heart. Say hi to mom and Rusty for me. God has a new angel now.*

Michael Wills - October 28, 2019 at 11:29 AM

MS

“ *Michael & Lorraine Renneker, Cary & Jeannette Smith purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens.*



Michael & Lorraine Renneker, Cary & Jeannette Smith - October 28, 2019 at 10:47 AM

LF

“ *Lenny & Brenda Stevens and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens.*



Lenny & Brenda Stevens and family - October 28, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 28, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens.



October 27, 2019 at 07:06 AM



“ My thought and prayers go out to the Stevens family may god bless you 🙏🙏🙏



Arthur Pamer - October 26, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ Prayers to Family of Lenny he will be missed dearly

Wanda and Volker Reich and Family - October 26, 2019 at 09:12 PM



“ Aline Freudenvoll lit a candle in memory of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens

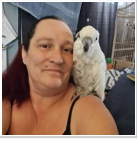


Aline freudenvoll - October 26, 2019 at 08:37 PM

AF

R i p Lenny

Aline freudenvoll - October 26, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ *Maile Ready lit a candle in memory of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens*



Maile Ready - October 26, 2019 at 07:58 PM

SW

“ *Susan Whitman lit a candle in memory of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens*



Susan Whitman - October 26, 2019 at 07:11 PM

DT

“ *Dawn Trautman lit a candle in memory of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens*



Dawn trautman - October 26, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ *Kelli Hinman lit a candle in memory of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens*



Kelli Hinman - October 26, 2019 at 05:53 PM

PP

“ *Peter Plant lit a candle in memory of Leonard "Lenny" Stevens*



Peter Plant - October 26, 2019 at 04:11 PM