



Mr. Leland Wayne Fuhrman

April 4, 1929 - August 10, 2025

Leland Wayne Fuhrman, 96, of Gillett, Arkansas, passed away peacefully at his home in Gillett on August 10th, 2025. He was born to Simon “Pete” and Clara Rose Fuhrman on April 4th, 1929.

Leland married Stella Marian Coffman on October 3rd, 1954.

He was a lifelong member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, where he served as Treasurer and Elder, and other duties. He was a longtime member of the Gillett volunteer fire department, Municipal League, and Lutherans for Life.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marian, of sixty-nine years; his parents; daughter Kathy Woods; a grandson Zach Fisher; and two brothers Larry and Dale Fuhrman.

He is survived by two daughters; Sharon Tidwell (Randy) and Bonnie Fisher (Arlis) both of Glenwood and one son Benny Fuhrman (Paula) of Hot Springs; eight grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Gary Fuhrman (Sue) and his sister-in-law Thelma Gordon of Gillett,

his one sister Liz Alderman and sister-in-law Correne Fuhrman both of Hot Springs, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Leland served in the Army 7th Division, 48th Field Artillery Battalion in the Korean War, and was very proud of his and his fellow veterans' service.

He began flying at the age of sixteen, completing his commercial and instructor's license, training several pilots who had careers in crop dusting.

He was mayor of Gillett from 1974 to 1979, and a second term from 1996 to 2003.

His Primary Caregiver was Becky Weinrich of Gillett.

Visitation will be August 14 from 5-7 p.m. at Essex Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. August 15 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with burial in the Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, PO Box 419, Gillett, AR or Out of The Woods Rescue (www.ootwrescue.com).

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

Gillett, AR 72055

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home
1405 South Grandview
DeWitt, AR 72042
(870) 946-3104
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

Service

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Paul Lutheran Church
206 W Rose Ave
Gillett, AR 72055
(870) 548-2554

Tribute Wall



“ Vicki Crawford & Lisa Ligon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Leland Wayne Fuhrman.



Vicki Crawford & Lisa Ligon - August 13, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Leland Wayne Fuhrman.



August 13, 2025 at 12:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leland Wayne Fuhrman.

August 12, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Leland Wayne Fuhrman.



August 12, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Leland Wayne Fuhrman.*



August 12, 2025 at 10:01 PM



“ *Fermin and Paula Maldonado purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Leland Wayne Fuhrman.*



Fermin and Paula Maldonado - August 12, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ *Sharon Ware and Larry Mannis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Leland Wayne Fuhrman.*

Sharon Ware and Larry Mannis - August 12, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ *Sharon Ware and Larry Mannis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Leland Wayne Fuhrman.*



Sharon Ware and Larry Mannis - August 12, 2025 at 04:29 PM

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“ Sayvang n Meethao family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Leland Wayne Fuhrman.

Sayvang n Meethao family - August 12, 2025 at 03:08 PM

SF

“ Sayvang n Meethao family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mr. Leland Wayne Fuhrman.



Sayvang n Meethao family - August 12, 2025 at 03:08 PM

PD

“ Prentice & Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leland Wayne Fuhrman



Prentice & Sue Davis - August 12, 2025 at 09:40 AM

PM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr Leland passing. We stay with them when we came to Gillette, and enjoy being around them both. Leland was sweet person and God was his way of life. Rest in Peace Leland. To the family thoughts and prayers to all of you.



Phyllis McKelvey - August 11, 2025 at 11:42 PM

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“ *Mr. Leland was such a sweet and delightful patient to take care of!! Prayers for the family!!* ❤️❤️❤️



Ester Hageman, LPN - August 11, 2025 at 11:14 PM