



## Deacon Leon Manigan, Sr.

May 21, 1934 - February 24, 2020

Deacon Leon Manigan Sr. of the 4000 block of Marlin Ave, Suffolk, VA was called from service to reward on February 24, 2020 in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was born May 21, 1934 to Phillip and Dorothy Mae Southall. He is the second oldest of eight siblings. He was better known to his siblings as “Nome”. He received his education at I. C. Norcom High School and Tidewater Community College in Portsmouth, Va

Leon was married to Evangelist Olympia E. Manigan whom he loved and cherished for 58 years. They have five children:

Linda Elizabeth Fondren - Richmond, Va

Marilyn M. Franklin (Christopher) - Waldorf, MD

Tara Lee Felton (Timothy) - Richmond, Va

Leon Manigan, Jr. (Holly) - Huntsville, AL

Horace Lyle Manigan (Freya) - White Plains, MD

In 1974 Sergeant Leon Manigan Sr. retired after 20 years in the US Air Force.

Leon was a civilian employee of the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va. with 27 years of honorable service retiring as Voucher Examiner.

Deacon Leon Manigan Sr. received Christ at an early age. He joined Morning

Star Missionary Baptist Church where he was A dedicated and faithful member until his passing. He served

Leon was an avid “CRABBER” and loved to play games. He was dedicated to supporting financially the American Cancer Association and St Judes Children Research Hospital. He really loved dressing up as Santa Claus every year at the Naval Hospital to bring joy and smile to the children and his grandchildren.

Leon had a love for all sports and in his earlier years he participated on I. C. Norcum sports team and was a member of the Air Force Intramural Football team in Lakenheath England. He was A lifetime member of the Disabled Veterans-DAV Chapter 41-Cradock

He leaves to cherish his loving memories his wife, Olympia; his children, Linda, Marilyn, Tara, Leon Jr. And Horace. He also leaves to cherish his memory 15 Grandchildren: Robin, Philip, Tymika, Terrell (deceased), Priscilla, Garry, Tia, Onquah, Faith, Layah, Hope, Leon III, Joshua, DaejaAnn, Sydney. Additionally he is survived by 9 great grandchildren, 5 siblings: Dorothy, Rosa, Dennice, Lenora and Phillip and the Aldridge Family, Brian, Nincy, Jeremiah, Joshua and Jacob along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives

# Cemetery Details

## Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Wake Service

MAR 1. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

## Service

MAR 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TC

“ *My prayers are with the Manigan family. He was my frying fish partner when we fry fish for the Seniors at the Portsmouth Senior Station, we had a goodtime laughing and cooking going to miss him and that double fryer he had. A great man will miss him dearly!* ”

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**Tony Colden** - March 03, 2020 at 09:17 AM

TC

“ *Tony Colden lit a candle in memory of Deacon Leon Manigan, Sr.* ”



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**Tony Colden** - March 03, 2020 at 09:08 AM

ES

“ *To The Manigan Family - We extend our deepest sympathy in the time of your loss. I remember Deacon Manigan at the Senior Station and the many times he took my picture 'on' guard and 'off' guard. I also remember his wife in the Elks at Beacon Light and the bond she had with Mary Richardson. I will always have pleasant memories of the pictures, the times we shared at the Senior Station in Portsmouth, and on special occasions when I visited Morning Star.* ”

*Edward Earl Fortson, Sr.*

*Past Exalted Ruler*

*Greater Deep Creek Elks Lodge # 1033*

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**Edward Earl Fortson, Sr.** - March 03, 2020 at 07:42 AM

MC

“ Dear Missionary Marilyn Franklin and Family,

*In this difficult season of transition, your Macedonia Baptist Church family extends our deepest sympathy and love to you in the loss of your Dad, Deacon Leon Manigan, Sr., on Sunday, February 23. We also extend our compassion and deepest condolences to your dear mother, Deaconess Olympia E. Manigan and your siblings.*

*Deacon Manigan lived a life of love, service and commitment. He was a faithful man of God, devoted husband and father, a family man, and a dear friend to Macedonia.*

*We know you all are proud of his legacy and love. We are grateful for his friendship over the years to Macedonia and for his service to God's people.*

*Our prayers are that your hearts will be comforted with the loving memories that Deacon Manigan left with all of you. Jesus tells us in Mathew 5:4: Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.”*

*With deepest sympathy and love,*

*Reverend Samuel A. King, Jr. Sister Sinthea Myrick Kelly  
Pastor Church Clerk*



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**Macedonia Baptist Church** - March 02, 2020 at 11:34 PM

RM

“ My prayers are with the Manigan family during this time. I worked with Leon at Naval Medical Center until he retired. He was a good man.

Robbie McDuffie - March 02, 2020 at 02:41 PM

LA

“ Leaders of The Life FWC Huntsville, AL purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Deacon Leon Manigan, Sr..



Leaders of The Life FWC Huntsville, AL - March 02, 2020 at 12:39 PM

AJ

“ Albertha & Frances Johnson wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Manigan family. May the grace of God keep & uplift you during this trying time. I've known Leon for over 20 years as a friend & co-worker @ Naval Medical Center. His love for people spoke of his character and desire to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. His "Burst of Laughter" will be greatly missed.

*Albertha & Frances Johnson*

Albertha Johnson - March 02, 2020 at 11:56 AM

AJ

“ Albertha Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Leon Manigan, Sr.



Albertha Johnson - March 02, 2020 at 11:36 AM

MC

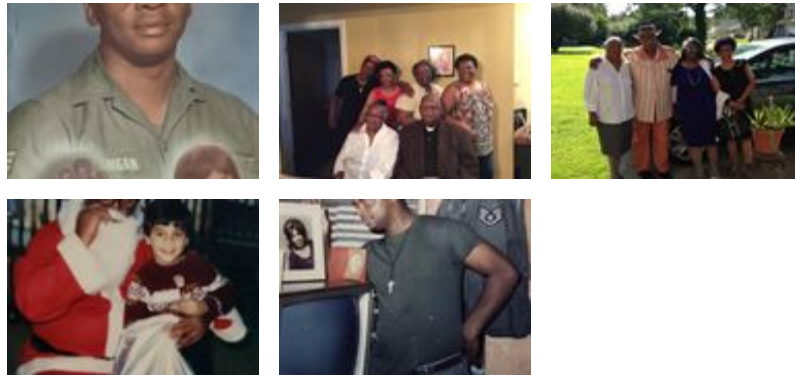
“ *Mary Cummings lit a candle in memory of Deacon Leon Manigan, Sr.*



Mary Cummings - March 02, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ *33 files added to the album Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 29, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon Leon Manigan, Sr..*



February 29, 2020 at 09:54 AM

TC

“ Tony Colden lit a candle in memory of Deacon Leon Manigan, Sr.



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**Tony Colden** - February 28, 2020 at 11:27 AM

JJ

“ Juanita Jones lit a candle in memory of Deacon Leon Manigan, Sr.



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**Juanita Jones** - February 28, 2020 at 08:23 AM

WF

“ Wanda Smith And Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Leon Manigan, Sr.



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**Wanda Smith and family** - February 27, 2020 at 06:56 PM

LS

“ Leigh M. Burton, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Deacon Leon Manigan, Sr.



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**Leigh M. Burton, Sr.** - February 27, 2020 at 03:10 PM