



Hector Aurelio Leon Linares

October 16, 1920 - July 27, 2016

Hector Aurelio Leon Linares died peacefully in his sleep in the early evening of July 27, 2016 in the Capital Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Raleigh where he was a resident for nearly 4 years after having a stroke in October of 2012. He was born on October 16, 1920 in Colombia in the town of Villeta, (Cund.) The first-born child of Aurelio Leon and Maria Linares, he had three brothers and two sisters.

He was an educator for 25 years in his first career, where he progressed from being a science and math school teacher to become a school principal until he retired for the first time. In his second career he worked in the Colombian Ministry of Labor, where he served in various positions including Occupational and Healthy inspector and an Occupational Safety consultant. At one time he reported to Alvaro Uribe Velez, then Minister of Labor, who later was elected President of Colombia. He retired from his second career in 1990 and remained living in the capital of Colombia, Bogota until him and his wife Esther Rios de Leon moved to Raleigh in 1996 to be near their children who already lived there. He really loved living in the United States and was a great admirer of the history, the culture and the land of his adopted country. He was a great swimmer, who mastered the crawl technique since his youth, whom had been inspired by watching films of Olympian champion and Tarzan star Johnny Weissmuller. He continued swimming into his 90's. He was a remarkable social person who could easily make friends, he enjoyed joking and being around people, and loved eating out, he had a favorite Chinese food place where he went regularly and visited with the staff. He drew energy and joy from being around his grandchildren. His 90th birthday party was a memorable event surrounded by his family in Raleigh and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his eldest son Guillermo Leon a Colombian Air Force pilot, and by his grandchildren Juan Carlos Leon Andrade and Hillary Leon Uribe. He is survived by his wife Esther Rios de Leon, by son Jaime Leon and daughter in-law Martha Uribe-Leon, by daughter Angela Leon and by son in-law Joaquin Ardila, by son Edward Leon, by grandchildren Melanie Leon, Andres Leon, Andrew Ardila, David Ardila, by great-grandson Carlos Leon, by brothers Simon, Luis and Guillermo Leon, and by sisters Sofia

and Gloria Leon.

The funeral will be Monday, August 1st with mass at 2:00pm at Saint Raphael Catholic Church, Raleigh. Visitation with the family on Monday between noon and 2pm in the Lewis Hall at St Raphael Church. Interment will be at Raleigh's Historic Oakwood Cemetery, following the mass service.

Cemetery

Historic Oakwood Cemetery

701 Oakwood Ave
Raleigh, NC, 27601

Events

AUG **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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St. Raphael the Archangel R.C. Church
5801 Falls of the Neuse Road, Raleigh, NC, US,
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AUG **Funeral Mass** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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AUG **Graveside Service** 03:30PM

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Comments



“ I hope the funeral was a good farewell. Im sorry I couldnt come from Denmark. Paz y amor a toda la familia

Los leones y Andrades en Dinamarca

Andres Leon Andrade - August 05, 2016 at 02:18 PM



“ Para toda la familia León Linares y León Rios enviamos un gran abrazo de condolencia por esta pérdida. La imagen, la risa, los chistes de Héctor quedaran por siempre en nuestra memoria. Los acompañamos con todo nuestro corazón.



Guillermo León Linares - August 03, 2016 at 12:10 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hector Aurelio Leon Linares.



August 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ The Watko Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Hector Aurelio Leon Linares.



The Watko Family - July 31, 2016 at 08:27 AM



“ My thoughts are with the family of Mr. Linares, he truly touched the lives of many and will be thought of often. Family, may your many memories bring you comfort today and in the many days to come. May your prayers bring you the peace of our great God of comfort with His promise to provide the resurrection. Acts 5:28,29 My sincere condolences to all of you.

R. Faust - July 31, 2016 at 02:18 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to your loves ones for the loss of a father, husband, uncle, brother and mentor to more than 3 generations of love and legacy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Si cerely Gabby and Alex

Gabrielle rujz - August 01, 2016 at 07:15 AM



“ HEctor Leon. Que persona tan culta ,educada y con gran don de gentes. Hector ;siempre permanecerás en nuestros pensamientos y nuestros corazones. DEscansa en Paz , Hasta que nos volvamos a reunir nuevamente....

Martha G Ardila - July 30, 2016 at 08:35 PM