



Leon Hartman Jr.

June 17, 2025

Leon Hartman Jr., stalwart warrior of all things good, all things Jesus, and all things right departed this life on June 17, 2025, at the age of 77. Leon was born on December 1, 1947, in Morgan City, Louisiana to Leon Hartman Sr. and Marguerite Milton Hartman.

He was the devoted husband of the wife of his dreams the former Olga Louis of Loreauville, La. for 54 years and the father of one son Dr. Corey Louis Hartman (Erika) of Homewood, Alabama and one daughter Nazaren Hartman Mindingall (Wesley) of Hoover, Alabama and the proud interactive grandfather of Grant Louis Hartman, Helen Elizabeth Hartman, Olivia Marie Mindingall and Eleanor Marie Mindingall.

Leon earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology from Southern University of Baton Rouge in 1969.

He was a former employee of the St Mary Parish School Board, Union Carbide Corporation, and Job Corps New Orleans. Leon often ran into his former students of Job Corps where they always fondly remembered him as tough, no-nonsense Mr. Hartman who tremendously impacted their lives. As a result of his stern no nonsense approach to education, Job Corp reassigned his position to that of Instructor/Career Developer so that he was the initial contact instructor for all incoming students to firmly establish the only acceptable behavioral pattern of each student.

In addition to being an amazingly outstanding husband, father, grandfather and educator Leon was committed to making everything in the community and

environment better, safer, and more beautiful. He consistently maintained a perfectly manicured lawn and property and could always be found out in his yard crafting his art to perfection. He loved shopping the flower sales at Lowe's and gleefully bragged of finding amazing bargains always finding additional space for more flowers. His focus for cleanliness, perfection and beauty spread far beyond his own property to incorporate the surrounding community by his consistent commitment to keep the community clean by picking up litter for blocks every Sunday before church.

In his determination Leon hustled garbage cans when the local bus company failed to provide those, placing garbage cans at the bus stops at Lake Forest, Mayo and Dwyer. He maintained a regular garbage emptying schedule to ensure that they were properly and timely emptied.

In addition to his wife, children and grandchildren Leon is survived by his sister-in-law Linda King and brother-in-law Rudy King, with whom he shared a comradery and bond for 54 years. Seven siblings Herman Hartman (Mary), Mary Morris (Fleming), Kenwood Hartman (Diane), Jannitta Antoine (Raymond), Oletha Hebert (Kenneth), Tina Garner (Rosemore) and Marshall Hartman, three Godsons (nephews) Victor King (Camille), Richard King (Leslie) and Terence King (Anesah) and one Goddaughter (niece) Margaret Rose Sique, in addition to numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Leon was preceded in death by his parents Leon Sr and Marguerite Hartman and his father and mother-in-law Wilker and Mae Olia Louis.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Funeral Service at First Baptist Church, 5290 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 11:00am. Visitation will begin at 10:00am until 11:00am.

Interment: St. Patrick #3 Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook, share memories, and condolences to the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick # 3 Cemetery

143 City Park Ave
New Orleans, LA 70119

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
5290 Canal Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70124

Tribute Wall

CG

“ Great guy. Rest in peace. Well known at Southern Univ where many memories were made.

Clarence Gray - June 27, 2025 at 04:55 PM

TL

“ To my family we offer our prayers and condolences from Barbara Jean Lofton family we love yall and we will continue to lift all of you in prayer 🙏🙏🙏

Terralen Lofton - June 27, 2025 at 11:24 AM

TJ

“ Sending heartfelt condolences and prayers to my family



Toni Johnson Jones - June 26, 2025 at 08:07 AM

ES

“ My heartfelt condolences to Mr. Leon’s family. I know what an emotional prince of a fellow you all are grieving right now. Mr. Leon worked on our Fuel the Future team at FBNO and delivered food backpacks weekly to the students at Dolores T. Aaron school. He was always so chipper & quick to fill in with packing when we were down a man. Typically, he stopped by to pick up his bags after his morning workout routine. He was such a kind & disciplined man, proud of his family & devoted to our Lord Jesus!! My heart just aches to know I will have to wait a while to see his precious face at church. But what joy it will be to see him in our heavenly home!! I can only imagine the hole his absence leaves...but how grateful & proud you all must be to be led by such a faithful man. Please know I am thinking and praying for all of you as you grieve. -Elizabeth Simons

Elizabeth Simons - June 25, 2025 at 04:02 PM

WA

“ Olga may you find comfort in our love for you and your family. We are praying for strength today and peace in all the days ahead. Sending our deepest condolences during this painful time. Love, Elize Joseph and Wanda Archon &Fly



wanda - June 25, 2025 at 02:44 PM

SC

“ Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for thy art with me. My condolences go out to the family and friends. Shirley B. Chatters

Shirley B Chatters - June 25, 2025 at 12:55 PM

KJ

“ To my family you have my deepest condolences 🙏 and I will keep you in prayers. Kim Johnson

Kim Johnson - June 25, 2025 at 10:06 AM

EP

“ Elizabeth Ghareeb and Muchael Petty purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leon Hartman Jr..



Elizabeth Ghareeb and Muchael Petty - June 25, 2025 at 04:51 AM

EP

“ Elizabeth Ghareeb and Muchael Petty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leon Hartman Jr..

Elizabeth Ghareeb and Muchael Petty - June 25, 2025 at 04:51 AM

TH

“ The Humberts purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leon Hartman Jr..



The Humberts - June 25, 2025 at 01:32 AM

SW

“ Brother Boozer from OUR Days on “The Yard” (SU). Remembering all the “laughs “. Rest in peace my brother 🙏 Job well done!

Steve Boozer Williams - June 24, 2025 at 07:57 PM

SC

“ To the Leon Hartman Jr. family:
I remember "Junie" as we attended the same high school. If you did not play a sport, then most likely you were in the marching band. If memory serves me correctly, he played the drums or another instrument.

One of the great hymns of the church coined these lyrics: "Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal". Be encouraged family . I will be praying for the family that God will provide His strength, comfort, and peace during this difficult time in Jesus name and in the power of His Resurrection.

Sheena Coleman & Wilson Family

Sheena Coleman - June 24, 2025 at 04:32 PM

GJ

“ I will always remember your kindness and brotherly guidance while growing-up. You taught us how to shoot 'Pool' and brought us donuts in the Summer Recreational events. I appreciate the example you set for us, Juney-boy!

Your Homeboy,

Glynn Jacobs

May you Rest In Peace in the presence of our Lord!

Glynn Jacobs - June 24, 2025 at 02:38 PM

HC

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family remember he is resting in the arms of the Lord*

Helen Collins - June 24, 2025 at 01:39 PM

NK

“ *Neighbors and Friends of Klingsville lit a candle in memory of Leon Hartman*



Neighbors and Friends of Klingsville - June 24, 2025 at 01:35 PM

JM

“ *Joyce Watson Matthews lit a candle in memory of Leon Hartman*



Joyce Watson Matthews - June 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM

HS

To the Hartman Family, You have my deepest. I will remember Leon(June) as a genuinely friendly guy, with a heart full of love.

Horace Raymond Sr - June 25, 2025 at 06:26 PM