



Leonard Fila

January 6, 1926 - November 20, 2017

Leonard Fila, 91, of Grand Island passed away Monday, November 20, 2017 with his family by his side.

Gathering of friends and family will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with the Vigil Service at 6.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Celebrant will be Fr. Marty Egging. Inurnment will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, with military honors rendered by the U.S. Army Honor Guard and Veteran's Honor Guard.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Leonard was born on January 6, 1926 in Bee, Nebraska the son of Frank and Mary (Hamata) Fila.

Leonard attended Bee School and worked on the family farm until his family moved to Omaha.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1944 and served overseas during WW II. After being discharged in June of 1946, Leonard met the love of his life on Christmas Day of that same year and was united in marriage to Agnes "Aggie" Vocelka in Omaha on February 19, 1949.

They made their home in Omaha until 1953 when they moved to Grand Island where Leonard founded the Glass Bar with his brother Bill. For 28 ½ years they worked with their wives in the liquor business, opening the Sportman's Bar, Dad's Liquor, Seven Seas and Fila's Laundry Mat.

Besides being a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Leonard was a member of the Legion Club and had been a stockholder at Fonner Park.

Leonard was a very quiet, strong, humble and hardworking man and his kind and gentle heart touched many.

He shared his love of dancing with his beloved wife and they could waltz for hours. He enjoyed going to Vegas, fishing, watching the Yankees and cherished spending time with his family, including the love of his furry friend, Gigi. Leonard was a scratch golfer and even at the ripe young age of 89, he had still enjoyed playing golf.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 68 years, Aggie, son Len (Pat) Fila of Omaha; daughters, Lori (Bret) Packard of Las Vegas, NV, and Lesli Fila of Grand Island, 8 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way, his sisters Bess and Sylvia of Omaha, along with numerous extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Thompson, his parents, brothers, Frank and Bill and his sister, Mary.

In his honor, the family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials designated to the family, which will be distributed at a later time.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Vigil Service

NOV **24**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Leonard Fila

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ I'm searching for the words to express my deepest sympathy to you, Aggie, as to all of your family at this time. You were all a big part of my memories with dad and mom and the times at The Sportsmans. My heart goes out to you. Becky (Van Wey) Janes

Becky Janes - November 25, 2017 at 12:37 PM

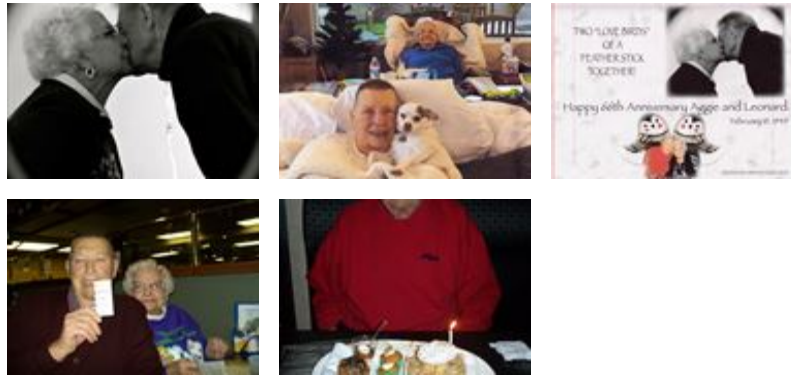


“ Very sorry to hear of Leonard's passing. Thoughts and prayers to all the family!

Tessa Thompson - November 24, 2017 at 09:07 PM



“ 141 files added to the album LifeTributes



All Faiths Funeral Home - November 24, 2017 at 01:26 PM

MT

“ *Aggie&Family So sorry to hear of Leonard passing. May GOD be with you all.*

Mark&Cindy Thompson - November 23, 2017 at 09:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leonard Fila.*



November 22, 2017 at 02:02 PM

RH

“ *So many memories of my great uncle Leonard. A lot of course would be the parties at Vocelka's Bar in South Omaha. Of course I also remember for a time coming to my grandmas house for Thanksgiving and other various trips. Also memories of going to Grand Island and to the horse races and I'll never forget Leonard and Aggie going with my Grandma Geiger and I in August 1988 on my first trip to Las Vegas. Great memories as well when they would come to Omaha and get a room at the Embassy suites and the family would come and have a gathering. You will be missed but I know that you're having a great time now with all our relatives that have gone before us up in heaven.*

rhonda Harris - November 22, 2017 at 11:03 AM

MJ

“ *I always will remember Uncle Leonard's quiet and gentle spirit and how very much he loved his family!*

Mary Jefferson - November 22, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ *My memories of Leonard go back more than 60 years when I would go to the Sportsman with my parents. I don't believe in all these years that I saw him without a smile. He was a good man who will be greatly missed by his family. Aggie, you are in my prayers. Having nearly 70 years of marriage is a tremendous legacy passed on to children, and grandchildren. It was an honor to know Leonard.*

Willa Lemburg - November 21, 2017 at 04:32 PM

EW

I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Leonard. I remember him when he and his wife owned the Laundromat on Pine St. I would be in there waiting for my clothes and he would come into clean and we always had a nice visit. His daughter Linda and I were friends. I am so sorry for his family for this loss as they already lost Linda this year. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Elizabeth (Betty) Watson - November 22, 2017 at 02:57 PM

KR

So sorry for your loss. It is such a hard thing to grasp. Please know so many people care and are praying for strength and peace for your whole family. Hugs n prayers to all!!

Kathryn Ruger - November 22, 2017 at 11:41 PM