



Leon Leo Bays

September 19, 1970 - April 7, 2024

Leon Leo Bays was born September 19, 1970, in Salem, Missouri. He was one of two sons born to Homer Leo and Barbara Ann (Asher) Bays. He grew up and attended school in Viburnum, Missouri.

Leon was blessed with one daughter, Brooklyn, who was his world. He was united in marriage to Tana Renee Metcalf on June 16, 2011, in Steelville, Missouri, and to this union gained two children: Lacey and Devin.

Leon was a hard worker and throughout the years worked at Mathes Sawmill, the Walmart Distribution Center, Doe Run, and most recently at Ace Case Manufacturing. In his spare time, he enjoyed woodworking and has made many one-of-a-kind gifts for his family including several benches and side tables.

Leon loved being outdoors, spending time at the creek with his dog Ava, dirt bike riding, and driving his truck on the back roads. His passion was in music. He was a talented drummer, amazing guitarist, and gifted songwriter.

Making memories and loving his family and friends were the things that were most important to him. He supported his family in everything they did and loved watching his grandchildren grow.

Leon departed this life April 7, 2024, in Steelville, Missouri, at the age of fifty-three years. Those left behind to treasure his memory include his loving wife: Tana Bays of Viburnum, MO; daughter: Brooklyn Pearrow and husband Maverick of Bald Knob, AR; step-children: Lacey Turnbough and husband Justin of Davisville, MO and Devin Griffin and wife Kelly of Steelville, MO; brother: Leroy Bays of Viburnum, MO; grandchildren: Levi, Grayson, Jeremy, Jayden, CeCelia, and Olivia; nieces: Destiny Nash and husband Wyatt and Savannah Hall and husband Jaymes; great-nieces and nephews: Rhett, Reba, Lucy, and Drake; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents: Leo and Barbara Bays; grandparents: Edward and Pearl Asher, Homer and Leona Bays; and his step-grandfather: Pern Hopkins.

Leon was a down to earth kind-hearted man. He always made you feel welcome and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He loved making others happy, and it made him happy to make others laugh. Leon will be forever missed by those who loved him most.

Funeral Services for Leon Leo Bays were held Saturday, April 13, 2024, in the Wilson Mortuary Viburnum Chapel with Pastor Adam Asher and Pastor Bradley Asher officiating. Special Music was provided by Rich Key, April Greer, and Jordan Isakson and Friends. Serving as Pallbearers were Jarred Brown, Trevor Hutchens, Ronnie Abney, Kenny Davis, Cody Wilson, and Tommy Brown. Honorary Pallbearers were Jordan Isakson, Darrel Blevens, Bill Adams, Corey Schneider, Ray McCulloch, Del Hobson, Braden VanKirk, and Dave Declue. Burial was in the Upper Indian Creek Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Viburnum, Missouri.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Upper Indian Creek Cemetery

Viburnum, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Viburnum
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Funeral Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

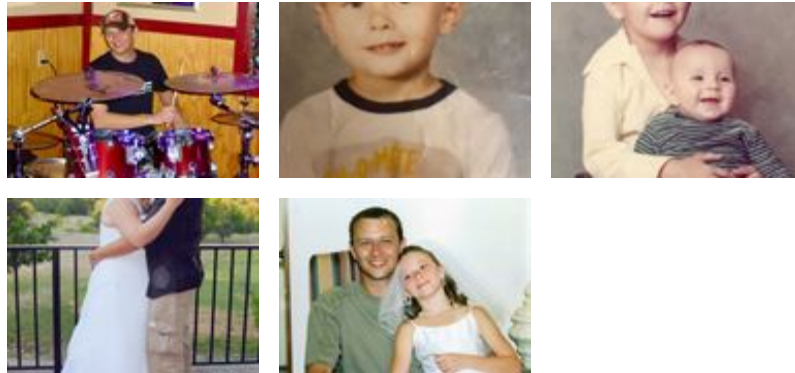


“ To my Leeeeon, Everyday there’s something I want to share with you. I’ll forever miss you sharing/writing/playing music even singing, camping, backroads and road trips, most of all I’ll miss all of the things we planned to do.
Love Always, Lou

Wendy Trusty-Banta - July 11, 2024 at 03:50 AM



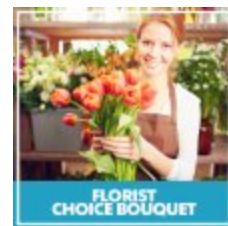
“ 150 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wilson Mortuary - April 12, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leon Leo Bays.



April 11, 2024 at 01:05 PM

FC

“ From Ace Case purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Leon Leo Bays.



From Ace Case - April 11, 2024 at 11:27 AM

MF

“ Metz Music Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Leon Leo Bays.



Metz Music Family - April 11, 2024 at 10:48 AM

MF

“ Metz Music Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leon Leo Bays.

Metz Music Family - April 11, 2024 at 10:48 AM

DF

“ Diane Miner, Joe Eaton and family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Leon Leo Bays.



Diane Miner, Joe Eaton and family - April 10, 2024 at 07:13 PM

AR

“ Met him at Ace Case. Was a really down to earth guy. We shared a love both for woodworking and drumming. Sleep well my friend.



Arlando - April 10, 2024 at 06:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leon Leo Bays.



April 10, 2024 at 05:31 PM

TP

“ Terry and Shanill Payne purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Leon Leo Bays.



Terry and Shanill Payne - April 10, 2024 at 02:51 PM

TP

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Terry and Shanill Payne - April 10, 2024 at 02:51 PM

KR

“ *Too soon Leon. All of your forever friends are heartbroken. Many funny, happy memories. The kids always loved you. Heartfelt condolences & prayers of comfort to you and your family from Justin & me. God bless.*



Kristina Rosewell - April 10, 2024 at 12:44 PM