Herbert Francis Killen III

February 23, 1950 - July 19, 2023

Herbert Francis Killen III (Franny,Leo) passed away peacefully in the care of his family on July 19,2023. He grew up on the Eastern Shore in the Goldsboro and Greensboro area. As soon as his feet could reach the pedals on any piece of machinery, he was on his way to becoming an equipment operator, making it his career. His father said he was one of the best on the east coast and he was very talented. Bulldozers, backhoes, trenchers, cranes, and plain old tractors, if it had wheels or pedals, he could operate it. When he was bored, he would get on the lawn mower.
Franny met his wife of 48 years in 1973, they were married on June 13, 1975. He enjoyed working on vehicles, rebuilding motors, and restoring old cars, trucks, and tractors. Franny and his cousin Wayne attended many car shows. They with friends and family restored a 1937 stock car. The two would travel the east coast to enjoy the sport of Vintage Stock Car Racing.
Franny is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Killen and their son, Jesse Killen. As well as siblings, Kay Hutchinson, Diane Wenk (Bobby), Glen Killen (Debbie), Bryan Killen; a long with many nieces and nephews.
He was predeceased by his parents, Herbert and Enzie Killen II; brothers, Terry and Dale; nephew Glen II (JR) and cousins Wayne Hurd and Victor Greenley, as well as many aunts and uncles.

Services will be private.

Tribute Wall

Herbert Francis Killen III

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM

Herbert Francis Killen III

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM

DR

Sorry to hear about Franny passing. He was one of my best friends. Good hearted person I have ever met. He will be missed loved him so much. Rest in peace old buddy 🙏

Darryl reed - August 26, 2023 at 12:32 PM

GG

My thoughts and condolences to all the family. I'll never forget how the Killen's helped me out when I needed it.RIP Leo.

Gary A Greenly - August 21, 2023 at 06:30 PM

MN

This man always intrigued me! The hardwork and knowledge he had was incredible to watch. My children will miss you dearly. They always loved coming to see you knowing you had a sucker in your candy Jr for them.❤️ I'll hearing your Mercedes bogging down the lane and miss your soft kind voice asking for an egg sandwich or knocking on the door to come in for some tea❤️ You will never be forgotten❤️

Mary LiCalzi your neighbor - August 01, 2023 at 09:28 PM

PW

So sorry to hear of your passing. We have been friends since the early 70s and had lots of good times and memories that we shared. RIP Leo. Steve and Polly Welch.

Polly Welch - July 30, 2023 at 06:24 PM

NM

Nancy And Terry Morris lit a candle in memory of Herbert Francis Killen III

Nancy and Terry Morris - July 28, 2023 at 10:51 AM

EG

My condolences and prayers to Nancy and Jesse and Franny's sisters.

Emily B Gray - July 25, 2023 at 06:53 AM

EC

So very sorry for your loss. Frannie will be greatly missed.

Eddie Christopher - July 23, 2023 at 12:52 PM

EG

So sorry to hear about Franny, he was always a good guy. My prayers and condolences go out to all of his family.

Emily B Gray - July 23, 2023 at 09:43 AM

SM

Susan Edge Martin lit a candle in memory of Herbert Francis Killen III

Susan Edge Martin - July 22, 2023 at 08:29 PM

BB

Thinking of you Nancy and Jess during this difficult time. We always enjoyed the veggies you and Franny shared with us. Franny had a good heart. Brenda and Kenny Breeding

Brenda Breeding - July 22, 2023 at 02:02 PM

BB

So sorry to hear of Franny, thinking about u all during this difficult time.

Brenda Breeding - July 21, 2023 at 01:36 PM

Heather Blann

Miss you so much Leo. Rest easy my friend.
John and Heather Blann

Heather Blann - July 21, 2023 at 01:22 PM

So sorry to hear about Frannie! Sending warm hugs and prayers to all of his family!
Kim and Marcia Rostien

Marcia Rostien - July 21, 2023 at 10:35 AM

BJ

Rip Frannie. Prayers for his family.

Brenda Jarvis - July 21, 2023 at 10:25 AM