

Leon Cuperus was born October 9, 1945 in Worthington, MN, the son of Burend and Nina (Heeringa) Cuperus. He was raised on the family farm near Reading, MN. He graduated from high school at Worthington and continued his education at Worthington Junior College. While attending college, Leon joined the Minnesota National Guard and served for six years.

On July 14, 1967, Leon was united in marriage to Pamela Wendling. The couple were blessed with three children. They made their home in Reading, MN on a farm they purchased near his family farm. Leon raised cattle and pigs for many years. In 1982, they sold the farm and moved to the north side of Lake Miliona near Leaf Valley, MN. For the next ten years, Leon drove cement truck for Alex Concrete. Following that, Leon and Pam leased and operated the Leaf Valley Mercantile for a few years. Leon then started his own painting business doing exterior and interior painting. Leon retired from painting due to health concerns.

Leon enjoyed working on his property near Lake Miliona. On that property, he planted many trees through the years. He also owned deer hunting land on Spring Lake and planted food plots for the deer. He looked forward to the fall and deer hunting. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed taking Pam fishing on Spring Lake and taking his children fishing for bullheads when they were younger.

Leon was a member of the Leaf Valley Sportsmen's Club and a retired member of the Leaf Valley Fire Department. For many years he was part of the group of men that had coffee at the Leaf Valley Creamery and later, at the Leaf Valley Mercantile. He was a skilled card player and could spend hours playing Pinochle with his family. He was even known to sneak away to a casino from time to time. Spending time with his grandchildren and treating them to his quick wit was something he loved to do.

On Tuesday, July 24, 2018, Leon died at the age of seventy-two years. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Gerrit and Ray Cuperus. Leon is survived by his wife Pamela Cuperus of Leaf Valley, MN; son, Shane Cuperus and wife, Sara, of Sartell, MN; daughters, Michelle Greengo and husband, Jack, of Alexandria, MN and Angela Nordlund and husband, Kenny, of Urbank, MN; three grandchildren, Gavin Greengo, Claire Cuperus and Cora Cuperus; one brother, Bill Cuperus and wife, Sandra, of Reading, MN; and sister, Anne Meine and husband, Bert, of Ormand Beach, FL; two sisters-in-law, Veronica Cuperus of Reading, MN and Janet Cuperus of Reading, MN; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and many friends.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full; I've savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

In Memory of

Leon Cuperus

October 9, 1945



July 24, 2018



Memorial Service

Ebenezer Lutheran Church
Leaf Valley Township, Minnesota
Friday, August 3, 2018
11 AM

Officiant

Reverend Dennis Angland
Reverend William Moeller

Musician

Kristi Wussow

Honoary Pallbearers

Gavin Greengo Claire Cuperus
Cora Cuperus

Interment

Ebenezer Lutheran Cemetery
Leaf Valley Township, Minnesota

Military Honors

Alexandria Veterans Honor Guard
Minnesota National Guard

